



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

Until further notice there will be no in-person business or officer meetings. The officers will meet online through video conferencing. If you have any agenda items for the officers to consider please contact Erik Hayko at ehayko@tds.net (608) 692-3646.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

All first responders, doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic staff, and all essential personnel

We are in unprecedented times, this is also raising awareness to displays of the human good and looking out for our families, community and those at greatest risk. The Knights of the Month are all of those Brother Knights who are leaving the safety of their homes to care for others whether it is treating illnesses related to or unrelated to COVID 19, supporting those who are providing this direct care as it is truly a team effort. The Knights of the Month also includes our first responders who also are placing their lives at greater risk than they do on a "normal" day to maintain public safety. The Knights of the Month also include all of the businesses and their employees who remain open permitting all of us and the community to receive us the essential services we need to survive these times but even more importantly to permit the doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic staff and all essential personnel to be able to get to work to provide those essential services.

A very special thank you from all of your Brother Knights for all that you do to keep us safe and to help us stay healthy and get us through these unprecedented times. Stay healthy, stay safe and THANK YOU!

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Family has gained a whole new meaning over the last couple of weeks. Prior to April we had been living at an unmanageable pace, for those with children we were running them to activity after activity, we ourselves may have found ourselves doing the same for ourselves. This is not entirely bad, however it can place the four categories of our Faith in Action program at risk, Faith, Family, Life and Community as we may be too focused on our activities and less on the truly important things. This pandemic has forced a pause and refocus. It has refocused our efforts on our family, partially because our families have become our co-workers, teachers; but more importantly has permitted us to refocus our attention on our families as we are now truly spending 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with our family.

Our Families of the Month are you and your family, who are now serving as teachers to your children, serving as caregivers to your family members, and now being a co-worker with your spouse if both are now working from home. This may be an inconvenience, however it is more importantly an opportunity to strengthen and refocus our attention on our family relationships that will help us navigate these difficult times but also provide an opportunity to build a stronger foundation to maintain after the pandemic is over. This is also an opportunity to build and strengthen your faith and the faith of your family by praying together and rediscovering your faith. This is an opportunity to give back to your community by helping deliver groceries or food or other activities that help others in need while maintaining social distancing. An opportunity to promote life, place a renewed focus on promoting and maintaining life. Take this as an opportunity to spend quality time with your family, if you are home alone, call a family member or friend by phone or video chat. We need to maintain isolation, but we do not need to do this alone, we can do it as a family.

FAMILY

FAITH

LIFE

COMMUNITY

These are unprecedented times, our lives have definitely been disrupted and affected. Church, events, and day to day activities are being cancelled. During these difficult times, do you need assistance or do you know a brother knight or parishioner who needs assistance?

There are many things we as Knights can do that still promote Charity, Unity, and Fraternity while still complying with the social distancing guidelines.

Consider the following, if you are in need of a Knight reaching out to you for one of the following or would like to do one of the following for a Brother Knight or someone in need. Please contact me, or reach out directly to your brother Knight in need or whoever is in need.

Charity - grocery shopping and delivery. This can be done by picking up a grocery list and method of payment from a front porch, do the shopping and then deliver back to the front porch.

Unity - do you need someone to pray with? Praying the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Formed videos with discussion afterwards. All of this can be done over the phone, FaceTime, Skype, or other communicate tool (except tin cans and string)

Fraternity - Do you need someone to talk to? Phone calls are still a great way to communicate. Are you on the council's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WaunakeeWestport-Knights-of-Columbus-132085603804533/>). Our Facebook site is underutilized and can serve as a great tool to communicate. Like and a follow our website. With March Madness cancelled I have seen posts where brackets have been created for movies, historical sports teams or players and many other ideas.

If you are in need of assistance for an item listed above or not listed above, please reach out to a brother knight or me. If you know of someone who needs assistance please reach out to them on your own. We are being advised to be socially distant that applies to physical distancing that does not apply to social interaction if physical controls are in place where the Coronavirus or the flu cannot be spread.

God bless you and your family and stay safe and healthy,

Erik Hayko
Grand Knight
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FAMILY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fellowship Weekends** – Every third weekend after masses at St John's our council and other groups will be hosting fellowship weekends to bring parishioners together and enjoy some fellowship. In the kitchenette we will be serving cookies (after evening masses) and donuts (after morning masses) as well as beverages. Prayer for the end of the pandemic so it can return in April.
- **State Raffle – THE RAFFLE IS STILL ON – On or before April 26, purchase and return your ticket stubs or sell your tickets** - The prize list consists of \$124,000 being paid to 100 winners with first prize of \$50,000 or a 2020 Ford F150. Second prize is \$25,000 or a 2020 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Third through 100th prize are \$500 each. Drawing will be held at the State Convention on May 2 at 7 PM. The proceeds from the raffle are used to ease the financial burdens and restore hope to families and victims of accidents and illness. If you need extra tickets contact Paul Endres (endresp@charter.net).

FAITH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Fellowship Groups** – If you are interested in growing your faith and fellowship, please consider attending one or more of the following men's groups
 - **Tuesday Morning Rosary and Bible Study** – After the 8 AM mass, men and women are invited to pray the rosary, study the bible and your faith and enjoy some fellowship
 - **Wednesday Evening Men's Group** – whether you need a midweek recharge or are dropping your child off at faith formation, consider attending this men's group for enrichment on becoming a better father and husband in Christ
 - **Thursday Morning Men's Group** – from 6 AM – 7:30 AM in the narthex (rosary begins at 5:35 AM) start with breakfast and then enjoy a video series that is sure to get you more deeply about your faith and then conclude with small group discussions on the video.
 - **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study** – join other men on Saturday mornings from 7 AM – 8 AM to grow your faith by studying the bible and other spiritual growth programs.
 - If you know of other men's groups that should be listed here, please forward to Erik Hayko at ehayko@tds.net

Some of the above groups are meeting through online meetings and video conferencing to adhere to social distancing to permit the groups to continue to meet.

- **Patriotic Rosary** – Please consider attending and spreading the word for upcoming Patriotic Rosaries. Also please considering helping lead a decade. After the completion of the rosary a reception follows. Mark your calendars for upcoming Patriotic Rosaries on May 25, July 3, September 7 and November 2 at 7:00 in the old church. Please contact Bob Sachtjen for more information (608) 218-0872 rsachtjen@charter.net
- **Fifth Sunday Rosary Schedule** – In 2020, the council will be leading the rosary before the 8AM mass on the following Sundays: May 31, August 30, and November 29. Please consider attending and helping lead a decade. The rosary will begin 30 minutes before the start of mass.

LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our State Chaplain challenges you this Lent to offer up a simple daily fast of 12 hours each day without taking in any calories. This means if you stop taking in calories at 7 pm you will not take in any calories until 7 am the next morning. If offered to our Lord Jesus and for a transformation of our culture (of life) we will see great benefit in the spiritual health of our community. A fast like this has also been known to be good for one's physical health, which may be very beneficial for some of us and add years to our service as a Knights.

COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fifth Monday Men's Shelter Meals** – Every fifth Monday our council takes a meal to a men's shelter in downtown Madison and serves the homeless. Here is the 2020 schedule, please consider serving our most vulnerable. March 30 (cancelled we will be making a cash donation), June 29, August 31 and November 30.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ... But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Gospel for April 5, Mt 27:46, 50-51)

Sometimes we can get the idea that Jesus was a "nice guy" and that our purpose as Christians is to be nice people who do nice things and don't bother with anything unpleasant. Jesus' heart-rending words from the cross should demolish this misconception. Here the Son of God cries out, quoting Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He gives us permission to make these words our own — in whatever moments of pain, anguish and suffering we experience. You and I are invited to pour our hearts out openly to God in trust and confidence.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we enter Holy Week and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross to meditate on Christ's anguish in his Passion. Second, I challenge you to identify a way to support or participate in the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program.

Questions for Reflection:

Have there been times that God has seemed distant to you? How can you model faith that goes beyond being a "nice guy" to be open to the reality of suffering? In praying the Stations of the Cross, how does the reality that Christ accepted suffering and death help you to share your suffering with him?

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT, DENNIS O'CONNELL

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. As a Knights of Columbus Insurance agent I am fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

I can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. I am ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. For 35+ years my commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Vivat Jesus!

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