February Newsletter

Next Business Meeting will be: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Next Officers Meeting will be: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Knights of the Month

Marcus Roelke and Bill Dahmen
This month we honor and recognize two long time knights who recently passed away. Marcus Roelke became a knight in 1958 and Bill Dahmen became a knight in 1975. Both were very active in the parish and the council and are very much the reason the council has grown to be as successful as it is today. Marcus Roelke passed away at the age of 90 on December 26 surrounded by his family. Bill Dahmen passed away at the age of 81 surrounded by his family. On behalf of the council, please thank the Roelke and Dahmen families for all Marcus and Bill have done for our council and parish.

Family of the Month

Tom and Athena Lyons Family
Tom and Athena Lyons are the February Family of the Month. The Lyons have four children, Mary is a freshman at St Ambrose Academy, Anthony is in 7th grade at St Ambrose Academy, William is in 3rd grade at St John’s School, and Gianna is in 1st grade at St John’s School. Athena is the co-chair of the Home & School Committee and Tom participates on the Marketing Committee. Athena is a lector at Mass and has also hosted several Catholic Mom’s Bible Study groups. Anthony and Will are altar servers. Please help the council thank the Lyons for all they do for the parish.

Good of the Order

• WELCOME Greg Theis – Brother Greg Theis, a practicing dentist, recently moved to Waunakee from Ohio with his family and transferred into Council 6371. Welcome to the only Waunakee in world Theis Family.
• FOURTH DEGREE CEREMONY – Attention all third degree knights, a Fourth Degree exemplification ceremony will be held May 16 at St Olaf in DeForest. For first degree knights, if you attend the February 19 exemplification ceremony and obtain your second and third degrees you can then obtain your fourth degree on May 16.

Have you Paid Your 2020 Dues?

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 finleyms@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.
New Degree Ceremony to be Held February 19 – 6:45 PM

The Knights are introducing a new process for becoming a Knight, for those who had considered becoming a Knight in the past and chose ultimately not to, due to the secrecy requirement or the time commitment to obtain multiple degrees; Great News, the process to become a Knight has been brought into the 21st Century.

The Father Nellens Waunakee/Westport Council 6371 will be holding an exemplification ceremony on **Wednesday, February 19 at 6:45 PM** to permit new members to join our council and obtain their First (Charity), Second (Unity) and Third (Fraternity) Degrees within a single 30 minute ceremony. The new ceremony stays true to the traditions of the Knights while addressing the needs of our times. It presents a fuller and richer understanding of who the Knights are, what the Knights stand for and what the Knights are called to be. Unlike in the past, where the ceremony was secret, family, friends and current Knights are all invited to witness and support the men becoming Knights.

**Calling all First Degree Knights**, the exemplification ceremony on February 19 is also an opportunity for you obtain your Second and Third Degrees.

Do you know a practical 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.*

**FAITH**

**Past Events**

- **Knights of Columbus Mass January 18 5:00 PM** – Thank you to Don Keller and Paul Weisler for organizing and leading the KofC Choir at the KofC Mass on January 18 at 5:00 PM. As always the choir did a fantastic job.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** - Thank you to Brad Patzner for coordinating this year’s Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Congratulations to the following winners in the following grades:
  - First Grade
    - 1st place Harry Will; 2nd place Gianna Lyons; and 3rd place Khloe Carver
  - Second Grade
    - 1st place Michael Nomberg; 2nd place Cora Thompson; and 3rd place Abigail Bossard
  - Third Grade
    - 1st place Norah Kruschek; 2nd place Luke Margala; and 3rd place Griffin Nett

**Upcoming Events**

- **Patriotic Rosary** – In honor of President’s Day the council will be hosting a patriotic rosary on February 17 from 7:00PM-8:00PM in the new church with a reception to follow. Other upcoming patriotic rosaries will be held on May 25, July 3, September 7 and November 2 all at 7:00 PM
- **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.
LIFE

Past Events

March for Life – the council helped sponsor Abigail Brown with a $500 donation for her to travel to the March for Life in Washington DC. Abigail has posted that it was truly a memorable experience one she has been looking forward to and is so appreciative that she was finally able to March for Life.

COMMUNITY

Past Events

- Holiday Nut Sale – Thank you to Bob Sachtjen for organizing this year’s holiday nut sales. It is estimated $4,500 in sales were achieved this year. Great job to all who divided up the shifts and make this year’s nut sale a success. Nuts are still available if you forgot or need more.
- Rotary Lights – Thank you to the many knights who helped set up, take down and man the greeting shack at this year’s rotary lights. Your time permits our council to help receive a share of the donations collected. Great job.
- Free Throw Championship – Special thanks to the 12 CYO basketball players who took time out of their weekend to help run this year’s Free Throw Championship, the boys and girls really enjoyed shooting around with the CYO players. This year’s event had 23 participants. Congratulations to the following age group winners
  - 9 year old: girls: Stephanie Comins; boys: Luke Margala
  - 10 year old: girls: Audrey Gonnering; boys: Jackson Sheahan
  - 11 year old: boys: Isaiah Margala
  - 12 year old boys: Matt Comins
  - 13 year old boys: Calvin Gonnering
  - 14 year old girls: Amanda Comins; boys: George Zimbric
Upcoming Events

- **Rollerskating** – There is ONE MORE rollerskating date on the calendar, pass the word to attend on February 21 at 6:30 PM in the Saint John’s School Gym.

- **B-I-N-G-O** – Bingo at St Mary of the Lake has begun, the first Bingo session was held January 28, thank you to all of the Knights and volunteers who helped out or came to play. There are two more Bingo sessions upcoming on February 25 and March 24. Doors open at 5:30 PM for refreshments and Bingo and 50/50 raffle begins at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there for a great time.

- **KofC State Bowling Tournament March 28 & 29** – our council is still in need of a couple more bowlers to round out one remaining team of four. It is also not too late to add more teams if we have the numbers to do so. Team Event – Saturday March 28th at 1:30 P.M; Singles & Doubles – Sunday March 29th at 9:30 A.M. Cost is $ 66.00 per person ($22.00 per each event) - Please contact Jim Haag jihaag2003@yahoo.com to sign up or for more information.

FAMILY

Past Events

- **Knowledge Contest** – Thank you to Brad Patzner for coordinating this year’s Knowledge Contest. Congratulations to the following winners in the following categories
  - 5th Grade Spelling – 1st place: Ava Puls; 2nd place: Nico Peitranik; 3rd place: Mia Gates
  - 5th Grade Math – 1st place: Mia Gates; 2nd place: Leiland Roessler; 3rd place: Kiley Carver
  - 6th Grade Spelling – 1st place: Daniel Norberg; 2nd place: Quinn Pfeiffer; 3rd place: Lily Zellner
  - 6th Grade Math – 1st place: Daniel Norberg; 2nd place: Hayden Janus; 3rd place: Kaleb Fisher
  - 7th Grade Spelling – 1st place: Eliana Bains; 2nd place: Brennan Lezotte; 3rd place: Calvin Gannon
  - 7th Grade Math – 1st place: Eliana Bains; 2nd place: Calvin Gannon; 3rd place: Brennan Lezotte
  - 8th Grade Spelling – 1st place: Owen Kramar; 2nd place: Theresa Goldman; 3rd place: Cora Haynie
  - 8th Grade Math – 1st place: Owen Kramar; 2nd place: Cora Haynie; 3rd place: Theresa Goldman

- **School Auction Bartenders** – Thank you to all of the Knights who tended bar during this year’s St John’s School Auction, thank you for making the auction a success.

- **Pancake Breakfast** – Thank you to Ed Gilkes and Dennis Hampton and the team that coordinated and led this year’s pancake breakfast. Special thanks to the 40 knights who volunteered their time during the breakfast. The council served approximately 350 and raised approximately $1,400 for the school.

Upcoming Events

- **Religious Appreciation and Valentines Banquet** - 4th Degree Assembly # 1948 is hosting the banquet to honor our local priests and religious. It will be held February 16 at 1:00 PM with a cash bar, dinner is $19.50 per person. Dr. Larry Trelal, Deacon at Immaculate Conception Parish in Keiler & Holy Ghost Parish in Dickeyville, Ag Agent with University of Iowa will be the keynote speaker and will speak on “Power of Faith”. Please RSVP to anyone below;
  - Sir Knight Bill & Marcy Liegel; 608-643-8674; bliegel@myfrontiermail.com
  - Sir Knight Don & Nancy Keller; 608-850-3765; dmkeller6344@gmail.com
  - Sir Knight Ron & Sharon Braem; 608-831-6658; rsbraem@tds.net

- **Spaghetti Dinner** – will be held March 28, pass the word, mark your calendars to attend or volunteer at. Stay tuned for more information.