KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

FEBRUARY 2022 KNIGHT LIGHT

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

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

- 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 3 Youth Free Throw Contest rescheduled: 3 4:30 PM St Joseph School Gym Marion
- 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
- Apr 1 Lenten Fish Fry
- Apr 3 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church

Deadline for the March issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, February 18th.

7:00 pm Rosary

February 1st Meeting

7:30 pm Business meeting

- Apr 5 Business Meeting 7:30 PM On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.

 Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- Apr 8 Lenten Fish Fry
- Apr 10 Palm Sunday
- Apr 15 Good Friday
- Apr 15 Lenten Fish Fry
- Apr 17 Easter
- Apr 18 MCC Meeting 7:30PM Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Apr 19 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- Apr 22 Deadline for the May 2022 newsletter

Apr

Our council is sponsoring two seminarians.

St Pius X Seminary
You can contact them at:

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.

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
Conrad, Scott - Cook	Ernst, Earl	Gibbs, Pat	Hooper, Matt
Kullander, Scott - Cook	Fejfar, Donald	Hamer, Mark	Hunstad, Mike
Digmann, Ron	Fetzer, Jerry	Hellmann, Alan	Kacena, Jay

April 4, 2022

Matias, John - Lead	Becker, Michael	Leonhart, Don	McDonald, Jim
Powers, Steve - Lead	Blocklinger, Bob	Lukes, Mark	McDonald, Sean
McAllister, Jamie - Cook	Kern, Gerald	Luster, Chuck	Meyer, Chris
Zwanziger, Scott - Cook	Kueter, Dale	Dick Makinster	Mineart. Joe
Ballard, Kevin	Ladage, Ken	May, Chris	Murray, Adam

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.

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.

VOTE TO SELLTHE MCC HALL ARTICLE

An MCC committee has determined a vote should take place on whether or not to sell the MCC hall. Please read the "VOTE TO SELL THE MCC HALL" article in this edition of the newsletter.

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. The Marion Library has now vacated our Hall which frees up to allow for Friday evening fish fries once again during Lent. Since Covid remains a concern, the fish fries will be take-out only. We ask that everyone whose health allows volunteer to help out at least one of the Fridays – contact Chuck Dayton on which day(s) you can assist.

The new reality of trying to keep our Hall viable with resumption of fish fries and hall rentals in this post-Covid environment, along with some significant maintenance costs associated with the 21+ year age of the building have required us to consider selling the Hall. Please review the attachment detailing background information regarding operational costs, along with the pros and cons of keeping the Hall. There will be opportunities at the February and March Business meetings to bring up any questions or concerns. The vote to sell, which requires a 2/3 majority of voters to pass, will be held via email over the course of the first 15 days in March This way we hope to ensure that the ultimate decision comes from an overall majority of our 347 strong membership.

Remember to pray the rosary and keep your faith strong.

Mike Beke, Grand Knight

Knight of the Month: Tom Hogan

Family of the Month: John and Angie Pacha

INSURANCE AGENT

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies

I will be the agent who will be taking care of your insurance needs. Please fill free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thanks.

Sincerely, Dan Conlon 2445 Newcastle RD. Marion IA. 52302 641-330-2060 daniel.conlon@kofc.org

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

WE MADE THE NEWS!

In case you weren't aware, the January/February 2022 issue of Columbia Magazine includes a brief article on our council (see page 30). It reads:

"Members of Joseph C. Carroll Council 5390 in Marion, Iowa, resumed their highway cleanup after a long hiatus mandated by COVID-19 restrictions. The council, which recently received a Governor's Volunteer Award, has completed the project semiannually for more than 20 years."

Kudos to coordinator Bob Schmitt and his team who regularly participate in this project to respect God's earth.

Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

No KC Breakfast in February - Support the Boy Scout Lonnie Curry, lvcurry@gmail.com

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, the Supreme Council has come up with a new program to help Financial Secretaries clear any members from the roster who owe two or more years of past dues, and who meet the eligibility criteria of being a affiliate member. An affiliate member is a Knight who shares our values and supports our mission, but is unable, for any number of reasons, to be engaged with a local council at this time. Affiliate members retain most rights and privileges including access to insurance and other financial products. Affiliate members do not have the right to hold office, vote or serve as a delegate to State and Supreme meetings. Affiliate members are part of the state council and they do not pay dues.

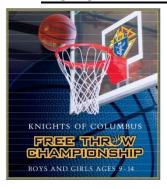
Gerald Fetzer DD 29

LENTEN FISH FRIES 2022

I am looking for volunteers to help organize/ determine how we can do drive thru fish fries at the hall. If you wish to help please email me at cwdayton13@gmail.com.

Thank you, Chuck Dayton

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.
- Thursday, February 3, 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/faithin-action-programs/community/free-throwchampionship/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

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

While developing my reflections on Redemptive Suffering, I thought of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. The sufferings he endured in the example of Christ may ease our suffering, and the consolation we receive thus enables us to better offer comfort to others when they suffer.

Background¹

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. When he was about ten years old, the Immaculate Virgin appeared to him in a vision holding in her hands two symbolic crowns: the white crown of purity and chastity and the red crown of martyrdom. She asked if he would like to have them; he chose both. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1918.

Father Kolbe was a Missionary, Publisher, Evangelist, Martyr and Conventual Franciscan. He founded the Militia Immaculata in 1917, a Catholic evangelization movement encouraging total consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939 (launching the second World War), they eventually imprisoned Kolbe in the Auschwitz death camp, where in 1941 he offered to take the place of a man condemned to die in reprisal for an escaped prisoner. His offer was accepted and he was executed on August 14. St. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1982 as a "martyr of charity".

The example of suffering he endured during his life is worthwhile to reflect upon, especially in those times of our own sufferings. His is a portrayal of humbleness and humility, traits which are important to keep in mind during difficult times.

¹ For more information about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his life, visit: www.marytown.com

Excerpts of Father Kolbe's Suffering²

Father Kolbe suffered from tuberculosis early in life which left him in poor health for much of his life. During 1940, upon returning to his monastery following a challenging trip to visit a Brother monk who was ill, Father Kolbe remarked to another Brother: "there are three branches of the Christian apostolate: prayer, work, and suffering. Suffering is best because it gives egotism no occasion to grow."

When WWII broke out and the persecution of the Polish population intensified, Father Kolbe remarked that: "God is cleansing Poland. We are living in a time of intense penance. Suffering is a good and sweet thing for him who accepts wholeheartedly. For it is only through suffering that we learn how to love...in suffering and persecution [we]...reach a higher degree of sanctity."

After Father Kolbe was arrested and sent to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, the suffering he endured became an example for others. According to a Brother monk, Father Kolbe conducted himself with virility and with complete acceptance of God's will. Father Kolbe said: "For Jesus Christ I am ready to suffer more than this. The Immaculata is helping me." He used his sufferings, not only to show his love for God by his willingness to suffer for his faith, but to help his fellow prisoners.

His weakened condition and ill health were intensified during his years of imprisonment. As a priest he was targeted by the Nazis for the most difficult and backbreaking work. When he fell from the hard labor, he was severely beaten. This was observed by a fellow priest and prisoner. In his humbleness he was reluctant to discuss this, but when the priest questioned him, Father Kolbe's response was: "that he was glad to suffer; that everything came from the Lord."

Postscript

Through His will, God gave us his divine son Jesus Christ, so that he could experience the fullness of humanity uniting his divinity and humanity. Through his suffering for our salvation, Jesus is the perfect example of obedience to living the will of God while on this life's journey. As a follower of Christ, Father Kolbe sufferings give us a modern day witness of total abandonment to God's will. He accepted his suffering with humbleness and humility. Our sufferings and tribulations reflect how Jesus and Saint Maximilian Kolbe suffered. Having faith and trust in God, helps to ease our sufferings.

Reflecting on St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians sheds new light when we endure suffering. And helps to consider the plight of others: "the God of all consolation...comforts us in all our afflictions and enables us to comfort [others]. As we have shared in the sufferings of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in his consolation". (2 Cor 1:3-5)

Deacon Ken Bauer

Please continue reading to the next page for the "VOTE TO SELL THE MCC HALL"

² From: A Man for Others - Maximilian Kolbe the "Saint of Auschwitz"; Patricia Treece; 2013

VOTE TO SELL THE MCC HALL

The following information has been gathered to help in the decision. A second information page will be placed in the March newsletter / email will be sent with any new information and any questions / answers that come from this article. The vote will be taken after the March article. A date range and where to send your vote will be in the March article.

The only decision the members are voting on is to whether or not to sell the hall. All other factors should not be considered when casting your vote, such as "how will the proceeds from the sale are used", etc. Those types of issues will be addressed if vote is to sell the hall.

After reading the following please send any questions to cwdayton13@gmail.com by February 15th.

TO SELL OR NOT TO SELL INFORMATION:

A two-thirds "yes" votes will be needed to pass.

This matches what is stated in the by-laws to pass any proposal.

New Meeting Place:

Both St Joes and St Pius have agreed to allow us to hold meetings at their church halls.

Assessed Value of the Building and Land --- \$520,000+.

A real estate market appraisal was done and it said that we could get \$500,000 to \$540,000.

Summary of Form 990EZ information for 5 years:

The average annual operating overhead for the five years is about \$25,765.40 and this breaks down into a monthly average of about \$2,147.12 that would need to be generated going forward to just pay bills.

If we keep the building, it will be very important to develop a marketing plan to aggressively promote hall rental and our other fundraisers. This will also require a strong commitment by members to volunteer with all our rentals and events or fundraising into the future - and a strong need to recruit additional younger members. The last line on the report for the Net Assets at the end of each year also shows a good trend of our net assets declining over time unless we can create more revenues than expenses.

MCC Cash Assets January	2020(Pre-Covid)	MCC Cash Assets January 2022		
FSB Checking Balance	\$2,726.49	FSB Checking Balance	\$2,641.31	
FSB Money Market Account	\$3,728.63	FSB Money Market Account	\$22,944.51	
Veridian CDs	\$17,353.99	Veridian CDs	\$11,015.04	
		Veridian Equity Account	\$69.05	
Total	\$23,809.11	Total	\$36,669.91	

January 2022 Total includes \$15,000 that was left over from insurance after we completed the replacement of the building roof after the derecho. **Our cash assets would be down to \$21,669 if the derecho had not occurred.**

Any hall rental and/or fundraising events will need to generate over \$25,000 per year just to sustain operations and this does not leave anything for deferred maintenance, charity or support to KC5390, or other unique variable expenses that could arise. If hall rentals are not increased funding will be necessary for capital improvements or to replenish our operating funds. We currently have \$3,630.13 of funds to use above the reserves of \$33,000 required for long term replacements, emergency repairs and operating budget. An additional \$400 will be raised from rent by the end of January. Total \$37,000 by end of January.

Hall Replacement or Repairs that are needed or possibly needed (estimated):

Fryer (must be replaced)	\$2,500
Refrigerator (not working – need to determine problem)	???
Floor (professional cleaning)	\$1,000

Total Income:

Other includes rentals and all other incomes;

	2017	2018	2019	3 year average
Fish Fry	\$19,245	\$22,013	\$24,100	\$21,786
Other	\$6,816	\$9,845	\$7,033	\$7,898
Total Income	\$26,061	\$31,858	\$31,133	\$29,684

Hall Rentals:

()= rentals by members / \$ amount does not include the sale of beverages;

2017	\$	2018	\$	2019	\$	3 year average	\$
14(3)=17	\$ 4550	20(3)=23	\$ 6725	10(4)=14	\$ 3150	14.7(3.3)=18	\$4808.30
5		8		2		5(1.7) Full rental	-\$500

Age Range of Members:

Range	Number	%	% Accum	Range	Number	%	% Accum
+08	64	20.32	20.32	<40	15	4.76%	4.76%
70-79	63	20.00	40.32	40-49	21	6.67%	11.43%
60-69	90	28.57	68.89	50-59	62	19.68%	31.11%
50-59	62	19.68	88.57	60-69	90	28.57%	59.68%
40-49	21	6.67	95.24	70-79	63	20.00%	79.68%
<40	15	4.76	100.00	80+	64	20.32%	100.00%

Age Range of Members in 3 years: (If no members are recruited and there are no deaths)

Range	Number	%	% Accum
+08	86	27.30	27.30
70-79	64	20.32	47.62
60-69	91	28.89	76.51
50-59	47	14.92	91.43
40-49	14	4.44	95.87
<40	13	4.13	100.00

Money Given made to KC's from MCC:

2015 - \$0.00

2016 - \$2000.00 (Donation)

2017 - \$3000.00 (Donation)

2018 - \$0.00

2019 - \$3000.00 (Donation)

- \$2000.00 (Rummage Sale - not sure what this was for)

Event venues in the Marion, Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids area: (We have lots of competition!)

1. KC Council 5677

2. Marion American Legion

3. Prairie Hill Pavilion

4. Lowe Park

5. Epic Event Center, County Home Rd.

6. Thomas Park Safe Room

7. Hiawatha City Hall

8. Red Cedar Lodge, Wanatee Park

9. Shores Event Center, CR

10. Classic Event Center, Towne & Country Shopping Center

11. A Touch of Class, Mt. Vernon Rd.

12. Ashton Hill Farm, behind KC 5677

13. East Bank Venue, the old Smulekoff's building

14. The Avacentre, Bowling St., SE CR

15. Longbranch Event Center

- 16. The Marriott
- 17. Ideal Social Hall, NewBo
- 18. Elk's Lodge
- 19. Celebration Hall (Afr.-Amer. museum?)
- 20. The Olympic South Side Theater
- 21. Posh Events Center Cedar Rapids, 5th Ave. SW
- 22. The Harmac, 6th Ave. SE
- 23. Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite
- 24. Kingston's Steakhouse & Event Center, Boyson Rd. NE
- 25. Usher's Ferry Historic Village
- 26. Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 27. Cedar Rapids Jaycees
- 28. The Hotel at Kirkwood Center 29. The Underground 4th St, SW
- 30. Hawkeye Downs

Supreme has recommended that councils do not own property.

If we do not sell the building:

The Marion Library has moved out and we will not have any income from then until the beginning of Lent 2023. We will have to start scheduling rentals, dinners for the public or other events to make money. That leaves 12

months without reliable income except for the Lent and monthly fish fries from if no other fundraising happens. At this time the Lenten fish fries will not happen due to covid. We are investigating whether or not we can do drive thru fish fries which we expect will not yield as much as normal fish fries.

All fish fries including Lent 2022 - \$21,786. (Estimate based off totals for the years 2017-2019).

Monthly fish fries not including Lent 2022 (May / September – November / January) (5 Total). \$6,500) (Estimate based off totals for the years 2017-2019). (estimate percentages based on an educated guess).

 $12 \times \$2,147.12 = \$25,766.40$ is needed to cover monthly expenses between now and then.

Feb 1 2023 we would be down to \$7,403 or \$36,669(without fish fries) – \$25,766+\$3,500(cost of fryer/floor).

Feb 1 2023 we would be down to \$13,903 or \$36,669+\$6,500) (without lent fish fries) -\$25,766+\$3,500(cost of fryer/floor).

Feb 1 2023 we would be down to \$29,189 or \$36,669+\$21,786) (with all fish fries) -\$25,766+\$3,500(cost of fryer/floor).

Rentals:

Income minus cost to build website of \$2819 (bid by website developer) for first year. Hopefully the website generates enough rentals to expand our income to where we can donate more.

Additional rental teams will have to be developed if numerous rentals are achieved. In the past we had 6 teams. We will need 3 or 4 on a team to make sure the work load is not too great.

\$1,000 a month would generate \$12,000 (averaged \$4,800 for 2017-2019) (\$3,150 for 2019)

Other possible income during the 12 month period:

Lunches for ball park complex by offering lunch or dinner meal options for the visiting baseball teams; e.g., bag or box lunches that the teams would pick up at the hall.

Bingo could be done monthly

This raises the question on whether or not members would be willing to donate toward the MCC if for some unforeseen need for money arises that depletes the money we have.

If we sell the property:

The Marion Library moved out January 14, 2022 and we will not have any dependable income except for any possible rentals or Lenten / monthly fish fries (if held) from then until the property sells. Fundraising or events need to be held if the sale of the building takes considerable time to sell.

Disbursement of funds:

The by-laws state the remaining assets shall become property of the council or can be given to any Catholic organization that is IRS tax-exempt Under Section 501 (C) (2). Note: St. Pius and St. Joes are Section 501 (C) (3). Therefore we will not be able to directly give to the parishes. The MCC Board of Directors will determine the recipient. Once the money is given to 5390 it will be the responsibility of 5390 to disperse the money.

Thank you,
Chuck Dayton
MCC President / Committee Chairman