



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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FATHERS NELLEN COUNCIL # 6371 - PO Box 322 - WAUNAKEE, WI 53597-0322

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Chris Lezotte

Chris is a Knight we should all emulate, his selfless acts of charity and volunteering were on full display not only during the WaunaFest weekend where he helped out at the food booth on Friday and Saturday, but he also marched in the WaunaFest parade with the KofC Fourth Degree float. Chris can also be seen helping at KofC rollerskating, coaching St John's School basketball, pancake breakfasts, and around St John's School. What is also so admirable is his ability to be a strong Catholic husband and father. It is seldom to see a Soccer Challenge, Punt Pass and Kick or Free Throw Championship that Chris is not at with his sons and family. Chris truly depicts the Knights motto of "in service to one, in service to all".

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Dan and Annette Kruschek Family

The Kruscheks not only volunteer for the church and charities they open up their home and families to better the lives of four young children who were born with birth defects. The Kruscheks traveled overseas to adopt their future children and then ensure they received the lifesaving health care they so desperately needed. The Kruschek children welcomed their new brothers and sisters into their home and have openly sought out their own opportunities to perform charitable acts. Hattie Kruschek is currently in Israel helping families and children in need of heart surgery. When you see Dan, Annette, Hattie, Charlie, Isaac, Eli, Norah, Evelyn, Clara and Lewis around town, please congratulate them and thank them for making St. John's, Waunakee and Wisconsin a better place to live and be models for charitable acts for all of us.

LIFE

PAST EVENTS

- **Hattie Kruschek Mission Trip:** The council approved \$500 to offset the costs for Hattie to travel to Israel with Save a Child's Heart to provide lifesaving cardiac care to children from developing countries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mallards Game Alternative.** The Knights Insurance agents cancelled the annual Mallards game and was hoping to hold a potluck picnic, however timing did not work out. In lieu of these events which would have raised money for the Women's Care Center, to help offset the potential loss of donations, our General Agent is asking each Council to consider a direct donation to the Women's Care Center or individual knights to consider a personal donation. The Officers will discuss at the Officer meeting and bring their recommendation to the August Business Meeting.

FAITH

PAST EVENTS

- **State Bowling Tournament Results.** Congratulations to all participants at this year's State Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to the following brother knights on placing and receiving a cash prize:
 - Singles: 21st place Tom Ibinger \$ 50.00
 - Singles Scratch: 4th place Tom Ibinger \$ 30.00
 - Doubles: 1st place Don Keller & Andrew Schmitz \$ 200.00
 - Doubles: 15th place Bob Patt & Dennis Hampton \$ 85.00
 - Doubles: 16th place Verlin Schmitz & Greg Schmitz \$ 80.00
- **St John Bosco Fire on the Hill:** The council approved \$100 to assist in the costs to host the annual event on October 5 for a day of faith and fellowship just for the youth at Holy Hill.



- **Annual Seminarians versus Priests Soccer Match** – the annual soccer match between the seminarians and priests was held on Sunday, August 4 at St Aloysius in Sauk. It was a fun and competitive game. The match was officiated by Knights from our Council, Don Keller and Erik Hayko. The Seminarians continued their winning streak with an extra time (overtime) win 4-3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Donation towards St John's School Heating and Cooling Installation.** The officers are recommending a donation at or around \$5,000 to help offset costs incurred by the parish to install the much needed heating and cooling system in the school. We will bring this to the August Business Meeting for discussion, approval and the determining the best timing to make the donation.
- **Novena for our Nation/Rosary Coast to Coast.** You are encouraged to participate in a Novena for our Nation from August 15 through October 7. Also the annual Rosary Coast to Coast will help on October 13 at 3:00 PM (central). To learn more visit <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com>
- **Saturday Morning Men's Group:** 7:00-8:00 AM in the Gathering Room, the group is learning about the 14 Rules for Spiritual Discernment from St Ignatius. There is a YouTube presentation by Father Timothy Gallagher and discussion following the presentation.
- **September 14: Patrick Madrid,** Best selling Catholic Author and Relevant Radio Personality Patrick Madrid will be speaking at our Fall Conference from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Saint John the Baptist in Waunakee. All men and women are invited to attend. Registration is available online at the www.stjb.org website. Scroll down on the Home page and click on "WeShare Saint John", scroll down on the next page and click "Attend This Event" for the Patrick Madrid Fall Conference. Admission is \$20 per person. This event is being jointly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6371 and the Thursday Morning Men's Group.
- **Thursday Morning Men's Group,** on sabbatical until mid-September, stay tuned for the next meeting date.

FAMILY

PAST EVENTS

- **July 29: Fifth Monday Meal at Men's Shelter**, Chuck Frederick led his brother knights: Dan Meyer, Erik Hayko, Cam Hayko, Tom Dorn and his son Noah to serve 70 hot meals at the Grace Episcopal Church homeless shelter in Madison.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stay tuned or email ehayko@tds.net for items you think should be included here

COMMUNITY

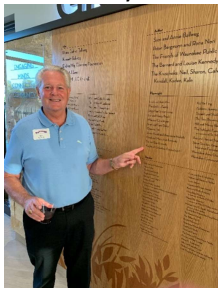
Past Events

- **Sauk Prairie Against Hunger**. The officers approved \$500 to offset costs for the annual event. Stay tuned for more details on registration to the upcoming event this fall.
- **WaunaFest Breakfast** – a special thanks to Jim Tillman and his wonderful team who served over 300 breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.



WaunaFest Parade – Rufino Arce and his son Willie, daughters Daisy and Ashley, Penn Vieu, Chris Lezotte, and Jim Kluck all marched in the WaunaFest parade with the Fourth Degree Honor Guard (Dave, Mike, Ed, John; and pickup driver for float; Keith). Special thanks to Gerry Bauer, who created and provided the float, and Don Keller and Dennis Hampton, who both helped with logistics.

Pictured above : Rufino Arce and his son Willie and daughters Daisy and Ashley



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **O'Malley Street Apartment Fire Victims**. The State Council made direct donations of \$300 to the six victims displaced as a result of the fire. The Officers are recommending a donation to each individual who reaches back out to our Council. To date we have received thank you notes from four of the six individuals. We can discuss this at our August Business Meeting.



WaunaFest Food Booth – Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Knights Food Booth. Without all the great help we could not have done such a wonderful job. The final numbers are still being compiled, however it can be clearly seen that the cheese curds were a great addition. A big thank you to Dennis Hampton, Michael Finley, Ed Gilkes, Bob Sachtjen for organizing the food booth.

Pictured above : Matthew Gonnering, Jim Haag and Don Olsen work at the KC WaunaFest Food Booth.

Library Dedication – Our council donated \$10,000 to the construction of the new Waunakee Library. The library is now complete and was dedicated in July

Pictured: Past Grand Knight and current Trustee Bob Sachtjen pointing to the council's name on the dedication board.

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT DENNIS O'CONNELL

Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Although this message has been prepared prior to the convention, here are some predictions: The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.

The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.

We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2018; 18 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)

We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund. Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve. I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom. This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in these parishes here—you, my brother knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and reaching Star Council this next fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – AUGUST



That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."