



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 , 2019 AT 7:00 PM
NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 , 2019 AT 7:00 PM

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Steve Geishirt

For 37 years, Steve has been a Knight and third degree Knight, during that time he has been very active in our parish and council. In addition to volunteering for many events sponsored by the council, Steve is a Cantor at Mass and led a Saturday evening guitar choir. To help increase the faith within the parish and build fellowship and strengthen our community and diocese, Steve is a founding Core team member of the Thursday Morning Men's Group, while also filling in as a discussion leader, emcee and social activities director during the Thursday Morning Men's Group breakout sessions. Steve is also a chaperone for the parish's Love Begins Here Service Missions. Steve has also stepped up to organize a Men of Christ conference in Madison for 2021; this is a Diocesan wide event that has the support of Bishop Donald Hying.



WANTED



Your council WANTS YOU to become our next Deputy Grand Knight (term started July 1, 2019) and Grand Knight (July 1, 2021).

Become the Deputy Grand Knight now and you have already served four months of your term ☺

If you are a third or fourth degree Knight you may be our next Deputy Grand Knight and after learning the ins and outs then the Grand Knight.

Do you hear the calling? Call back and speak to the many past Grand Knights to learn more about what being a Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight entails.

Please call Erik Hayko (608) 692-3646 or email ehayko@tds.net to learn more.

This WANTED Poster will remain in the newsletters until YOU answer the call. We are awaiting your call.

VALLEY OF OUR LADY MONASTERY - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

At the October Council meeting, we heard a presentation on the community of Cistercian sisters at Valley Of Our Lady Monastery in Prairie du Sac and their efforts to build a much-needed new monastery. The community, the only order of their type in the English-speaking world, has called the Madison Diocese home since 1957. They are, unfortunately, living in facilities never intended to be a permanent monastery. The buildings are showing the effects of time and are becoming increasingly unsafe and unhealthy. They also do not provide enough room for the 22 sisters there and the community's growing vocations, and the environment itself is not conducive to their monastic way of life.

The sisters have a master plan and have embarked on a campaign (For the Glory of God) to build a new monastery, still in the Diocese of Madison. The sisters realize their overall goal of \$18 million for the project is a very large one, especially for a group of cloistered nuns. So they have broken the project into two phases. They are already 50% of the way to their first phase goal of \$10-12 million, which would provide them living quarters, a temporary chapel and guest quarters, and their altar bread workshop, which would allow them to continue to support themselves through the work of their hands.

While the sisters are pleased and humbly thankful for their progress so far, they still have a long way to go. Please consider supporting the sisters with your prayers, of course, but also financially. You can learn more about them, their project, their campaign, and how you can help at their website: <https://build.valleyofourlady.org> All donations large or small are important, please consider making a personal donation to the campaign, if you know of others who may be interested in donating, please spread the message.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact fellow KC member Paul Merline (608-516-3237, or pmerline@mcdonaldschaefer.com) from Council #3099 in Roxbury/Sauk City who is assisting the sisters in their efforts. Thank you and God Bless You!

COMMUNITY

PAST EVENTS

- **Coats for Kids** – at the September Business Meeting the Council approved the purchase of six boxes of coats (total 72 coats) to be donated St Vincent de Paul. In addition Tom Foster is organizing a coat collection for gently used coats, collection bins are here; if you have gently used coats please begin to gather the coats and donate them.
- **Waunakee Food for Kidz** – the officers approved \$500 to help support this year's food pack event.
- **Manna Food Pack in Sauk City** – Our council had a nice representation on Friday, October 25 at the food pack event held in Sauk City. The council was represented by Shane and Dana Fetters along with family and friends, Tom Dorn and friends, Mike and Sandy Finley, Dennis Hampton, Dan Meyer and Chuck Frederick.
- **Punt, Pass and Kick Competition and Soccer Challenge:** Several of our council competitors recently competed at the Diocesan level competition and advanced to the State competition. Please help me congratulate the following Diocesan first place and second place finishers and State qualifiers:
Soccer Challenge
 - Jackson Sheahan (9 yr old boys)
 - Matt Comins (12 yr old boys)
 - Alyssa Statz (9 yr old girls)
 - Amanda Comins (13 yr old girls)
 - Allison Johnson (11 yr old girls)Punt, Pass and Kick
 - Aiden Meinholz (12 yr old boys)
 - Kayla Johnson (11 yr old girls)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Cleanup** – The Council will be leading fall cleanup again on November 2 and 8. Please contact Ed Gilkes if you are interested in lending a hand to help with yard cleanup for our residents in need of a little assistance.
- **Men's Shelter 2020 Schedule** – Our council feeds men staying at a Madison homeless shelter on the fifth Monday of every month. In 2020, we will be doing so on March 30, June 29, August 31, and November 30.

FAMILY

PAST EVENTS

- **St Mary of the Lake Country Fair** – The officers approved a \$500 donation to help support this year's Country Fair. Thank you to all who volunteered and made the Country Fair a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Party** – Mark your calendars, December 15 5:00 PM at Rex's Innkeeper we will be holding our Christmas Party. We will be recognizing some very special and honored guests, please consider attending.
- **Holiday Nut Sales** – It's that time of year again. Holiday Nut Sales begin November 2 and run through the first week of January. These are popular Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. A few more volunteers are needed, please contact Bob Sachtjen to learn more 608-218-0872 rsachtjen@charter.net

FAITH

PAST EVENTS

- **Advent Books** – The Officers approved the purchase (\$375) of 200 copies of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover the Saints* book to be handed out to parishioners during this upcoming Advent.
- **Welcome Weekend** – The Officers approved a donation of \$210 to offset the cost for the Welcome Weekend Retreat. 12 women attended the October conference, unfortunately the men's conference had to be cancelled. Please mark your calendars, a women's conference will be held March 28 and 29 and the men's conference will be held April 4 and 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Patriotic Rosary** – a Patriotic Rosary will be held November 11 at 7:00 PM in the old church, a reception will follow in the Narthex in the new church at the conclusion of the rosary. Please consider attending, word is spreading and parishioners from other parishes are even attending.
- **Memorial Mass** – A memorial mass will be held on November 2 at 8pm. Whether you have lost a family member or friend and wish to honor and remember them you are invited to attend. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass. The Men's Choir will be singing, the Men's Choir sings twice a year, if you would like to join the choir, please call Don Keller 850-3765 or e-mail dmkeller6344@gmail.com.

LIFE

PAST EVENTS

- **Lifesavers for Life** – Thank to Chuck Frederick and Fred Riederer for leading this year's annual lifesavers for life on October 26 and 27. Thank you to all of you who helped out after masses, the donations will go to support the Women's Care Center and Pro-life efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **40 Days for Life** will run from September 25 through November 3, prayer will be on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 3706 Orin Road. You may sign up online at <http://vigilforlife.org> or call Jan Hess at (608) 697-9333. Our parish has signed up for the early morning shift like in year's past, please consider contacting Dan Endres or Tom Foster to pray for the end to abortion on Saturday mornings from 4AM to 6AM. One hour shifts are an option

MONTHLY CHALLENGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

(Gospel for Oct. 27, Lk 18:14)

We live in the age of the selfie, in what the writer David Brooks has called the culture of “the Big Me.” Such a culture constantly urges us to “exalt” ourselves, but as Christians we need to be radically different by striving for humility. This means coming to terms with our pride, our desire for “likes,” approval and recognition. As Mother Teresa put it, “It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent.” Surrounded by the message to exalt ourselves, may we instead seek to humble ourselves and demonstrate real love to others.

This month, I challenge you to kneel before a crucifix each morning and ask Christ to give you the gift of humility. I also challenge you, in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray the rosary (either as a council through the Faith in Action Rosary program or as an individual) for an increase in humility.

What are some ways you can grow in humility? How can you strengthen your resistance to the lure of others’ praise and the sting of their criticism? Did the act of humbling yourself before Christ on the cross teach you anything about how to be humble?

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT – THE THEME FOR OCTOBER IS “REAL LIFE STORIES”

As Thanksgiving approaches at the end of the month, I like to take stock of all the things I’m thankful for. It’s easy to say family and friends, those are blessings; and we sometimes take them for granted...but how about the little things in life. It might be that smile you get from person who hands you your cup of coffee in the morning, it may be relishing the crisp air on an autumn day. It may be a simple stroll in the park marveling at God’s nature abounding. Maybe the joy of helping an older neighbor with a chore. All little things to be thankful for.

When I think about helping older neighbors I often wonder just how many members have taken advantage of help that they might need as they age. Some won’t be able to do the simple activities of daily living. They’ll need assistance, and with our mobile society may not have a relative nearby to help. That’s where our Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance plan might help.

Many people don’t know how a long-term care insurance policy helps cover the costs of care when the policy holder has a chronic medical condition, a disability or a disorder such as Alzheimer’s disease. You can receive care in your home, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or an adult day care center.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you’ve worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. They could all be wiped out with even a short stay in a nursing home. The website: <https://longtermcare.acl.gov/costs-how-to-pay/costs-of-care.html> says that Home Health Care costs about \$22/hour, Assisted Living Facilities about \$4,245 per month and Nursing Home \$85,000 per year. More expensive areas of the country are more than that. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren’t eager to talk about long term care; but it’s important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it’s more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you’re younger.

I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need, when you need and where you want it.

Let’s talk and see how you can protect your assets.

Vivat Jesus!

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