

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

MARCH 2022 KNIGHT LIGHT

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- 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 4 Lenten Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- Mar 6 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Mar 11 Lenten Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- Mar 18 Lenten Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- 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 Lenten Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- Mar 25 Deadline for the April 2022 newsletter
- Apr 1 Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- Apr 3 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- 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 Fish Fry (Drive Thru only)
- Apr 10 Palm Sunday
- Apr 15 Good Friday
- 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 23 Highway Cleanup, at 1 pm
- Apr 28 – May 1 Knights of Columbus Iowa State Convention in Coralville
- May 1 NO BREAKFAST IN MAY - PARISH SACRAMENTS
- May 3 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – On-site at KC Hall & virtual ZOOM access.
Masks and social distancing if not vaccinated. Rosary at 7 PM.
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 16 MCC Meeting 7:30PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- May 17 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM – Will hold at hall: face masks and social distancing required
- May 20 Deadline for the June 2022 newsletter

Deadline for the April issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, March 25th.

March 1st 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.

March 6 2022

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

April 4, 2022

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

May 1, 2022
NO BREAKFAST IN MAY - PARISH SACRAMENTS

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: conradr1 <conradr1@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.**

VOTE TO SELL THE MCC HALL ARTICLE #2

Article #2 has instructions for Voting 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. I encourage all to Vote.

Chuck Dayton, MCC President



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, Lent is here. It is a time of renewal and preparation for Easter. During Lent we traditionally make sacrifices, typically giving up something that is meaningful to us. Your Lenten sacrifice can also entail doing something extra, like volunteering your time for parish and faith community. So please consider volunteering to help at a fish fry or pancake breakfast.

We will also be making an important decision this Month on the status of the Hall, whether to continue having the Hall or to divest ourselves via sale of the Hall. It is therefore imperative for having the proper outcome that everyone participates in the vote: a 2/3 majority of all participants is required by our bi-laws to make a change.

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

Knight of the Month: Dave Albee
Family of the Month: Tom and Pam Satern

INSURANCE AGENT

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies
I will be the agent who will be taking care of your insurance needs. Please feel free to contact me (641-330-2060 or daniel.conlon@kofc.org) with any questions or concerns. Thanks.

Dan Conlon

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

FREE THROW SUCCESS!

Our Council's Free Throw Contest was successful, despite weather related rescheduling causing tight commitment schedules for our participants. The event was held on February 3rd in the gymnasium at St. Joseph School in Marion. The 17 contestants ranged in age from 9 through 14 and included boys and girls from St Joseph and St. Pius schools. Four girls and six boys will move on to the District 29 competition, scheduled for 1:00 pm on February 27th at the Marion YMCA. Congratulations to John Pacha and Coach Tom Hogan for orchestrating this excellent youth event, and thanks to the additional volunteers. If you are interested in helping at the upcoming District event, please contact me at TLLeier@msn.com or 319-551-4077.

Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight

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

SPRING HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The Spring Highway Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 1 pm. We will meet near the intersection of Burnett Station Road and Highway 13. Look for the 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. 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. For folks who have assisted in the past and for whom I have an email address, I will send out a sign-up link about 4 weeks prior to the event. Please look for an invitation from SignUpGenius.com that I will initiate.

Bob Schmitt Coordinator 319-373-8313

RESPONDING IN CHARITY – OUR FIRST PRINCIPLE

Discovery Living's *The Dispatch* highlighted Council 5390 in the "Gratitude Board" section of its January-March issue. Quoting:

"Our faithful friends, the Knights of Columbus, continue to bless Discovery Living. Despite the pandemic, area councils donated over \$47,000 in Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) tootsie roll fund drive proceeds in 2021! ... Council 5390 cancelled their PID drive in 2020 due to the pandemic – and conducted two PID drives in 2021! These two drives resulted in Discovery Living receiving nearly \$33,000 in donations from Council 5390 in 2021!"

So, when we ask for volunteers, know that you can and that it matters. And when you stand in the heat, wind, rain or fair weather collecting from the wonderful, generous contributors, know that you are making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate and fulfilling the first principle of the Knights: Charity. Thanks!

Terry Leier, Deputy Grand Knight

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

Brothers, as we end the month of February and the beginning of Lent, we are looking forward toward spring. As your District Deputy, I am looking forward to the District Free Throw contest. We will be holding it at the Marion YMCA at 3740 Irish Dr. Marion, Iowa 52302. It will be held on Sunday February 27th at 1:00 pm. There is no charge for using the Marion YMCA for this event.

The winners of this event will go on to the Regional Free Throw contest which will be held at LaSalle school gym, 3700 1st Ave NW Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Regional contest will be held on Saturday, March 5th. Registration will be at 11:00 and the free throws start at 12:00 pm. Winners from this event will go on to the State Free Throw contest at Boone, Iowa on March 27th.

Gerald Fetzer DD 29

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Let's MARCH into spring with a hearty breakfast and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you March 6 at St Pius. Serving 8:30 to 10:30.

Lonnie Curry, lvcurry@gmail.com



Ash Wednesday



THE SPIRITUALITY OF LENT

With the start of Lent on March 2, the Gospel of Matthew for Ash Wednesday provides guidance on the Spirituality of Lent.

From early liturgical texts of the church, the ritual of marking one's self with ashes dates back to the 8th century. In early church tradition, sprinkling oneself with ashes was a public penance upon leaving the confessional. Sometimes the ashes were combined with the wearing of sackcloth, a coarse fabric, meant to induce discomfort as a sign of repentance and self-humiliation. In the context of that history, the ashes are a reminder of our sinfulness, recognizing our need for God's mercy.

In the gospel from Matthew (MT 6:1-6, 16-18), Jesus says: "don't be like those hypocrites" (those that do righteous deeds to be noticed); "do not make yourself to appear to be fasting". (MT 6:6) Jesus was chastising the Sadducees and Pharisees, who could be pretty pompous folks. The Sadducees protected their elite status in society by brown-nosing with the Roman regime, lining their pockets with the profits from the overpriced animals in the marketplace that people were forced to buy for their sacrificial offerings in the temple. The Pharisees paraded around in their ceremonial garb in a self-righteous emotional display of their religion. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (5:20) Jesus cautions us to not let our "righteousness surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees, [otherwise we] will not enter into the kingdom of heaven".

Our Lenten journey is characterized by acts of humility and repentance. The three legs of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (or Charity) serve to strengthen our spiritual life, especially during this Holy season. Reflecting on the gospel, we need to have the right frame of mind; the right attitude. We don't do these things to draw attention to ourselves. The acts of faith we do during Lent are meant to be done with humility, with a humbleness of heart. The ashes are an expression of our Christianity; a reminder of our immortality.

As Lent nears, let us ponder how we can be humble and to put the needs of others before our own, to turn our attention towards God and Jesus Christ. The spiritual lens of Lent helps us to focus on enriching our spirituality, thereby allowing the grace and mercy of God to change our lives and renew our hearts.

Deacon Ken Bauer

VOTE TO SELL THE MCC HALL

The vote to sell the hall is from now until March 15th.

Only votes received by midnight of March 15th will count to determine whether or not the hall is sold.

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 to be used", etc. Those types of issues will be addressed if vote is to sell the hall.

After reading the following please send your vote to cwdayton13@gmail.com by Midnight March 15th.

The following information has been gathered to help in the decision.

Any old information will be lined out and the new or updated information will follow in RED.

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
80+	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
80+	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!)

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| 1. KC Council 5677 | 16. The Marriott |
| 2. Marion American Legion | 17. Ideal Social Hall, NewBo |
| 3. Prairie Hill Pavilion | 18. Elk's Lodge |
| 4. Lowe Park | 19. Celebration Hall (Afr.-Amer. museum?) |
| 5. Epic Event Center, County Home Rd. | 20. The Olympic South Side Theater |
| 6. Thomas Park Safe Room | 21. Posh Events Center Cedar Rapids, 5th Ave. SW |
| 7. Hiawatha City Hall | 22. The Harmac, 6th Ave. SE |
| 8. Red Cedar Lodge, Wanatee Park | 23. Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite |
| 9. Shores Event Center, CR | 24. Kingston's Steakhouse & Event Center, Boyson Rd. NE |
| 10. Classic Event Center, Towne & Country Shopping Center | 25. Usher's Ferry Historic Village |
| 11. A Touch of Class, Mt. Vernon Rd. | 26. Veterans Memorial Coliseum |
| 12. Ashton Hill Farm, behind KC 5677 | 27. Cedar Rapids Jaycees |
| 13. East Bank Venue, the old Smulekoff's building | 28. The Hotel at Kirkwood Center |
| 14. The Avacentre, Bowling St., SE CR | 29. The Underground 4th St, SW |
| 15. Longbranch Event Center | 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.~~ **We will resume Lenten fish fries in March as drive thru only 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. **We will resume Lenten fish fries in March as drive thru only which we expect will not yield as much as normal fish fries.**

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