



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT 7:00 PM
NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Ronald Paar

Ron has been a Knight for 45 years and continues to be engaged in the parish and community. Ron has been an usher for over 30 years and been recognized as Knight of the Month many times. Ron volunteers in the Lifesavers for Life campaign and Tootsie Roll Drive for intellectual disabilities. Ron is active with the American Legion, pictured to the left his Ron with the color guard at WaunaBoom. You will see Ron and the color guard participating in parades and funerals, as well as special events on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Ron and his wife Barb are very strong Catholics. Barb is involved in St. John's Piecemakers quilt group and helps with funeral lunches and many other activities like Ron. When you see Ron, please thank him for all that he does for the community, parish and Knights.

KNIGHTLY CHALLENGE TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS

Last month, I provided a number to all of you, 8,760, this is the number of hours in a year and a challenge to each of you to find 1-2 hours a year to volunteer at an event sponsored by the Knights. That challenge also applies to recruiting new members and countering the argument that a future knight does not have enough time. This month the theme is similar, my focus will be finding events, programs or groups that support your interests and the interests of prospective knights.

Please consider the following. What events do the knights lead that are of interest to you? I am not asking you to lead an event, rather help plan, participate or support an event. The knights have events that should align with one or more of your interests. Such as, events that benefit your children and family, build and support your faith, permit you to give back to your community, permit you to give back to the church or help the church grow, or support activities that promote life. What I have just described is the Knights Faith in Action programs that promote Family, Faith, Community and Life and not coincidentally is how the monthly newsletter is organized.

What interests you? Do you see a program that interests you? Are you unsure? Speak to a brother knight to learn more or reach out to me, I can be reached at (608) 692-3646 or ehayko@tds.net or at our Officer or Business Meetings, calendar of these meetings appear at the top of every newsletter.

Challenge yourself to commit 1-2 hours a year and see where that takes you. Challenge yourself to recruit one new member:

- 10/12 – 10/13 Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements to join the Knights
- 10/16 First Degree

DIOCESAN MEETING UPDATES

Many congratulations go out to all in our Council. Our Council was recognized for 455% participation in Culture of Life and 100% participation in Penny a Knight a Day. Both programs are included as optional dues, our participation level shows the commitment to these programs by each of you supporting these optional dues or in many cases doubling, tripling or contributing even more to these efforts.

Every year the State Office returns a portion of the proceeds from the Tootsie Roll drive, our Council received \$4,519.20 that will be donated to four organizations that support children with intellectual disabilities. \$993 will be donated to each of the following organizations: Central Wisconsin Center, Birth to Three Connection and Family Support and Resource Center. \$224 will be donated to Wisconsin Badger Camp.

Every year the State Office returns a portion of our Council's state raffle sales, this year a check for \$1,403 was received and deposited into our charity bank account.

FAITH

PAST EVENTS

- **Sisters of Mary Morningstar** – At the September Business Meeting, the Council approved donating \$500 to the Sisters of Mary Morningstar in Monona towards their chapel capital campaign fund. Hopefully, you all had an opportunity to experience the sisters chanting at mass and purchase crafts, jams or honey.
- **Fifth Sunday Rosary** – A fifth Sunday rosary was held before the 8:00 mass on September 29. Special thank you to Ben Pike, Dave Kalscheur, Marshall Frey and Tom Foster who lead a decade of the rosary with fifty parishioners joining in.



- **Patrick Madrid:** The Thursday Morning Men's Group and our Council coordinated and brought Patrick Madrid from Relevant Radio into our parish to give three riveting discussions on our faith on September 14th. Over 300 attended the event and had the opportunity to meet and listen to Patrick Madrid.
- **Thursday Morning Men's Group is BACK** – If you missed the first meeting on September 26, please consider attending it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fraternity while building your understanding of your Catholic faith. See you on Thursdays at 6 AM in the church narthex. If this is too early or does not work, consider other Men's groups on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cistercian Sisters** – Paul Merline from the Sauk Knights of Columbus Council will be our guest speaker at our business meeting on October 16 to speak to us about an order of sisters near Sauk City. **Please consider attending our business meeting, a large audience would be great to see.**
- **Welcome Weekend** – The first Women's Welcome retreat will be held October 5th and 6th at St John's please let your wives know; for all wives reading this newsletter, please sign up, your husband has already agreed to watch the kids, grandkids or clean the house 😊. The second annual Men's Welcome retreat will be held October 19th and 20th at St John's, please sign up, more men are needed to make the retreat a success.
 - Women's Weekend: <https://forms.gle/HH8KafurtBS3EnJi6>
 - Men's Weekend: <https://forms.gle/X3xMo1FQZcuexKtZ7>
 - Contact Dan Uppena uppenada25@gmail.com (815) 954-1103
- **Confirmation** – St John will be hosting a confirmation on October 6. Please pray for those being confirmed
- **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.

FAMILY

PAST EVENTS

- **Fall Picnic** – Our council held the annual fall picnic on September 8 for the parish. An estimated 150 parishioners were served and \$558 was collected and will be donated to the Waunakee Food Pantry. Special thanks to Ed Gilkes for leading the event and all those who helped set up, grill, prepare food, serve and cleanup. All of you made this event 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.

LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lifesavers for Life** – Please consider signing up for the annual lifesavers for life, the sale will be occurring after masses on October 26 and 27. Please see Chuck Frederick for sign up times at St Johns and Rick Maier for sign up times at St Mary's.
- **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
- **Rosary Coast to Coast**. The annual Rosary Coast to Coast will help on October 13 at 3:00 PM (central). To learn more visit <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com>

COMMUNITY

PAST EVENTS

- **Wauktoberfest** – once again Wauktoberfest was a true success, special thanks to Dennis Hampton and all of you who volunteered to make the event a success. This event continues to grow and be a success every year, and every year you all rise to the challenge serving to make it a success, all who volunteered should be very proud of themselves.



- **Punt, Pass and Kick Competition and Soccer Challenge**: The competitions were held September 8. Twelve boys and girls participated in the Punt, Pass and Kick competitions. Seventeen boys and girls participated in the Soccer Challenge. A special thank you to the Waunakee High School Soccer and Football players who came out and helped run the events. Thank you Gerry Daniels and Erik Hayko for leading these events.
- **Coats for Kids** – at the September Business Meeting the Council approved the purchase of six boxes of coats to be donated St Vincent de Paul.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sauk Prairie Against Hunger** – the annual food pack will be held October 24 – 26 at Sauk Prairie Grand Avenue Elementary School. This is a great event for a great cause to help feed children and families around the world. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marshall Frey or Erik Hayko.
- **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 help with yard cleanup for our residents in need of a little assistance.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” (Gospel for Sept. 8, Lk 14:27-28)

In more than four decades as a priest and bishop, I’ve been involved with building a number of new churches and schools. We often start by “dreaming big.” Then reality hits: What are we willing to spend? Jesus is asking each of us a similar question about our life of faith. In our lifelong journey to become saints, are we regularly sitting down to consider the cost and fully prepare ourselves to pay it? My brothers, above all other things, may we always prepare to carry our crosses and give our entire lives to Christ.

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the life of one of the martyrs and how he or she was prepared to pay any price to follow Christ. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program or read *Into the Breach* on your own with a particular eye toward how we can best prepare to carry our crosses. What cross is Christ asking you to carry in your life? Are you willingly taking up the cross and seeking to follow Christ or trying to avoid the cross? In what concrete ways can you imitate the martyrs’ total commitment to Christ?

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

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship. There are two stories I’d like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children’s activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn’t the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.” Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He’s done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer” ...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven’t done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It’s about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer’s family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don’t know; you don’t hear about those men. Because the council didn’t have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you’ll never know it...because he planned. Let’s sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.