

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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JANUARY 2021 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- 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 – Virtual ZOOM Meeting
- Jan 19 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM in MCC Hall Annual Financial Audit: masks and social distancing required
- Jan 25 Deadline for the February newsletter
- Feb 2 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Feb 7 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Feb 15 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – location pending
- Feb 16 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – location pending
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19 Lenten Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Feb 19 Deadline for the newsletter
- Feb 26 Lenten Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Mar 2 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Mar 7 Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED
- Mar 15 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – location pending
- Mar 16 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – location pending
- Mar 19 Fish Fry - CANCELLED
- Mar 26 Deadline for the newsletter

January 5th Business Meeting
 This will be a Zoom meeting

Deadline for the February 2021
 issue of the *Knight Light* is:
 Monday, January 25th.

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
 Dubuque, IA 52003

ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 5TH 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 and Happy 2021! As we ring in the New Year, let us continue to pray for better times: rebuilding from the derecho damage and a strong recovery from the current pandemic. With the recent roll-out of new Covid-19 vaccines it is more optimistic that we may return to a more normal schedule by late summer.

The start of the New Year also brings to mind our reflections to New Year's resolutions. When reviewing the resolutions we plan to make, have we included a commitment to stewardship as part of our plans? Are we planning to use our talents in service for the betterment of our parish, our community and our Knights of Columbus fraternity? Will we follow through on our resolutions?

I offer many thanks to all you who have actively volunteered and worked for the council, parish and faith community. And, I ask those of you in our membership who have not participated in council activities, please make it a 2021 resolution to volunteer in at least one event as things begin to reopen later this year.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

Knight of the Month: Terry Lynch
Family of the Month: Frank and Mary Stull

MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
MCC HALL UPDATE

The library's use of our hall continues to go smoothly. Acting library director, Kelly Dibvig, has their legal department updating our contract. When that is ready we will have a meeting to discuss how it's going and future plans. For now, the library has sole use of the hall. In the meantime, Marion Parks and Recreation did a nice job cleaning snow from the parking lot and the library staff is still happy and thankful to be using the hall.

Dick Conrad
MCC Reservations

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DONATION REQUEST
CULTURE OF LIFE FUND

A request to donate \$1000.00 to the Culture of Life Fund has been made to our council. The Culture of Life Fund is one of five funds managed by the Iowa K of C Charitable Foundation. The other four funds include: General Fund, Helping Hands Fund, Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Fund, and Vocations and Catholic Education Fund.

Contributions made to the Culture of Life Fund have been directed to purchase ultrasounds within the State of Iowa. Our Council's donation will be directed to continue supporting this activity within Iowa.

Donation requests of \$1000.00 are published in the Knight Light to allow all members a chance to comment on requests of this size. Please send your comments or concerns to me:

Steve Pasker
Financial Secretary
swpasker@fmtcs.org
319-393-4993

MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2021

Membership dues notices for the upcoming year have been sent to current Council members. 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

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.

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

DEPUTY GK PLEA FOR SERVICE HOURS:

Brother Knights, you have received from our Financial Secretary a form on which to record your service hours for the past year. Although in the past, only an estimated 20% of members complete this form, this year more than ever we need your cooperation.

Granted, it has been difficult for our Council to conduct our regular activities. Yet many of you have served your civic and faith communities in the spirit of Fr. McGivney; that is, as a fraternal brotherhood united in the mission of charity. You have reached out in support of neighbors and parishioners and family, whether individually or in small groups.

At a time when some might errantly label us as an “extreme” organization, now is not the time to invoke the biblical phrase “...your father who sees what is hidden ...”. [MT 6:18] Rather, invoke the phrase “... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your heavenly Father”. [MT 5:16] In our current cultural climate, we need to do charitable works *AND* provide reasonable estimates. Next time you have a KC PID Tootsie Roll, read the inside of the wrapper; you’ll see what I mean.

Terry Leier-Deputy Grand Knight

DISTRICT DEPUTY’S MESSAGE

Brothers, as we begin a new Fraternal Year, the Knights of Columbus continue to step “Into the Breach and Leave No Neighbor Behind!” As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes and serve our communities. Remember, where there’s a need, there’s a Knight. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to “deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

District 29 will have a District Meeting in January. It will be a virtual meeting to keep everyone safe.

Have a Happy New Year.

Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 29

fetzergerald53@gmail.com 319-654-5385

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

HAVING FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD

2020 year was a year of many challenges; our faith tested. The seemingly endless trials, making it difficult to maintain our faith; our trust in God perhaps tested. Many of us were more than ready to put the year behind us. Reflecting on Scripture can provide guidance to help us overcome and persevere through the trials and tribulations we inevitably experience.

In his gospel, Luke describes the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Simeon prophesied how Jesus was “destined for the fall and rise of Israel” (Luke 2:34). He also told Mary: “you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:35); alluding to Jesus’ suffering and dying on the cross. Certainly, this prophecy was difficult for Mary, a teenage mother to comprehend. Reflecting on the trials and tribulations she eventually endures (recall how Mary pondered), can help us to approach God in faith and trust, giving us the strength to cope when our own lives become challenging.

For faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God. Faith is being open and inviting God to reveal His providential plan. In dealing with the infinite person who is God, we are not in control. One of the most fundamental statements of faith is that our lives are not about us. This is not our project. Rather, we are part of God’s great design. Through His grace, God prepares and equips us for the mission he calls us to.

Mary found favor with God, when the angel Gabriel visited her with the annunciation that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and bear a son; (Luke 1:30). Mary’s questioning of this news “How can this be?” (Luke 1:34), was one of faith and wonder. We, with the Virgin Mary, are threads of a bigger plan; for God does great things for us and through us.

With the faith and trust of Mary and Simeon, may we recognize God’s influence in our lives and trust in the divine plan He has in store for us. Trusting in God’s plan puts us on a path to draw closer to Him and leads us down the road to sanctity.

As we live our faith, words of St Francis de Sales can guide us:

Go forth to do the work for which God has elected you.

He will be your right hand so that no difficulty shall move you, he will hold you by his hand so that you may walk in his path. So be of great courage, and may your courage endure. Follow the leading of God’s grace with a simple heart. May the love, peace, and consolation of the Holy Spirit be in your soul forever....¹

Deacon Ken Bauer

¹ *Saint Francis de Sales: Selected Letters, Elisabeth Stopp, Tr.; Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1960, New York, NY.*

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 tlleier@msn.com

Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight

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.

K-OF-C COUNCIL SHIRTS

If you are interested in a K of C Council shirt, contact Larry Block at (319) 447-9641.