



# Knights of Columbus

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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

MARQUETTE ASSEMBLY #1197 July 2024

FN Jack Wrbanich, 920-465-3485



**Faithful Friar: Jesus spoke this parable, “Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?” (Lk 14:31). Jesus is okay with strategic planning, so long as we do so with an explicit trust in the Holy Spirit. Using clues from the Gospel, our plans need to be wise, prudent, sacrificial, and all for the**

**glory of God. Plans need to be Spirit-led and Spirit-driven. So, what is our plan? Do we have one? Have we prayed about the future and listened for the Voice?**

**The upcoming installation of officers serves as a moment of gratitude. Thank you to those who have served in the past. Thank you to those who are willing to lead and serve in the future. It seems to be getting harder and harder to find men for these positions, and we appreciate those who step-up. Where will our future leaders come from? What is our plan for five years from now?**

**Stemming from stories in the Old Testament, and the Wisdom of Jesus, it is not the size of the army, but the faithfulness of those willing to enter the battle. The God of Angel Armies is on our side when we lead with faith, and it is not all about “numbers”. However, our future plans need to include recruitment, faithfulness to the founding principles, and creative application of those principles to the needs of today. We need to invite more good men to the battlefield. I do not have the answers (of course), but I know our Lord provides guidance and encouragement.**

**Faithful Friar continued:**

**On a side note, as a pastor I recently received the fruits of many people's labors. Our local council gave \$4,000 to each of my two parishes to support education in the schools and in the parishes. Wow! Think of all the work that went into the fish fry's, the raffles, and all the work at Lambeau Field. The fruits went towards education and that is powerful and awesome. Keep up the good work! In order to keep it up, we need more Knights.**

**As you attend the installation Mass on June 29<sup>th</sup>, keep deep in your hearts the intention of more Knights for the battlefield. We pray first, then work; work while we pray; and pray while we work; all to win the battle according to God's plan.**

**Peace,**

Fr. Schuster ~*Father Daniel Schuster Faithful Friar*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June/July 2024**

**June 2024**

**A joint officer installation will be conducted on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Saint Joseph's Parish, 110 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, after the 4:00 pm Mass. The Mass intention is for the Knights of Columbus. Please remember that the preferred dress code for the Officer installation is the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform. If you do not have the uniform, a dark suit and tie (with a social baldric if available) will suffice. Let's all try to dress appropriately for this important event. More importantly, if you are part of the Honor Guard, do not forget your sword. A social will follow the Mass. A buffet style dinner will follow the officer**

## **Calendar of Events continued:**

**installation at Sonny's Pizzeria, 129 N. Madison Avenue. Cost of the buffet is \$19 per person to include the tip. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer Assembly #1528 Sturgeon Bay will be hosting the installation at St. Joseph's Parish, 110 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI, 54235. **RSVP by Tuesday, June 18 to SK Bob Reich at 920-469-0859; text me at 920-265-5796; or email Bob at [bobreich64@gmail.com](mailto:bobreich64@gmail.com). I will consolidate the RSVPs for the St. Jude and the Marquette Assemblies to Assembly #1528 by June 26.****

## **July 2024**

**FN Jack Wrbanich would like to set up an Assembly Officer meeting as soon as possible in July. The location is to be determined (TBD). SK Jack is looking at Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, as we will not have an assembly meeting that evening. Does that work for everyone? Please let me know if this date works for you as soon as possible.**



**Faithful Navigator Jack & Lady Lisa Wrbanich July 2024 FN notes:**

**Thank you for choosing me as your next Faithful Navigator of our assembly. I want to express my gratitude to outgoing Sir Knight Gary for his leadership and dedication to the Fourth Degree. I can only hope and pray that I do as good a job as Sir Knight Gary did. To those retiring and returning Assembly Officers, thank you for serving our assembly. I look forward to working with our selected team of officers as we prepare to celebrate our Orders Fourth Degree 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, February 22, 2025, of the Fourth Degree.**

**In a recent message, our Supreme Master reflected on the words from Revelation: “Behold, I make all things new!” He**

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**thought about these words while attending the Vigil Mass for the National March for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It's worth noting that Revelation 21:1-5a was the first reading, followed by the words of Psalm 117 with the refrain "You will be my witnesses to all the world."**

**SK McCusker, Supreme Master, pondered whether these words adequately describe the Fourth Degree as the visible arm of the order. I think you would agree that they do!**

**SK McCusker further stated that as we enter the 125<sup>th</sup> year of patriotic service, it's important for each of us to consider, "How can I be a witness of God's love to the world?" When thinking about this call to witness, I'm reminded of St. Francis of Assisi's powerful advice to "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." We are currently facing challenging times with discord around the world. Let's not add to the angry voices that seem to dominate all sectors of society. Instead, let's show the world by first being witnesses to the love of Christ. Rather than hastily judging others for their beliefs, let's commit to listening to them, understanding where they are coming from, and responding with love as witnesses of Christ. As patriots, let's not forget that each of the nations in the Order was founded by men and women with diverse opinions and beliefs, yet they were able to find common ground for the benefit of all.**

**Remember that the word patriot comes from the word pater or father. Our one father is God in heaven. As his sons, let us, as brothers, begin this 125<sup>th</sup> year as His witnesses to the**

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**capacity to love and heal our broken world. Then, we will genuinely be patriots.**

***Vivat Jesus and God Bless SK Jack Wrbanich, PSD***

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## **Comptroller Report July 2024**

**We honor Past Faithful Navigator Gary and Lady Dianne Janssen for the outstanding job they did supporting the assembly and the Knights of Coumbus. We welcome SK Jack Wrbanich and Lady Lisa. They have been involved with every facet of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin and beyond. FN Jack brings great experience to the job. We can expect improvement across the board. I would say, “If it’s not broken, don’t fix it. Make it better.” I expect that will happen.**

**One of the ways we can do that is to make better use of the assembly website. If you do not have a computer, continue to read the newsletter. If you have one, use [KOFCAassembly#1197.com](http://KOFCAassembly#1197.com). There is a wealth of information there. We can all make it better.**

**Past FN Gary Janssen is due for some heart procedures. Pray for his recovery and pray for all our knights and their families.**

**God bless the Knights of Columbus!**

*SK Bob Reich, Faithful Comptroller (920-469-0859) and [bobreich64@gmail.com](mailto:bobreich64@gmail.com)*

***Happy Birthday! July 2024***

**7-29: SK Rev. Dennis Bergsbaken; 7-30: SK John Bogowitz**

**7-04: SK Mark Buchanan; 7-06: SK Brian Cundiff; 7-07: SK David Demro**

**7-04: SK Jacob Fidler; 7-28: SK Edward Gafner; 7-29: SK Steve Gerrits**

**7-20: SK James Gillis; 7-14: SK Robert Hieronimczak**

**Happy Birthday continued:**

**7-23: SK Joseph Jacobs; 7-15: SK Gary Janssen; 7-06: SK Shawn Kane**

**7-31: SK Richard E. Maes, Jr.; 7-12: SK Mark Massart**

**7-27: SK Aaron Naze; 7-07: SK Norman Polasek**

**7-30: SK Deacon Jeff Prickette; 7-25: SK Nick Saldana**

**7-18: SK Gerald Schleis; 7-17: SK Vernon J. Thiry, Jr.**

**7-14: SK Jacob J. Van Schyndel; 7-14: SK Kelly G. Watzka**

## **Assembly Honor Guard Report for July 2024**

**Hello Everyone,**

**I was glad to see so many of you at the business meeting. June has been a hectic month for many reasons, but I am grateful to all of you for the amazing jobs you do! Congratulations to Vernon Thiry on winning the prize for the Mighty Men award, and to all honor guard that received the award certificate. It will be in the mail soon. A special welcome to SK Dave Mather who has purchased the regalia. We look forward to seeing him at future events! Also exciting news, SK Karl Schroeder has volunteered to be our assistant commander for the Assembly. He will fill in for me when I am not present.**

**It was suggested at the business meeting that honor guard participation be included in the monthly newsletter. We need everyone's help to make this work.**

**If you are in the honor guard and have not been getting my email, please contact me at [KofC1990@gmail.com](mailto:KofC1990@gmail.com). Our assembly still reimburses \$200 of your regalia cost. Please save your receipt and give it to the Faithful Comptroller for reimbursement. Have a blessed summer and stay cool!**

**Yours in Christ,**

*SK Jacob Van Schyndel, Commander.* If you have questions, please contact SK Jacob Van Schyndel, Honor Guard Commander, at 920-265-1680 or email him at [kofc1990@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1990@gmail.com).