



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 , 2020 AT 7:00 PM
NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 , 2020 AT 7:00 PM

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR



Dennis Hampton

I would challenge you to identify an event held by the council that our Knight of the Year has not attended or been involved in organizing, leading, or volunteering for. I am amazed at how he finds the time and sometimes wonder if he has a time machine to fit it all in. However if it was not for him I am not sure how many of the events would occur or be as successful as they are. Sir Knight Dennis Hampton is a fourth degree knight, past Grand Knight and past Trustee and current District 43 Deputy. He leads the following events: WaunaFest Food Tent, Wauktoberfest Food Tent, pancake breakfasts, parish festival food stand, graduating senior breakfast, preparing meals for council meetings, and as well as many more events. He is also active in stepping up and volunteering for our council events and keeping the council reminded up upcoming events and coordinating with our partners to make them a success.

Dennis stepped up and filled a critical vacancy in our district and now serves as our District 43 Deputy that represents the two councils in Sauk, the Lodi council and Mazomanie Council and Waunakee/Westport council. Dennis has done an outstanding job communicating initiatives and messages from the State and Supreme Councils. Dennis is also active in the Thursday Morning Men's group and serves as the head chef waking up hours before the other men to prepare breakfast for all of the men as well as helping steer the group to be a success. Please help me congratulate the 2019 Knight of the Year, Sir Knight Dennis Hampton.



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.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Vern and Sabrina Brown Family

The Browns are very active in our parish and community. Both Vern and Sabrina are active in various faith groups that bring families together and have been active in a parish rosary dinner group for many years bringing families together to strengthen their faith and love for God.

Vern is a local business owner of Brown Automotive on Main Street, when Vern is not keeping your car running smoothly, he is coaching volleyball at St John's School. Sabrina is an instructional assistant for First Grade at St John's School. The Brown children have attended and currently attend St John's School, with Bella in 4K, Dominic in Kindergarten, Lucy in Second Grade, Vinnie in Fourth Grade, and Mady in Sixth Grade.

Please help me congratulate the Brown Family as the January Family of the Month. Thank you to Vern, Sabrina, Tony, Alex, Abbie, Mady, Vinnie, Lucy, Dominic, Bella and Charlotte.

2019 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

At the 2019 Christmas party, our council recognized Knights who have reached the status of Honorary Life or Honorary membership. An Honorary Life Member is a Knight who has attained the age of 70 and 25 consecutive years in the Order or who have been a member of the Order for 50 consecutive years. An Honorary Member is a Knight who has attained the age of 65 and 25 consecutive years in the Order.

Honorary Life Members

- William P Ellickson
- Wilfred F Kuehn
- Robert Sachtjen
- Samuel W Wagner
- Gerald W Wipperfurth
- Harvey H Winn

Honorary Members

- Tom Acker
- William Baures
- James Elvekrog
- Paul O Endres
- Gerald Hellenbrand
- Alan J Kalscheuer
- Donald J Olson
- John W Salis
- Vaughn Watzke



FAMILY

PAST EVENTS



Christmas Party – The Council Christmas party was held December 15th, it was great to see the 80 Knights, wives, family members and friends who attended. Thank you to Rex's Innkeeper for serving a great dinner. Jim Tillman once again did a superb job organizing this year's Christmas Party. Chuck Frederick and Father Paulraj were definitely the best dressed. Tom Acker was definitely the most festive (see prior page).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast** – will be held January 26 8am to noon during Catholic School Week, pass the word, mark your calendars to attend or volunteer. We need 3 shifts of volunteers. 7:00am - 9:30am; 7:30am - 10:30am; and 10:15 am - 1:00pm. Please contact Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com to sign up for a shift.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – will be held March 28, pass the word, mark your calendars to attend or volunteer at. Stay tuned for more information.

COMMUNITY

PAST EVENTS



- **Raffle Stuffing** – Thank you to Don Olson for organizing this year's holiday raffle. This year Don received some extra help from our St John's School students who during their lunch hour over three days helped stuff the raffle tickets for our parishioners. The students were very polite and courteous and provided an energetic atmosphere, if these children are a representation of what our future looks like, our future looks bright; thank you to Liz Goldman for permitting the students to lend a hand, it was greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Free Throw Championship** – will be held January 26 at noon after the Pancake Breakfast; pass the word (boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate), mark your calendars to attend or volunteer at. Stay tuned for more information. *A knight who is also the father of a young child would make a GREAT coordinator for this event, it is a very easy event to organize. Please contact Erik Hayko to learn more ehayko@tds.net (608) 692-3646.*
- **Rollerskating** – There are two more rollerskating dates on the calendar, pass the word to attend on January 26 and February 23 at 2:00 PM in the Saint John's School Gym.

LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March for Life** – there are two opportunities to join thousands in a march to end abortion. March for Life in Chicago will be held on January 11 and in Washington DC on January 24. Registration closed December 31, however if you are interested, space may still be available. For more information go to <http://www.ProLifeWI.org/programs> or call Therese at (262) 796-1111 ext 14.

FAITH

PAST EVENTS

- **Fifth Sunday Rosary** – Thank you to Ben Pike and John Koga for leading the rosary before the 8:00 AM mass on December 29. Thank you to any others who led a decade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Knights of Columbus Mass January 18 5:00 PM** – The KofC Choir will be singing at the KofC Mass on January 18 at 5:00 PM. We are in need of more knights to fill the choir box. Please plan to arrive at 4:00 PM for warm up. Please contact Don Keller, Men's Choir Coordinator dmkeller6344@aol.com or Paul Wiesler Choir Director pjwiesler@charter.net to RSVP.
- **Traveling Chalice** - Please take an opportunity to pray for religious vocations by signing up to take the Traveling Chalice. A parish family has hosted the chalice every week since the beginning of April. You host the chalice for a week by displaying the chalice and praying for vocations each day. The pickup and drop off occurs on the weekend. For more information or to sign up please call Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com. Special thanks to Rick Maier, Ed Gilkes, Tom Dorn, and John Howard for hosting the chalice in the month of December.

PLANNING FOR 2020

- **Annual Dues and Membership Cards** – by now you should have received your annual dues and voluntary contributions for Penny a Knight per Day (PKD) and Culture of Life (CoL). If you have not received your annual dues, please contact our Worthy Financial Secretary, Mike Finley at finleymys@charter.net or (608) 849-7956
 - \$25 annual dues
 - \$3.65 PKD
 - \$2 CoL

The Grand Knight's Challenge to you is would you consider rounding your PKD or CoL donation up (you decide; \$4, \$5, etc.) or sliding the decimal to the right (\$36.50)? These donations go to great causes. PKD supports causes of Bishop Hying and Culture of Life supports our Pro-Life causes.
- **Why don't you attend business meetings?** – Thank you to those who do attend the business meetings, it is great to see you each week. Here is a quick overview of the timeline and agenda items for our monthly business meetings:
 - 7:00 PM meeting begins in the council chambers on the third Wednesday of each month (dates appear at the top of every monthly newsletter) in the basement of the old church, entrances are on the sides of the church
 - First 20-30 minutes – pay bills, review new requests for funds, receive updates from Grand Knight, Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator, Insurance Agent, District Deputy and Chaplain
 - 15-20 minutes – GOOD OF THE ORDER, this is an opportunity to build your faith and fellowship among your brother knights

Grand Knight's Challenge to you is to attend these business meetings, as you can see the business portion only accounts for 20-30 minutes, the remainder of the time is an opportunity to build your faith and at the conclusion of the meeting an opportunity to build fellowship among your brother knights. I hope to see you at upcoming business meetings.
- **Recruit new members** – Do you know a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18 who is not a knight? Please consider approaching him about becoming a knight. Not sure of what to say, here are some talking points:

Joining the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our portfolio of top-quality insurance products to financially protect your family. Councils conduct many programs that support your parish and community. But joining your local council does not mean that you need to sacrifice quality time with your family. In fact, volunteering an hour here or an hour there with your family can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others. If you're interested in helping those in need in your parish and community, strengthening your parish and familial relationships, growing in your faith, and gaining exclusive access to top-quality insurance protection for you and your family, then joining your local Knights of Columbus council gives you the way to achieve these goals.