

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

OCTOBER 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- Oct 4 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Oct 6 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Oct 17-18 Rose Drive for Birthright St Joseph's St Pius St Isidore's
- Oct 19 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Oct 20 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Oct Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Oct 23 Deadline for the November Newsletter
- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 1 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Nov 3 Election Day Tuesday – Hall will be a Voting Site
- Nov 4 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 16 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Nov 17 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Nov Fish Fry 5-7PM - CANCELLED
- Nov 20 Deadline for December newsletter
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 Business Meeting Wednesday 7:30 PM – TBD
- Dec 6 Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30 am, St Pius X Church – TBD
- Dec 6 Kids Skating Party – TBD
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 15 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Dec 21 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM -- Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Dec 22 Deadline for January 2021 newsletter
- Dec 25 Christ's Birthday

October 6th Business Meeting
This will be a Zoom meeting

Deadline for the November
issue of the *Knight Light* is:
Friday, October 23rd

Our council is sponsoring
two seminarians.
You can contact them at:

Hayden Merkel
St Pius X Seminary
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Dubuque, IA 52003

Peter Binder
St Pius X Seminary
1235 Mt. Loretta Ave
Dubuque, IA 52003

ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING **TUESDAY OCT 6 AT 7:30 PM**

We will continue with monthly ZOOM business meetings. An emailing will go out to the membership a couple days prior, requesting. Anyone interested in participating needs to confirm their attendance via response back to me: only those responders will then be invited to participate in the ZOOM meeting.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights: It's October and we hope everyone is recovering from effects of the Derecho and staying healthy during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. It is great to see that our fellow knights are still involved with storm clean-up efforts within the community. The lease of our hall by the Marion Public Library has turned out to be a blessing – having removed any concerns for “paying the bills” without depleting our coffers while fish fries and other fundraisers remain cancelled.

We had our first virtual ZOOM business meeting this past September 1 with 27 brother knights participating: due the success of this meeting we will continue with monthly ZOOM business meetings for the foreseeable future. Once again an emailing will go out to the membership a couple days prior, requesting that anyone who is interested in participating to confirm their attendance via response back to me: only those responders will then be invited to participate in the ZOOM meeting.

The Rose Drive for Birthright is this month. Please help out after the Masses on October 17th and 18th.

With the exception of PID collection at the churches the annual Tootsie Roll Drive collections at area stores is still postponed. Let's not let the current social restrictions put a damper in membership recruitment. Consider asking fellow Catholic men you are acquainted with if they would consider joining our ranks. There are still opportunities to volunteer as a Knight in our parish and neighborhood communities.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

Knight of the Month: Ted Steger
Family of the Month: Steve & Judy Powers

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Pius Hall is currently used for Mass overflow and will not be available for breakfasts until distancing restrictions are eased. So there will be no breakfast in October. I intend to update you monthly on whether the St Pius Hall becomes available. When it does, if the council has approved, I will restart the breakfasts. There will be at least a month's notice.

Lonnie Curry

BISHOP BLAST UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Bishop Blast activity has been postponed. However, it is still important that we offer the opportunity of membership to all practical Catholic men. Therefore, we ask in this intervening time that you continue to approach worthy prospects and ask them to consider joining the Knights. We offer online initiation ceremonies and can process their applications. For more information or to provide the names of prospects, please call me at (319)551-4077 or tlleier@msn.com

Terry Leier

MARION LIBRARY USE OF THE **MARION COLUMBUS CLUB**

The Marion Library's use of our hall is working out nicely. This was a result of the damage done to the library's building from the recent derecho. It is an honor for us to allow the library to use our hall for an internet site. In return, the library pays us monthly which helps cover the use of electricity, heating and cooling, etc. The library staff is taking care of all cleaning and disinfecting.

At this time they have nine computers stations and a Department of Transportation driver's license renewal station. They also have resource people that can help with various things like applying for FEMA assistance.

They are open seven days a week. When I recently checked, I was told all was running smoothly and business was picking up a little.

We are not sure how long the library will need to use our space, but the new library won't be built for probably over a year. Since at this time we have no hall rentals and are not able to do our fish dinners, we are leaving negotiations open with the library staff. At least we have someone using our hall and we are doing a good deed by helping out the city of Marion and public library. The staff has told me often how grateful they are for use of the building.

Dick Conrad

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers, the month of October is always one of my favorites with the leaves turning color, pumpkins on the doorsteps and preparations for winter in progress. As we enter this fall season, let us make sure we cast a ballot and vote for our representatives. This is our right as American citizens.

Council 5677 in Cedar Rapids has completed their PID Drive and has raised over five thousand dollars. Council 3893 in Vinton had a outdoor meeting with food at one of their members back yard. Council 12131 in Center Point had a meeting at a park in Center Point. Marion Council had a Zoom meeting for their last meeting. There are many ways to navigate this Corona Virus Pandemic. Lets make the best of them.

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THE GIFT OF LIFE AND CHOICE

“‘Choice’ is a positive concept, and an attractive concept. That’s why abortion apologists use it. But the way they use it is a lie and, increasingly, Americans are catching on. There is hope in this development.... Increasingly, Americans are recognizing what a moral evil is embodied in *Roe*. Increasingly, they are aware of the vast network of lies that have been spun and fortified to sustain the illusion that abortion is somehow a good, or at least a morally neutral procedure; that it is a standard part of health care and family planning; that it is a proper exercise of a woman’s freedom; that it is a solution to intractable social problems. It is, of course, none of these things. What it is, is an unfettered right to take an innocent, human life from the mother’s womb. All this, more and more Americans are coming to know.”

---Cardinal William H. Keeler, Former Archbishop of Baltimore January 23, 2005, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

For this fraternal year, the Council is providing financial and moral support to Hayden Merkel and Peter Binder. Casey Flack, departed the Seminary earlier this year to pursue other opportunities. Continue to pray for an increase in religious vocations, especially for more vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese.

Hayden is from a small farming community in Batesville, Indiana. Although he grew up in Batesville, he went to colleges in Missouri, Texas, and Ohio. He graduated in 2015 with a B.S. in Biological Sciences – Applied Physiology from Wright State University in Fairborn, Ohio intending to attend medical school. In his words, he is, “now running to become a different kind of physician.” He is enrolled at Loras College, in Dubuque.

Peter was declared a candidate to Holy Orders in 2019 by Archbishop Jackels. He is the son of Tom and Mary Beth Binder, members of St Joseph parish. He is a college seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, enrolled at Loras College, and is in formal discernment and studies for the priesthood. Both Peter and Hayden are affiliated with St. Pius X, the minor seminary of the archdiocese.

Please keep Hayden and Peter; and all seminarians in your prayers as they continue their journey to the priesthood. Their addresses are on the front page of *The Knight Light*. You are encouraged to send cards and notes. This moral support is required in the RSVP in order to receive Supreme’s \$200 refund for the Council’s donation. Increasing priestly vocations is a priority for the Archdiocese and of Archbishop Michael Jackels.

Deacon Ken Bauer
Vocations Chair

READING AND REFLECTING ON SCRIPTURE

“...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (MT 18:20)

When reading scripture, especially a familiar passage as the one above from Matthew's Gospel, it can be natural to think we ‘know’ a particular scripture well and perhaps even committed it to memory; but when we read it, we may inadvertently rearrange a few words. On the first Sunday in September, the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, I had an opportunity to proclaim this Gospel at two Masses. My practice is to read the final line while maintaining eye contact with the congregation. I felt I had this line memorized, but inadvertently I reversed the words “am I”, so the line came out as “...there I am in the midst of them.”

Reflecting on the unintentional mistake, I realized how this changed the meaning of the line. The intent of the proper wording: “...there **am I** in the midst of them.”; can hearken to the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth, for Jesus is always with us and in a sense precedes us. When people gather, for example as at Mass, the gathering represents the Body Christ. Jesus is integrated within the gathering, he is present in the Eucharist. He is not just another participant. It is not necessarily that Jesus arrives or makes an appearance. For if we consider the Kingdom here on earth, Jesus is part of it, with the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Father in Heaven.

In contrast, a scripture passage from John’s gospel (14:1-6) commonly read at a Vigil Service, refers to how Jesus goes ahead of us, preparing a place for us in the Father’s house (i.e. the Kingdom of Heaven). “*If I go and prepare a place for you, I will...take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.*” (14:3) Interestingly, in this parallel with the wording as “*I am*”, it can be seen that Jesus precedes our gathering, making preparations. He is there when we gather, he has sown his seed (i.e. God’s word) upon fertile ground, so that it may take root in our hearts and souls.

My humbling experience is a reminder that when reading Scripture do so without haste, in a reflective manner. (BTW...I proclaimed the Gospel correctly at the second Mass.)

Deacon Ken Bauer

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DISASTER RELIEF

The Knights of Columbus Supreme web site has a secure link to give monies to help disaster victims via the Catholic Relief Services. More of the money you donate to this fund will go directly towards helping victims with their immediate needs than through other national disaster services. Give if you can; even \$10 from each person adds up to millions of dollars overall.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme secure web site is:
www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html

MARION COLUMBUS CLUB (MCC)

MCC needs your help providing great experiences for our hall renters! You would be asked to work once every two or three months if we can add twelve people to the worker list. Husband/Wife teams are encouraged. Father/Son/Daughter teams are also great.

Get on the volunteer list by calling Dan Goiffon (319-365-0614) or coming to the MCC meeting the 3rd Monday of the month.

EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

We have the following equipment to loan out: wheelchair, portable walker, cane, and crutches. Some of these items may already be loaned out, so contact our Worthy Warden, Howard Schiffer, to check for availability. When you are finished with the item, please have it checked back in at the hall.