

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

JANUARY 2022 KNIGHT LIGHT

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 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 14 K of C Youth Free Throw Contest at St. Joe's Gym
- 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 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- Feb 6 No K of C Pancake Breakfast – Support the Boy Scout's Breakfast at St Pius X
- Feb 21 MCC Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Feb 22 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Feb 18 Deadline for the newsletter
- Mar 1 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 6 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Mar 21 MCC Meeting 7:30PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Mar 22 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Mar 25 Deadline for the April 2022 newsletter

Deadline for the February issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, January 21st.

January 4th 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

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.

January 2, 2022

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

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

March 6 2022

Albee, Dave - Lead	Dundee, Nathan	Gaeta, Nick	Holtz, Bill
Freemon, Steve - Lead	Eichenberger, Dale	Geers, Fritz	Holubar, Mel
Dayton, Chuck - Cook	Ernst, Earl	Gibbs, Pat	Hooper, Matt
Kullander, Scott - Cook	Fejfar, Donald	Hamer, Mark	Hunstad, Mike
Digmann, Ron	Fetzer, Jerry	Hellmann, Alan	Kacena, Jay

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 and Happy 2022. The start of another year is a time to reflect on our 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 2022 resolution to volunteer in at least one charity or fundraising event for this coming year.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.
Mike Beke, Grand Knight

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2022:

Membership dues billing notices for 2022 have been sent via email or USPS. If you have not received a billing notice, please let me know.

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 "council dues".

Steve Pasker, Financial Secretary

OPEN POSITION - FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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

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.

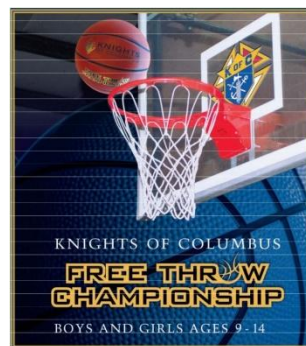
Please consider filling this valuable role for the Council.
Steve Pasker, Financial Secretary

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Happy New Year! Come celebrate each other and give the greatest gift you can - yourself! Serving 1/2/2022 at St Pius 8:30 to 10:30. Whether it be volunteering at the breakfasts or sharing a wonderful breakfast with friends and family - THANK YOU!

Lonnie Curry, lvcurry@gmail.com

K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus Council 5390 in Marion will be holding a first round of the regional free throw contest which is open to all children ages 9 to 14, girls and boys.

- St Joseph School Gym, Marion IA, 1430 14th St.
- Friday, January 14, 2022
- Doors open at 3.00p.m., expect to be present for about 1.5 hours to settle ties, as applicable
- Contact John Pacha at 319-329-0848 for event logistical detail questions
- link to official rules: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/free-throw-championship/1928-free-throw-championship-playbook.pdf>
- Open to all children in the community ages 9 to 14 on Jan. 1, 2022
- Proof of age is required at any level of competition so be prepared if challenged, ref. page 6 for official rules for eligibility

Knight of the Month: Lonnie Curry
Family of the Month: Steve and Maria Schrader

ANNUAL FRATERNAL SURVEY

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the Annual Fraternal Survey form. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2021.

If you have not received a form, please let me know and I'll send one to you.

Steve Pasker
Financial Secretary

THE DOCTRINE OF REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

This is the final installment of the series on Redemptive Suffering.

When we suffer, we may feel that God has abandoned us, or experience a sense that God has forgotten us. It is natural to question why we are suffering, why doesn't God answer our prayers for relief? During such times, it can help to reflect on Psalm 13¹, relating to when God may seem distant. When we suffer, God does not forget, for He said, *"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you"* (see Heb 13:5).

If Christ died on the cross for our salvation, to save us from our sins, why does suffering occur?

In last month's Knight Light, I wrote that we inherit a share of Christ's suffering through our baptismal calling. Dom M. Eugene Boylan, O.C.R. wrote that *"Christ's sacrifice on Calvary had a two-fold aspect. There was the exterior sacrifice, by which he gave ritual expression to his interior sacrifice. This interior sacrifice was the long act of adoration and submission to the will of God that was his whole life. Our suffering can be seen as a sacrifice; it expresses adoration, submission, obedience and love. Through this offering of ourselves, we fulfill that offering by a life of humble obedience to the will of God."*

When St. Paul lamented about his sufferings *"that [they] might leave him"* (2 Cor 12:8), the Lord said *"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness...for when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Cor 12:9 & 10).

If we submit ourselves to the will of God when we suffer, is there a difference between choosing to suffer and suffering which results from circumstances beyond our control?

There are a number of stories (many from centuries ago) of saints who chose to endure suffering. St. Paul writes of his many sufferings (ref. 2 Cor 11:24-26 and 2 Cor 12:7). There are likewise many martyrs who chose to endure persecution as a testimony to the faith rather than renounce it. They paid the ultimate price with their lives even when doing so would have saved their life. In more recent times Christians, in a similar manner, suffered for their life, enduring torture and death before their lives were taken (recall the ISIS persecutions in Iraq).

On a pilgrimage to Rome, I ascended the Holy Stairs in the edifice of the Pontifical Sanctuary of the Holy Stairs² on my knees. Looking upon an image of Christ's crucifixion on Calvary at the top of the stairs, the pain in my knees and back were minor as I reflected on Christ's suffering and death he chose to endure for our sake. Even though he had prayed to His Father *"Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will"* (Mk 14:36).³ He submitted to God's will, giving us the perfect example of suffering through His crucifixion and death on the cross for our redemptive salvation.

While we likely will not find ourselves in a situation as like a martyr, risking our life for proclaiming the gospel of our faith; when we choose to suffer we share in the inheritance of Christ. And in a small way attain a bit of the glory which Jesus Christ received through His ascension. In such times we rely more on our faith, trusting in God.

But of the other extreme, those times in our lives when we endure suffering, but not by our choice?

I certainly did not choose to fall and break my collarbone. The resulting pain and suffering I endured during a lengthy healing period was unlike anything I had experienced before. While I knew it was not by His hand that my accident happened, still I questioned God as to why this would happen. While God does not cause bad things to happen, it was through the original sin of Adam and Eve, evil came into the world. In these situations we put our trust in our faith. In these circumstances, our faith life is strengthened. In spite of our weaknesses, we rely more on our faith through trials and tribulation. I prayed that in His due time God would reveal the reason for my suffering. I quickly realized part of the answer is appreciating those simple things I could no longer do, things which are easily taken for granted. In my experience, I realized new ways to pray with humbleness and humility. I found peace and some consolation during Eucharistic Adoration, praying in the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ during.

Conclusion

The Virtue of Hope is a theological virtue to desire the kingdom of Heaven. We can rely on the Virtue of Hope when we experience times of feeling abandoned by God (CCC 1820, 1821). During those times when we are undergoing spiritual dryness, trials or suffering this can result in a feeling of abandonment. To help overcome these difficulties, change your prayerful practices to seek and long for union with God. From Hebrews (11:1), prayer and hope go together.

As Christians we are a hopeful people (see Romans, 8:24). We rely on our faith as we hope in God and of eternal life, for *if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance* (Rom 8:25). Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his Encyclical Letter *SPE SALVI*⁴ that we are saved by Hope. Jesus Christ our Savior is the reason for our hope. Through suffering God gives us grace.

God permits suffering only to the extent that we are able to deal with it and manage it. He does not give us more than our ability to cope with it. Jesus Christ's suffering on the cross was enough, as He said: *"it is finished"*. Jesus' suffering redeemed the world and us.

In the end, when it comes to dealing with or enduring suffering, at times we need to let go and leave it to God's divine plan and His holy will. The key is to give up control and leave it up to God.

Deacon Ken Bauer

DISASTER RELIEF

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

Brothers, there will be a District Meeting for District 28 and 29 on Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 pm at the Marion Columbus Club which is located at 5650 Kacena Ave in Marion. Gerald Fetzer DD 29

¹ See Psalm 13: When God Seems Distant | Bible.org

² See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scala_Sancta, for more information on the Holy Stairs

³ Some scripture scholars see this as Jesus alluding to John 12:27 - *"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."*

⁴ Pope Benedict XVI, 2nd Encyclical Letter *SPE SALVI* (Saved Through Hope), 2007