

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

NOVEMBER 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- 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 Wednesday @ 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 - CANCELLED
- Nov 20 Deadline for December newsletter
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Dec 6 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- 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
- Jan Youth Free Throw Contest at St. Joe’s School Gym – TBD
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 3 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Jan 5 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Jan 15 Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Jan 18 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Jan 19 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Jan 25 Deadline for the February newsletter

Wednesday, November 4th Business Meeting
This will be a Zoom meeting

Deadline for the December
issue of the *Knight Light* is:
Friday, November 20th

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

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St Pius X Seminary
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Dubuque, IA 52003

Peter Binder
St Pius X Seminary
1235 Mt. Loretta Ave
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ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING **WEDNESDAY NOV. 4TH 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

CASES OF POP FOR SALE

Due to cancellation of fish fries, cases of pop are available for sale to the membership. If you are interested contact Steve Sawyers at: 319-377-2877 or steve@sawyers.org

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Brother Knights, November is a special month as we remember the souls that have gone before us. Unfortunately due to the current Covid-19 pandemic the annual Memorial Service to remember our brothers that have passed this year has been postponed until next year. However it is still important to the families that we remember our brothers so we ask everyone to say a special prayer for their souls.

We had a good Rose Drive this year, having raised a total of \$1,536 for Birthright: \$723 from St. Joseph's, \$537 from St. Pius and \$276 from St. Isadore's. Thanks to all of you who helped out with collections at the Masses. We are also looking to see if we can schedule the PID tootsie roll drive within the next 2 months.

Remember to get out and vote, or get your absentee ballot in the mail by November 3 as there is much at stake in the upcoming election and everyone's vote matters. We will hold the November business meeting on Wednesday November 4 so as not to conflict with anyone's civic duty on election night. We will continue with virtual ZOOM business meetings for the foreseeable future.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

Knight of the Month: Dan Goiffon

Family of the Month: Dick and Wilma Makinster

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

MEMORIAL MASS UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year's Council 5390 Annual Memorial Mass has been cancelled. In lieu thereof, the Council will send a Memorial card to the families of each of our brother decedents, and they will be included in the invitation for next year's Memorial Mass, projected for November 2021. Please take a moment to pray for our deceased brothers of the past year:

Jerome F Seifried	10/26/2019
John B Zaruba	11/24/2019
David C Tschudi	01/19/2020
Doug B Luke	01/20/2020
Robert J Downey	04/20/2020
Steven A Burke	08/13/2020
Johnie F Stepanek	09/08/2020
Jerome F Frake	09/14/2020
George P Roushar	09/28/2020

May they rest in peace, and may their loved ones be consoled.

Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight

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 breakfasts for the foreseeable future. I will let you know when 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

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.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brothers, with the joyous news that, on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle through Father McGivney's intercession, the next step in the process will be a beatification Mass, to be held October 31, 2020, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. At that time, the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be declared "Blessed" and his feast day will be set. Father McGivney will be the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified who spent his entire priestly ministry in a parish. This is a great boost to the priesthood and to the Catholic Church in America.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 29
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MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MCC HALL

Since August 31st the Marion Public Library has been using our hall for a remote internet site. On October 14th Dick Conrad, Steve Sawyers, Dan Goiffon, and Randy Beelner met with the library's director and deputy director to review the library's use of the hall and discuss future plans. Here is an update.

First, everything is going very well. The library currently has only one remote internet site (our hall) and business has been increasing. Their hours of operation have changed slightly. They are no longer at the hall on Sundays since computer use was very minimal on that day.

The library has a crew that comes in to clean and disinfect daily. They are providing all paper and cleaning products. They are taking good care of our hall.

We discussed future use. Ground was recently broken on the new library, but it will be months before completion. In the meantime, the library would like to continue using our hall. Since all is going so well and we cannot hold any functions ourselves due to COVID-19, we agreed. We will continue this arrangement on a month-to-month basis.

Knowing that cold weather is around the corner, the library staff agreed to help pay for additional utility costs on top of the monthly rental fee they are paying us. Randy will prepare and send them a monthly utility cost invoice.

We also discussed future snow removal. The city of Marion's Parks and Recreation Department has plowed the snow for the library. The library staff is checking to see if Parks and Rec. will clean the lot at our hall for the library. This could save some money for the library since the city did not charge the library for snow removal.

We discussed the possibility of increased hall use for the library. The director said the library in the past was a "warming and cooling" center for those in need. We agreed to allow that at our hall. This is another humanitarian good deed we can help with. She said it has averaged from 5 to 10 people, but that may be affected since we are not on a city bus route. She also explained the difficulty the library staff has faced having staff at four different locations. It involves about four people and coordination has been a challenge. It would be helpful if her staff could be housed in one area with their own office space. We offered our hall for that. She agreed to pay extra for that rental space. We are planning to clean up our meeting room to accommodate this arrangement.

Linn County Elections still plans to use our hall for a polling site on Nov. 3rd. The library staff has worked with the county auditor in the past. They will coordinate the November 3rd polling station, equipment drop off, set up, and equipment pick up with the election staff.

So, this is all going extremely well. The library staff is wonderful to work with and doing a great job of caring for our hall. In the meantime, we have someone

using the hall and helping us take care of it. Plus we can still hold our monthly meetings in the evenings. **IT IS IMPORTANT** that all knights be respectful of the library staff using our facility. We have given them information and training on heating and cooling, etc. Plus we plan to give them a printed guide with instructions in case there are any questions among their staff.

The library is our guest. Plus, they are renters. We know issues might come up. We are all working together to make this a successful arrangement. We are blessed that this is working out so well for all involved.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dick Conrad (377-8371) or Steve Sawyers (377-2877) instead of questioning the library staff.

*Dick Conrad
MCC Reservations*

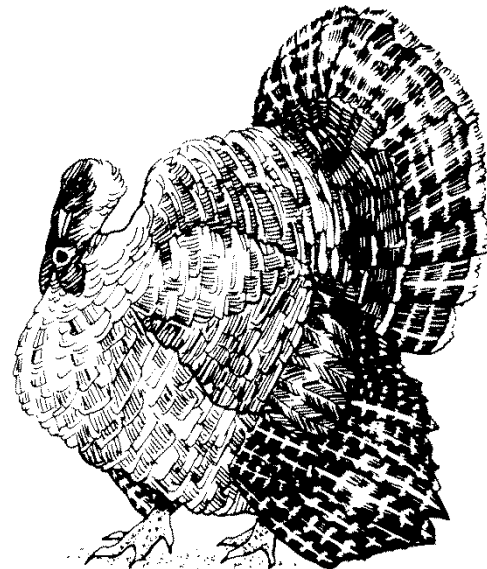
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DISASTER RELIEF

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



Happy Thanksgiving

RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE

Reflecting on the Readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, hearkens to the founding of the Knights of Columbus as an organization to protect, assist and defend widows and orphans.

In the reading from Exodus (22:20-26), the Lord speaks of oppression: *You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry* (EX 22:21,22). A natural extension of providing for widows and orphans is the protection of all life and to defend against the oppression of others. Today, we as a society still struggle with protecting life in the womb, providing assistance and dignity to those living on the periphery of society, respecting civil rights, equality for all peoples and eliminating racial injustice. *Recognizing the child in the womb as a person is the foundation of extending our love to them and our efforts to protect them. The love of God cannot co-exist with indifference toward the slaughter of the unborn.*¹ Pope Francis has said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is foremost a human rights issue.

In the Gospel from Matthew (22:34-40), Jesus tells the Pharisees the greatest commandments – love of God and love of neighbor – which centers all observance of the law on love. Jesus was saying that every detail of their lives (and ours) depends on love. For love draws our very souls willingly to God. The love of God was demonstrated by the sending of His only son to bring us forgiveness, to reconcile us to his Father and by his death on the cross, for our salvation. We experience that love when we unite ourselves to God’s will and providence. When we open ourselves to God’s will, we bear powerful witness to loving our neighbor as ourselves as God loves; freely and without reservation.

“When the rights of minorities are fostered, when the mentally or physically handicapped are assisted, when those on the margins of society are given a voice—in all these instances the dignity of life and the sacredness of human life are furthered”²

These Scripture passages make clear that love of God and practical attention to the needs of one’s neighbor are inseparable. To love one’s neighbor “as oneself” means to love the neighbor as a person like oneself...to recognize that despite any differences the neighbor may have, he/she is a person who never loses his/her human dignity, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Deacon Ken Bauer

¹ Priests for Life

² Pope John Paul II; Homily at Mass on the National Mall (1979)