

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

June 2021 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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

- Jun 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.  
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7PM.
- Jun 4, 5, 6 St. Joe’s Fun Days
- Jun 19 Spring Highway Cleanup – See article for details
- Jun 20 Father’s Day
- Jun 21 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Jun 22 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Jun 25 Deadline for the July newsletter
- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul TBD Installation of Officers - No business meeting
- Jul 19 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Jul 20 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Jul 23 Deadline for the newsletter
- Aug 1 TBD Pancake Breakfast
- Aug 3 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.  
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7PM.
- Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 16 MCC Meeting 7:30 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Aug 17 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – KC Hall, masks/social distancing if not vaccinated
- Aug 27 Deadline for the September newsletter

Deadline for the July issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, June 25th.

June 1st Business Meeting  
 In person and also by Zoom  
 Rosary at 7:00 PM  
 Meeting at 7:30 PM

Our council is sponsoring two seminarians. You can contact them at:	Jacob Burhite St Pius X Seminary 1235 Mt. Loretta Ave Dubuque, IA 52003	Peter Binder St Pius X Seminary 1235 Mt. Loretta Ave Dubuque, IA 52003
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## **K OF C 5390 GRAND KNIGHT MALICIOUS EMAIL SCAM ALERT**

Several Brother Knights have now received scam email requests maliciously using my name to request donations of gift cards – see example below. You will note below that the email address listed with my name as FROM – as is circled below – is NOT my actual email [beke@ipmx.com](mailto:beke@ipmx.com).

- **DO NOT respond or open any attachments or click on any links.**
- **Delete immediately and assign the listed circled email address to your SPAM filter.**

----- Original message -----  
From: Mike Beke <[president@assoreference.org](mailto:president@assoreference.org)>  
Date: 5/20/21 5:30 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: conradrl <[conradrl@mchsi.com](mailto:conradrl@mchsi.com)>  
Subject: RE: Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

I need you to purchase 5pcs x \$100 of either eBay or Walmart gift cards which totals \$500 for the donation pledged to Veterans at Hospice & Palliative Care. I will be glad if you get them early enough tomorrow due to the time frame of the pledge. Kindly follow the instructions as instructed by the VA below:

(1) Scratch cautiously the silver "Peel slip" behind the gift cards to reveal the claim codes.  
(2) Take snapshots to capture the claim code and the receipt of the gift cards.  
(3) Attach the pics & send to the Veterans Hospice Palliative Care e-mail address [Donations.Veterancareunit@consultant.com](mailto:Donations.Veterancareunit@consultant.com) so it can be printed out for use.

Let me know if a check will be fine for reimbursement.

Thank you.

### **Always keep in mind:**

1. **THE GRAND KNIGHT (me in this case) IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO GIVE APPROVAL UNILATERALLY TO DONATION REQUESTS – THAT APPROVAL MUST COME FROM THE DONATION COMMITTEE.**
2. **ONLY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Steve Pasker) AND TREASURER (Bob Schmitt) ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE FUNDS FOR DONATIONS – NO ONE ELSE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP.**
3. **DONATIONS ARE NEVER MADE WITH GIFT CARDS – ONLY DONE VIA CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION.**

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Brother Knights, I am pleased to announce that in accordance with latest CDC guidelines we are resuming on-site monthly business meetings at the KC Hall starting June 1. We will still be offering the option of virtual ZOOM access to the meetings for those of you not yet comfortable to join us on-site. And, the following conditions will be in place:

- The meetings will take place in the main hall, not the back room.
- Tables will remain set-up in the Library format, but depending on number of attendees we can sit up to 2 at 1 table – opposite ends
- Masks are not required for anyone who has been vaccinated.
- For those individuals not vaccinated, masks and social distancing still required.
- Tables will be sanitized per Library procedure at the conclusion of the meetings.

June also signals the end to another fiscal year, so we will be holding elections for the Council Officer positions for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. If you are interested in stepping up we are always looking for additional leadership support in both the Council and the MCC Club.

Finally I must regretfully report that some of our Brother Knights are still receiving malicious scam emails illegally using my name and requesting purchase of \$500 in gift cards. Keep in mind there is NEVER a situation where immediate

response that cannot wait is required. Unfortunately I have no way of stopping these emails. But, if you receive one of these emails then immediately block them using your SPAM filter. Please review the ***K OF C 5390 GRAND KNIGHT MALICIOUS EMAIL SCAM ALERT*** in this newsletter.

Remember to pray the Rosary and keep your faith strong.

*Vivat Jesus*  
*Mike Beke, Grand Knight*

## **BUSINESS MEETINGS: ATTEND EITHER ON-SITE OR VIA ZOOM**

Monthly business meetings have resumed on-site at the KC Hall, but we will continue with ZOOM access for those of you not yet comfortable to be on-site. An emailing will go out to the membership a couple days prior to the meeting. Anyone interested in participating via ZOOM will need to confirm their attendance by replying to that email. Only those responders will be invited to participate in the ZOOM meeting.

## **MCC OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

The Marion Columbus Club will hold Officer elections immediately after the June Knights of Columbus council business meeting. Candidate Office Term is 3 years. Officer nominees may be accepted from the floor or by calling nominating committee member Dan Goiffon at 319-431-8653.

**Knight of the Month:** Chuck Dayton  
**Family of the Month:** Mark and Mary Lukes

### **OFFICER ELECTION TIME LINE**

**June Business Meeting - Vote**  
**July Business Meeting - Installation**

#### **CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR FY 2021-2022**

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Mike Beke</b>
<b>Deputy GK</b>	<b>Terry Leier</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bob Schmitt</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>(open)</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Jeff Alt</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Larry Block</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Howard Schiffer</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Bill Perreault</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Dan Perra, Sr.</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Tom Cotrell</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>George Schulte</b>
<b>1YR Trustee</b>	<b>Don Leonhart</b>
<b>2YR Trustee</b>	<b>Tom Spartz</b>
<b>3YR Trustee</b>	<b>Chuck Dayton</b>

#### **Appointed positions:**

**Chaplain (acting)**    **Deacon Ken Bauer**  
**Financial Secretary**    **Steve Pasker**

### **SPRING HIGHWAY CLEANUP**

The Spring Highway Cleanup will be held on Saturday, June 19th at 10 am. We will meet near the intersection of Burnett Station Road and Highway 13. Look for KC 5390 Adopt a Highway sign which is near where we will park. This is approximately 5 miles North of County Home Road along Highway 13. Meeting near our clean up area should save time for those who do not live near our KC Hall. If you would like to car pool to Burton Station road please arrange this on your own.

The two-mile stretch starts at Burnett Station road and ends at Bunker Hill Road. With 10 - 12 workers, this task takes 1½ to 2 hours to complete. Older kids are welcome. Bring gloves and wear old shoes. We will have a snack and drinks that we will share near our rendezvous point.

*Bob Schmitt  
Coordinator 319-373-8313  
Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight*

### **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 tleier@msn.com

### **SEMINARIAN UPDATE**

The Council continues to provide financial and moral support to two Archdiocesan Seminarians; Peter Binder and Hayden Merkel. As he continues his priestly discernment Hayden, decided to continue his seminary formation for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The members of Council 5390 send its best wishes and prayers to Hayden during this transition in his formation.

The Archdiocese of Dubuque-Vocations Office provided seminarian Jacob Burhite for our Council's support. Jacob is from St. Matthew parish in Cedar Rapids. He is in his second year of formation at St Pius X Seminar and will attend Loras College in the Fall.

As part of the moral support needed for the Council to receive the rebate from Supreme under the RSVP program, notes and cards may be sent to Jacob at the address on the first page of the Newsletter. Please include Jacob in your prayers and continue to pray for an increase in religious vocations, especially those to the priesthood for the Archdiocese.

*Deacon Ken Bauer  
K of C Council 5390 Vocations Chair*

### **SUPPORTING CAMP COURAGEOUS**

Brother Knights: Camp Courageous will be conducting camps and day trips this summer season. They are in need of the following items:

- Program: Youth orange universal life jackets, opaque shower curtains, shaving cream, non-latex balloons;
- Arts and Crafts: Pipe Cleaners, tie dye, 'Oriental Trading' gift cards;
- Travel: Zipper waterproof bag, pencil pouches, restaurant, gas station and hotel gift cards;
- Housekeeping: 55 and 13 gallon trash can liners, disinfectant wipes, 1 gallon liquid hand soap;
- Dietary: coconut
- Medical: wet wipes, vinyl gloves (XL and L)
- Maintenance: Grass seed, 3M-33+ electrical tape, wasp spray;
- Nature Center: Natural pet bedding, grass hay, Petco/Petsmart gift cards
- Office: Letter-sized paper, postage stamps, manila folders
- ALWAYS: Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Napkins, Gift Cards.

To view the Camp's entire needs list, go to:

<https://campcourageous.org/needs-list/>

If you are willing to donate any of these items on behalf on Council 5390, please bring them to the June 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting or planning meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the MCC Hall for collection and delivery.

*Terry Leier - DGK*

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

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

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

Brothers, we are closing in on this fraternal year. It is time to get the Officers elected and send in the Officers Elected and Personnel reports. All councils should apply for the Columbian Award for the service projects completed by your council in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. I will be conducting Installation of Officers in June and July. Let me know when your council is ready.

Many Councils have been practicing the new Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification for new members. Council 5677 has completed their first Exemplification with their new Degree Team. They brought in one new member and raised one 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Council 5390 has practiced in their hall in Marion and Vinton had a practice after their last meeting. look forward to seeing a councils in our District to be bringing in new members and raising up and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights.

Have a great Memorial Day Weekend.

*Gerald Fetzer, District Deputy, District 29*



## **JUNE 4,5 AND 6,2021**

### **ST. JOSEPH'S FUN DAYS 2021 IS ON!**

After consulting with the Linn County Public Health Department, Fr. O'Connor and parish leadership, the decision has been made to move forward with the event in FULL. We will be following COVID-19 guidelines outlined by the Linn County Public Health Department and the CDC. The guidance will be posted as the event dates draw closer so that we can incorporate any changes that may happen in the coming weeks.

Now we need YOU to make it a success. Please purchase and/or sell raffle tickets, sign up to volunteer or perform in the talent show, walk/run in the 5K, donate something to the Country Store and invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend. Committee members will be outside the church under the canopy after the weekend Masses to hand out yard signs, sell and collect raffle tickets, hog roast tickets, carnival ride tickets and t-shirts, as well as answer any questions you may have.

To contact the Fun Days Executive Committee, please phone (319) 774-8719 or send an email to:  
**[info@StJosephFunDays.org](mailto:info@StJosephFunDays.org)**

## **PEACE FOR THE HOLY LAND**

In 2017 I was blessed to be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I gained a newfound appreciation and respect for the Christians who live there and the living conditions they endure (incidentally, Christians make up less than 2% of the population in Israel). Periodically over the years they have been persecuted and forced from their homes. In 2014, during the height of the ISIS genocide Christian homes in Iraq were marked with a red Arabic letter, indicating to ISIS that these people stood firm in their faith. For taking such a stance they risked their safety and sometimes paid the ultimate price with their life.

Particularly disturbing with the recent violence and bloodshed in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, is that it is based on the potential for a few Palestinian residents in East Jerusalem being displaced from their homes.

While in prayer, I reflected on words from the prophet Isaiah:

*“One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” (2:4)*

Isaiah prophesied in the Northern Kingdom which included the Temple in Jerusalem during the late 8th century, B.C. Considering that he prophesied during several historical events including wars, revolts and other insurrections; the similarities of events during his time and now are more than coincidental. For Isaiah, the vision of God's overwhelming majesty caused military and political power to fade into insignificance. He called his people back to reliance on God's promises and away from their vain attempts to find security in human plans. Spirituality is an integrating force between all aspects of our faith and ministry, which is empowered through the Holy Spirit and gives meaning and direction to our lives. Perhaps if the people of Israel and Palestine recalled this past, the current conflict would also fade into insignificance. Jesus brought a message of peace to his disciples during the post-Resurrection period before his Ascension to his Father in heaven. What if Israel and Palestine relied on the promises of God and the spirituality of their past? Could there be long-term peace, enabling them to live together in harmony?

Spirituality and faith in God help us to see how to make things better and to have a positive impact on the lives of our neighbors. Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine; may the unifying power of the Holy Spirit bring about an end to the violence, division, the injustices and instill a lasting peace among all of God's people.

*Deacon Ken Bauer*

## **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)**