

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

DECEMBER 2021 KNIGHT LIGHT

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----- *** COMING EVENTS *** -----

- Dec 5 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Dec 7 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 12 Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification at St. Joseph’s Church 11:45 AM
- Dec 20 MCC Meeting 7:30PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Dec 21 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 27 Deadline for the January 2022 newsletter
- Jan 1 Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 2 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Jan 4 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- Jan 17 MCC Meeting 7:30PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Jan 18 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Jan 21 Deadline for the February 2022 newsletter
- Feb 2 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – WILL PLAN ON VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
- Feb 7 No K of C Pancake Breakfast – Support the Boy Scout’s Breakfast at St Pius X
- Feb 15 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Feb 16 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19 Deadline for the newsletter

Deadline for the January issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, December 27th.

December 7th Meeting
 7:00 pm Rosary
 7:30 pm Business meeting

Our council is sponsoring two seminarians. You can contact them at:	Jackson Miller 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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BREAKFAST WORKERS: If you have a conflict with your scheduled time, please find a substitute and then notify Lonnie Curry: lvcurry@gmail.com.

Leads and Cooks show by 7:00 - All others show by 7:30, Serving 8:30-10:30, Clean-up after.

December 5, 2021

Freemon, Steve - Lead	May, Chris	Alt, Jeff	Van Gorp, Dave
Trotta, JJ - Lead	Pasker, Steve	Starr, Dan	Waldron, Denny
Ickes, Jim - Cook	Schaffer, Bill	Strabala, Mike	Wending, John
Van Gorp, Greg - Cook	Schmidt, John	Thayer, Clair	Wimmer, Kevin
Hunstad, Mike	Schmitt, Robert	Thys, Ray	

January 2, 2022

Conrad, Dick - Lead	Arcidiacono, Alfred	Bries, Randy	Chmelicek, Mike
DeWees, Tim - Lead	Ballard, Kevin	Bruckman, Robert	Cottrell, Tom
Conrad, Scott - Cook	Beadle, Rick	Bruckner, Juergen	Dake, Del
Klima, Trevor - Cook	Berns, James	Casey, Bill	Determan, Steve
Anyanwu, George	Bonlander, Roger	Chaisson, Jim	Dettmer, Ed

**No Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Pius in February
Please support the Boy Scout breakfast**

K OF C 5390 GRAND KNIGHT MALICIOUS EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Some Brother Knights are still continuing to receive 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.

- **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>
 Date: 5/20/21 5:30 PM (GMT-06:00)
 To: conradrl <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 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.**

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.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings brother knights, we held membership drives at both St. Pius and St. Joseph Churches and were able to recruit 4 new members. Special thanks go out to those who assisted in the drives. A Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification will be held at St. Joseph's on Sunday, December 12th at 11:45 AM. All prospective members and their families and 1st Degree members and their families are invited.

Once again we are unable to hold our annual Kids Roller-skating party this year, but are tentatively planning a family event at the Hall on Sunday afternoon December 12, if there is enough interest. More details to come via email.

I wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday season for each of you and your families. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas and remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

VOTE ON COUNCIL ADS IN CHURCH BULLETINS

The council is considering ads in both St. Pius X and St. Joseph's Church bulletins as another way of publicizing our presence in both parishes, at a cost of \$440/year for each bulletin. A vote will be held at the December 7 business meeting.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



On December 1 the Supreme Court will hear arguments for Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Mississippi, the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade. With countless lives at stake, pro-lifers across

the nation need to unite in prayer: Mini-prayer Campaign Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Pray and fast to implore God to touch the hearts of the Supreme Court justices tasked with deciding this case. Sign up on website calendar at:

www.40days.com/cedar-rapids

Pat Semelroth 319-721-9730

Knight of the Month: Andrew Hlubek
Family of the Month: Dave and Linda Albee

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2022:

Membership dues billing notices for 2022 will again be sent in the middle of December 2021.

Dues are the same as previous years.

- Honorary Life \$0.00
- Honorary \$10.00
- Regular \$36.00

Normally, dues can be paid via cash or check. However, this year you can also pay via VENMO.

You can now use your VENMO App with the code:
@Marion-Knights, last four digits of phone #: 8313

Within the comments, please note "Your Name" and the payment relates to "assembly dues".

I will accept payments at the December 2021 business meeting. In order to reduce postage costs, please make your payments in December or January.

Steve Pasker, Financial Secretary

OPEN POSITION - FINANCIAL SECRETARY

After 12 years serving as the Council's Financial Secretary, I will be stepping away and the Financial Secretary position will be open for a new volunteer.

Below is a description of the how the Financial Secretary is approved and the position's duties:

- Upon recommendation of the Grand Knight and the Trustees, the Financial Secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the Supreme Knight
- The prospective Financial Secretary must also complete and submit the Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary (#FS101)
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the Financial Secretary is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office
- Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the Grand Knight to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues
- Ensures that the Council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll
- Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters Honorary and Honorary Life membership cards for distribution to qualified members
- Files various reports and membership/insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters
- Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the Council (U.S. only)

This has been a very rewarding experience and someone with solid organizational skills will do well. I will still be a member of the Council and look forward to training the new Financial Secretary.

Please consider filling this valuable role for the Council.

Steve Pasker, Financial Secretary

CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY **EXEMPLIFICATION AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

There will be a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification at St. Joseph Church in Marion on Sunday, December 12th at 11:45 am. All prospective members and their families and 1st Degree members and their families are invited.

Gerald Fetzer

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Happy Holidays! Come celebrate each other and give the greatest gift you can - yourself! Whether it be volunteering at the breakfasts or sharing a wonderful breakfast with friends and family - THANK YOU!

Lonnie Curry, lvcurry@gmail.com

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

For this fraternal year, the Council is providing financial and moral support to Peter Binder and Jackson Miller. Both Peter and Jackson are affiliated with St. Pius X Seminary, the minor seminary of the Archdiocese. Jacob Burhite (whom the Council supported last year) left the Seminary to pursue other opportunities.

Pray for an increase in religious vocations, especially for more vocations to the priesthood for the Archdiocese. Increasing priestly vocations is a priority for the Archdiocese and of Archbishop Michael Jackels.

Peter Binder is the son of Tom and Mary Beth Binder, members of St Joseph parish. He developed a love of music, learning to play the organ and singing in choir while attending Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids. After, graduation he enrolled in 2018 at Iowa State University to study mathematics. He discerned a call to the priesthood; in 2019 Archbishop Jackels declared him a candidate to Holy Orders. He is a fourth-year seminarian, currently enrolled at Loras College double majoring in Philosophy and Mathematics.

Jackson Miller is the son of Matthew and Corinne Miller, members of Immaculate Conception Church in Cedar Rapids. He attended Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, graduating in 2019. He spent his freshman year of college at the University of Iowa. Discerning a call to the priesthood, he became a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque in the fall of 2020. He is enrolled at Loras College in Dubuque studying Philosophy, Music Performance, and Accounting. He enjoys music (especially folk and classical/choral music).

You can read more about Peter and Jackson (and all the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Dubuque) on the Vocations Office website: <https://dbqarch.org/meet-the-seminarians>

Please keep Jackson 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 as part of the RSVP in order to receive the \$200 refund for the Council's financial support from the Supreme Council.

Deacon Ken Bauer
Vocations Chair

K-OF-C COUNCIL SHIRTS

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

PRAY FOR DECEASED KNIGHTS

In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, November includes several memorials for Saints and we especially celebrate them on All Saints Day. The following day, November 2, we commemorate All Soul's Day when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us to the kingdom of heaven.

The book of Wisdom tells us: "*The souls of the just (or right relation with God) are in the hand of God*". (Wis 3:1) While death can be seen as an end, an "*utter destruction*", the author of the Book of Wisdom offers assurance that "*they are in peace*"; as God "*tried them*", He "*proved them*" (Wis 3:5,6) in the furnace of His grace.

We have an obligation to pray (especially during the month of November) for those who have died, particularly those in Purgatory; of helping these holy souls to enter heaven. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs: "*the church honors the memory of the dead and offers prayers in suffrage for them, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God*" (CCC 1032). Our prayers aid them in this preparation and transition to be made ready for an eternal life in heaven. And this purification, this cleansing of sin, is a reparation for those souls to hasten their ascent to the fruits of the Divine Kingdom of Heaven. The Father will raise us to new life with His son. (ref. to Jn 6)

In this spirit of prayer, we remember those brother knights of Council 5390 who have died this past two years:

Norbert M. Banowetz	Died - 01-27-2021
Randell J. "Randy" Beelner	Died - 09-01-2021
Steven A. Burke	Died - 08-13-2020
Loras A. "Tony" Callahan	Died - 04-30-2021
Robert J. "Bob" Downey	Died - 04-20-2020
Jerome "Jerry" F. Frake	Died - 09-14-2020
Doug B. Luke	Died - 01-20-2020
Gerald "Jerry" P. McNamara	Died - 12-12-2020
George P. Roushar	Died - 09-28-2020
Johnie F. Stepanek	Died - 09-08-2020
James L. "Jim" Tesar	Died - 06-13-2021
David C. Tschudi	Died - 01-19-2020

Deacon Ken Bauer
Acting Chaplain



THE DOCTRINE OF REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

This is the third installment of a series on the catholic Church's doctrine of redemptive suffering.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is a good place to further explore the doctrine of Redemptive Suffering.

Illness and suffering (*I would include as well, the suffering resulting from an accident*) have always been associated as the gravest problems we confront as human beings. While suffering can lead to despair, and a questioning of God, it can also help to discern in life what is not essential, so that one can turn toward that which is. Often suffering leads to a search for God and a return to Him. (see CCC 1500, 1501)

Jesus called his disciples to “take up [their] cross and follow [him]” (Mt 16:24), subjecting them to suffering as well. In a similar calling, through the nature of our baptism, we inherit a share of the sufferings of Christ. Thus, while we share in Christ's suffering through the inevitable trials and tribulations of life, we unite our sufferings with His. Through this, we obtain a share of the glory of His resurrection. For “Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps”. (1 Pet 2:21) Jesus desires to associate his redeeming sacrifice with those who were to be its first beneficiaries. (CCC 618) He freely accepted His suffering according to His Father's will, offering himself for our salvation. (CCC 621)

The first beneficiary of this was achieved in Mary (Our Lady of Sorrows) who intimately shared (more than any other person) in the redemptive suffering of her son. Simeon prophesied the destiny of Mary, when she and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple. “a sword will pierce your own soul too” (Lk 2:35). The consent of Mary for the conception of Jesus in her womb was necessary in His future suffering.

Realizing that during our times of hardships, we unite our suffering with Christ's suffering, helps us to begin to understand suffering and why it occurs in our lives. It is also through suffering that helps us to grow closer to Christ. As St. Paul wrote in his conclusion to the *Letter to the Philippians*: “to know him and the power of his resurrection and [the] sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Phil 3:10-11) Jesus reveals the dignity of all through his death on the cross.

Reflections from two prominent saints explains another aspect of the salvation that Christ won for us: “Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven” (St Rose of Lima).

St. Augustine wrote that what happened to Jesus Christ happens to the members of the church. “Our sacrifice expresses adoration, submission, obedience and love.”

More on the Doctrine of Redemptive Suffering Doctrine will be explored in future Newsletters.

*Deacon Ken Bauer
Acting Chaplain*

DISASTER RELIEF

With wildfires raging on the West Coast, the earthquake in Haiti, and Tropical Storms in the Caribbean and the US, let us actively prepare now to help those who are defenseless during these natural disasters. If you are able, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to Knights of Columbus Charities in support of our Disaster Relief program.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme web site has a secure link to give monies to help disaster victims. Give if you can; even \$10 from each person adds up to millions of dollars.

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



REMEMBER TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS