

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

## DECEMBER 2020 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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### \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

- Dec 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Dec 6 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Dec 6 Kids Skating Party – CANCELLED
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 15 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Dec 21 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Dec 23 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
- Jan 19 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM
- Jan 25 Deadline for the February newsletter
  
- Feb 2 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – Audit after meeting
- Feb 7 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Feb 15 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 16 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19 Lenten Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Feb 19 Deadline for the newsletter
- Feb 26 Lenten Fish Fry - CANCELLED

December 1st Business Meeting  
This will be a Zoom meeting

Deadline for the January 2021  
issue of the *Knight Light* is:  
Wednesday, December 23rd.

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

Hayden Merkel  
St Pius X Seminary  
1235 Mt. Loretta Ave  
Dubuque, IA 52003

Peter Binder  
St Pius X Seminary  
1235 Mt. Loretta Ave  
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## **ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 1ST 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, we made it through another year in spite of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the destructive and disruptive derecho storm. It has been a challenge to keep council activities going, but at least we have been able to meet and maintain communications via on-line virtual conferencing.

Unfortunately we have not had any new members since Covid restrictions were enacted, but it is still important for the longevity of our council. If you know someone who would be a good Knight, ask him to join the council: on-line membership is free for new members until the end of this year.

It is also unfortunate that our annual holiday roller skating party had to be canceled as well, but the safety of our membership and families is paramount. However I wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday season. Hopefully you will be able to celebrate with your families.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

*Mike Beke, Grand Knight*

**Knight of the Month:** Steve Sawyers

**Family of the Month:** Rick & Karla McAllister

## **MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MCC HALL**

The Marion Library's use of our hall continues to go well. They have agreed to pay the monthly utility bills and have arranged for Marion Parks and Recreation to clear snow this winter. While they use the hall during the day, we are still able to have our evening meetings when feasible during the pandemic. The library staff continues to be wonderful to work with and they are taking good care of the hall.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dick Conrad (377-8371) or Steve Sawyers (377-2877).

*Dick Conrad  
MCC Reservations*

## **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*

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2021**

Membership dues for the upcoming year of 2021 will be sent to current Council members. The first notice will be sent and should be received soon after Dec 15th. Membership dues for 2021 will be the same as 2020:

**Honorary Life members \$00.00**

**Honorary members \$10.00**

**Regular members \$36.00**

If a member has previously provided an e-mail address, the first billing notice will be sent to your e-mail address. If an e-mail address has not been provided, the billing notice will be sent by US Mail. Because we will not have Business Meetings at the KC Hall, please mail your dues to my home address:

**Steve Pasker  
475 Beverly St  
Robins, IA 52328**

After Dec 15th, Membership cards will be sent to those members who have paid their dues for 2021.

Each member should also receive the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity to record your charitable contributions this past year. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form and send it back to me. I will consolidate the results for our Council and forward it to Supreme.

*Steve Pasker, Financial Secretary.*

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Even with COVID-19 restrictions, 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. And on-line membership is free to new members for the 1st year.



We offer online initiation ceremonies and can process their applications online. For more information or to provide the names of prospects, please call me at (319)551-4077 or email me at ttleier@msn.com

*Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight*

## **K-OF-C COUNCIL SHIRTS**

It is still possible to purchase K-of-C Council shirts. If you are interested, contact Larry Block at (319) 9292-8620.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS**

Nativity stable Christmas auto magnets are available on-line for \$2.99 each through Discount Catholic Products. Use the link:

<https://www.discountcatholicproducts.com/No-Christ-No-Christmas-Car-Magnet-P16790.aspx>



## **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

Brothers, as we enter this Christmas Season, I want to thank everyone in District 29 for all the efforts you have put forth during this incredible year which included a worldwide pandemic and a very destructive derecho in our metro area. I do see a light at the end of the tunnel and cannot wait till we get back to our fish fries and pancake breakfasts.

I would like to thank all of our councils who help support our seminarians with money, prayers and moral support to help them with their vocations. The dream that Father McGivney had is alive in our councils as we experience the importance of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

I would like to remind each council that the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report #1728 is due January 31<sup>st</sup>. Some councils send out a form with their dues, asking each member to list their volunteer hours. It is a good time to plan how you will complete the form.

My wife Sandy and I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families. God Bless you.

*Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 29  
fetzergerald53@gmail.com 319-654-5385*

## **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](http://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html)

## **VIGILANCE**

Advent (which means "coming") is a season of vigilance as we anticipate the coming of Christ, when he comes in human form taking on our likeness in the flesh. The readings for the First Sunday of Advent, emphasize the importance of being vigilant and alert. In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we are to "wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ". (1 COR 1:7) In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus exhorts us to "be alert!", for we know not the day or hour when the Lord is coming. (ref. MK 13:33)

But while we anticipate and wait, it is also a time of preparation. The Advent gospels emphasize the need for us to prepare spiritually: to open our hearts and souls through humility and prayer. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness and preparations of this season (and this year with the added stress and anxiety due to the persistent Coronavirus pandemic). We need to keep in mind our spiritual well being, to prepare ourselves, as St. Paul advises; by dismissing all anxiety from our minds. (ref. PHIL 4:6) By Mary's example, we need to become a temple in which the Lord can dwell. Let us petition God for a cleansing of our souls to prepare our spiritual temple for the Lord to dwell within us. May we "discern what is the will of God" (ROM 12:2), so that we may spiritually prepare ourselves for the gift of God's Son.

We prepare for the coming of Christ with faith. By surrendering to God's divine will, we move to a deeper faith. Through faith we receive the strength to face the anxieties and tribulations of this season (and our everyday lives). Our faith is continually renewed and strengthened through reception of the Holy Eucharist. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we the faithful, carry in our own bodies that which Mary carried in her womb. By her example, may we open our hearts and souls towards Him so that the Son of God may ever dwell in us.

Jesus is the reason for the season, and it is He that will always bring us true joy. May the peace of God come upon us to ease the tensions during this time of year and let peace permeate our hearts, minds and souls to receive the presence of Jesus in our lives. May it be so by His word.

*Deacon Ken Bauer*

## **K OF C INSURANCE**

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## **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.