

KNIGHT LINES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNINGS COUNCIL 3955

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 5th Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45) & Monthly Meeting (7PM) – OLOL Parish Center
- 11th Corporate Communion at St. Mary's (10 AM)
- 13th KC Special Peoples Dinner & Dance (OLOL)
- 14th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 24th Diocesan Free Throw Contest (WDHS)
- 28th 40 Days for Life Begins

MARCH

- 3rd ESTO VIR – St. Pius X Parish, Appleton
- 5th 1st Degree (6:00), Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45) & Monthly Meeting (7PM) – OLOL
- 11th 2nd & 3rd Degree - OLOL
- 13th KC Special Peoples Dinner & Dance (OLOL)
- 23rd-25th Tootsie Roll Program
- 24th Pro-Life Walk (Oneida Street)
- 30th **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 31st De Pere Christian Outreach

JANUARY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Drew Weisse

JANUARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Mark & Maureen Mommaerts

Financial Report

Savings:	\$39,858.52
Checking:	\$9,606.55
Bereavement Account:	\$500.00
Columbian Account:	\$138,834.16

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Council Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center. Youth (6:30), Charity (6:30) and Officer's meetings will precede our regular meeting. Lecturer Drew Weisse will be serving another delicious meal. Please come and share some fellowship with your Brother Knights.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Our next Corporate Communion is Sunday, February 11th at St. Mary's in Ledgeview. Please join us for Mass at 10 AM followed by food and fellowship with your Brother Knights and parishioners. This is an excellent recruiting tool to gain new members.

The leadership of the council would encourage as many Brother Knights to attend the event. Please make sure to wear your KC shirt so we are well recognized. We have seen attendance at these important events dwindle in recent years. A great way to grow our council of new Catholic men is to support events like the Corporate Communion.

Thanks to Bob & Ellen Coenen and Mark & Ann Knutson for hosting the event.

STATE CHARITY RAFFLE

Brother Knights,
Please get your raffle tickets out and sell or buy them as soon as possible. It may be only January, but April will be here before you know it. The more tickets we sell, the more charity requests we can make from the state council to benefit those in most need. If you need additional tickets, please call John Wilmet at (920) 336-3074. Thanks for your support!



Chaplain's Corner

“Pray without Ceasing” (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Dear Brother Knights,

Peace to all!

As the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th my thought goes to the most important message from our Blessed Mother in all her apparitions over the centuries, i.e., **PRAY..PRAY...PRAY...**

We all pray daily. Some of us have fixed time to pray individually and as family. If we do not have set time for prayer, please consider it as more important. The Word of God is inviting us to **pray unceasingly!!!** What does it mean? Does it mean that we sit down all 24x7 and pray only? For most of us it is not possible as we have also many other responsibilities towards our family and community. **To pray without ceasing is very simple, yet highly rich!!!!**

Prayer in its real sense is union with God. This union with God is not just for a fixed time of the day or night; rather it is for all through day and night!!! Always becoming consciously aware that I am a child of God, and God my Father is always with me, and I live in His presence. This awareness of God's presence in my every moment of life - will make my life itself – Prayer. I have heard people saying **“my work is prayer”!!** This is an excuse for those who do not want or like to pray, and this how the enemy – the devil will deceive us.

We as Christians can be always deceived by the devil just because we belong to the Lord through the grace of our Baptism. In the ‘busy’ schedule of our life and ministry as Knights, may have the temptation to think that whatever we do is prayer. We need to be extremely careful not to neglect the virtue of prayer. St. John Mary Viany says, **“Prayer is the key that opens heaven.”** Therefore **“whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”** (Colossians 3:17) If we are willing to put into our daily life this word of God at every moment, we will grow as children of God, as children fully committed in doing God's will always and everywhere. Then we can confidently say that we pray unceasingly, and will never say that work is prayer. This prayer attitude to our life activities will make us holy and perfect before our heavenly Father. Pray...pray...pray ... always and everywhere.

God bless everyone,

Father Benny Jacob

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Mother & Unborn Baby Care	\$500
De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer	\$150
Syble Hopp Winter Blast	\$500
Eye Heart World	\$500
De Pere Fire & Police Recognition Banquet	\$380
Spiritus	\$125

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Abbot Pennings Council welcomes **Jim Begotka, Erich Lennon, Peter Brauer, Joe Vanden Avond, Tom Stansfield and Fr. Benny Jacob** into the Knights of Columbus upon taking their First Degree on Sunday, January 21st. We appreciate and thank them for their commitment to service to those in need through the practice of our Catholic religion. If you are aware of any gentleman over 18 who wish to know more about the Knights, please call Steve Cribben at 606-4700.

PRO-LIFE

After Masses the weekend of January 13th & 14th, our council collected donations for the Roses 4 Life program. In all, we collected over \$1500. These funds are donated directly to those programs in our area that support pro-life including AA Alexandrina, and Mother of Unborn Baby Care

Thanks to the following Knight and family members who helped:

St. Mary's: Bob Coenen, Bob Caprario, Matt Kaftan, David Wheeler, Mike Eikenberry, Cameron Wittman, Dave Pearson and Family, Fran DeCleene.
Thanks Phil

St. Francis: Jack and Mary Kay Bressers, Daryl Hutjens, Pat Byrne, Larry Vande Hei, Bob Phillips, Ron and Jeff Willems, Lou Cyganek

Our Lady of Lourdes: Jeff, Holly, Joey & Maggie Macklin, Mark Maureen, Zach, Belle, & Ben Mommaerts, Craig, Ben & Sam Schmidt, John & Carol Mueller, Ryan, Leah, Micah & Miranda Jaecks, and Mark, Sue, Vaughn, Elizabeth & Leo Gerrits.

Richard Porior, Chairman

COUNCIL

During November and December, our council held the council level Free Throw Contest at the De Pere area public and parochial schools. Notre Dame had 175 participants, OLOL had 86, Westwood had 163 and

Hemlock Creek had 244! Led by Gene Coonen the workers included Dave Pearson, Lou Cyganek, Ed Kiley, Mike Malchow, Adam Turriff, Dave Touchet, Gerry Berner, Rick Johnson, Arie DeWaal, Kevin Smits, Gregg Bottei, Fran De Cleene, Ron Van Dyck, Pat Moran, Ron Coenen, Jack Bressers, Phil Wittman, Steve Vermeulen, John Mueller and Dennis Leiterman. The diocesan level competition takes place Saturday, February 24th at West De Pere High School. Thanks for your help!

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

170 students from OLOL and Notre Dame Schools participated in the Christmas Poster Contest this year. Congratulations to the winners!

1st grade – Josie Thomson – Notre Dame
2nd Grade – Zach Nelson – Notre Dame
3rd Grade – Andrew Stile – OLOL
4th Grade – Isabel Derouin - OLOL

Thanks to Ron and Kathy Kocken for chairing the event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tim Bald, Bob Caprario, Todd Collar, Frank De Bruin, Greg De Cleene, Adam De Cleene, Pete Esser, William Feldkamp, Ross Ficarri, Mark Fischer, Bob Gereau, Iggy Gorenc, Tom Gorzlaneyk, Brett Healy, Jeremy Jerdee, Matt Kaftan, Jack Kellerman, Norb Keyser, Norm Koelbl, Mike Kramer, Charlie Leiterman, Jim Manders, John Meyer, Dan Mundt, Dan Nehls, Tom Olejniczak, Gary Putnam, Randy Romenesko, Stuart Romenesko, Shawn Shrader, John Steckart, Dave Touchet, John Van de Ven, John Vandersteen, Steve Vermeulen, Jason Widi, Jesse Zastrow

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Brother Knights,
Now that the holidays are over we should all spend some time reflecting on the message of Advent....The coming of Christ and the joy he brought to the world. Having an outlook of joy in our hearts through good times and bad times is a challenge for us as Christians. But if we are to keep Christ's commandments to "Love thy neighbor" and "Love thy enemy", we need to keep the joy of Christ alive in our hearts every day. Constant prayer and offering up our challenges will allow Christ to help us carry our crosses throughout life and spread the message of joy to all we encounter.

God Bless

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KNIGHT LITES

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 2017-2018

OFFICERS

Chaplain.....	Father Benny Jacob	336-4033
Grand Knight.....	Dave Pearson	632-4035
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Corey Coonen	819-9409
Chancellor.....	Dale Brown	327-2860
Advocate.....	Pat Lennon	336-4381
Warden.....	TBD	000-0000
Recorder.....	Matt Diederich	360-5926
Treasurer.....	John Wilmet	336-3074
Financial Secretary	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961
Inside Guard.....	Dennis Leiterman.....	336-0364
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Lecturer.....	Drew Weisse	770-7111

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MEETING NIGHTS (August-June)

1st Monday of each month.
 Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
 Officers and Charity meetings are 30 minutes before regular meeting. All meetings are held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center (at the end of Lourdes Ave.)

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Program	Corey Coonen	819-9409
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Council.....	Steve Cribben	606-4700
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Pro-Life.....	Richard Porrior	339-9376
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	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Lambeau Scanning.....	Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Resch Center	Matt Diederich.....	360-5926

ROUND TABLES

Our Lady of Lourdes.....	John Mueller.....	336-8691
St. Francis	Larry Vande Hei	336-7281
St. Mary's.....	Phil Wittman.....	336-6450
St. Mary's Glenmore/Stark.....	Patrick Phillips.....	819-6677

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Father Benny Jacob	336-4033
Dale Brown-Chairman	327-2860
Dave Pearson	632-4035
Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Matt Diederich	360-5926
Corey Coonen	819-9409
Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

INSURANCE

James Patz.....	(920) 264-8745
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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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