

Msgr. Basche Council 4505 December 2020 Newsletter (six pages) Editor: Dave Tlachac

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Father Bob's Corner

As we enter the Advent season, we focus on preparing to celebrate, again, the coming of the son of God as a little child, one of us. We welcome him with open hearts. Jesus, of course, comes to us not just on Christmas Day, but every day. Do you see him and welcome him? Every day there are many seeking asylum, refugees from war and other threatening situations. Many are seeking a chance to live a dignified life. We see them crossing boarders, including our country's, for a chance to live better. What do we see? A herd of people clamoring to enter our space? People who we falsely write off as trash, as potential criminals, as a drain on our society? Or do we put ourselves in their shoes (if they have shoes) and look them in the eye? Hopefully then, we will see Jesus in each individual. We see him wanting to come to us, asking us to welcome him, begging us to accept him, seeking our love as he loves us. This Advent open your arms and your hearts to receive Jesus in whatever form he comes.

Love & Prayers, Fr. Bob

Grand Knight's Message

Advent is here! We await, with great anticipation, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Due to the surging cases of Covid-19 in Wisconsin, we have made the decision to cancel our December meeting. Let us continue to pray for a quick resolution to this pandemic that has paralyzed our great nation in so many ways. Also in following with the Knight's "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative, please reach out to any Brothers that you feel may need some assistance during these difficult times. Also, if you are in need of assistance, please reach out to me or any officer and we will do our best to help. Our next meeting will be held on January 5th, 2021. We will conduct a Combined Degree at 6:30PM with the meeting to follow. If there is a change we will notify you. I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, safe, and healthy 2021. May the Lord continue to bless all of us.

Fraternally, Kenneth Reigh, GK

Wisdom

The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

Humor

Dating ad in a Florida newspaper: Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

Happy Birthday

12/12 John Schlag 12/20 Chris Shaw 12/20 Mark Vanden Plas

Prayers Needed

Brother Dennis Kinney, a resident of the VA Home at King, contracted Covid-19, along with pneumonia other side effects. Please remember him in your prayers.

Council Activities in progress

Degree Team The historic Combined Degree scheduled for the Nov.

3 meeting had to be cancelled due to covid along with the meeting itself. One of the presenters, Jim Jacque, had been exposed and with the high number of cases

it was felt that canceling was the best option. Fortunately, Jim's test came back negative.

Life Savers for Life Suggested to be held after 9/15.

Member Awards Potluck GK to determine.

Metal Art Roses No sales at Save-Half as of the middle of November.

Sales are normally slow this time of the year. Our roses make wonderful gifts. Consider one as a gift for some-

one close to you.

Food for Families To date the council has collected \$830. Thanks to all.

Charity Raffle Bill Bishop has distributed tickets for the charity raffle.

It is always held in conjunction with the State

Convention, this year on May 1, 2021. The list of 100 prizes consist of: 1st \$50,000 or a Ford F150 pickup, 2nd \$25,000 or a Harley Davidson Cycle, and 3rd -100 \$500. Cost is \$5/ ticket. If you need more tickets contact

Bill Bishop at 920-619-4221

Coats for Kids Our council is once again providing warmth to disad-

vantaged kids through the Coats for Kids program. Grand Knight Ken Reigh and Bill Bishop are heading this Faith in Action program. This year coats will be donated to the Brown Co. Sheriff's Dept and the Green Bay Police. Project should be completed by 12/10/20.

Pro-Life Notes

You may ask yourself, what can I do in the fight to stop abortion? The simple answer is pray. Here is a beautiful prayer that only takes a minute to recite. Say it once a day and believe that it is a great help to the cause.

Lord God, thank you for the gift of eternal life through salvation, which you offer me through your son's resurrection. While you teach me that life is precious, I know that nothing on earth...no disease...no war...no natural disaster...destroys more life than abortion. Thank you for blessing me as an American citizen with the ability to work against abortion through free speech and the democratic process. As I recommit myself to ending abortion, please give me the strength and wisdom I need to stand up against this violent injustice. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

50-50 Drawing: No meeting, therefore no drawing.

Attendance drawing: Same as 50-50 drawing.

Financial Secretary's Report Bill Noel—920-680-0681 wccnoel@yahoo.com General Fund Acct Charity Acct Chkg Total Bills to pay:

Knights Calendar

- 12/1 No meeting this month due to covid.
- 12/3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).
- 12/21 First Day of Winter
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/28 Feast of the Holy Innocents

Did You Know?

There were many obstacles that were in danger of "blowing up" the infant organization that started out so promising. Although a charter had been granted in late March of 1882, membership was lagging and no benefits could be paid out until the treasury reached the point of liquidity. Seeing his parishioners as well as close friends suffering financial losses, due to sickness and death and not being able to help wore heavily on McGivney. He had been drained mentally and physically by the needs of his parish, while constantly worrying about parish debt. In addition, there was infighting in the council regarding regalia, colors, and who wasn't pulling his weight. In the darkest hour for the Knights of Columbus, a member offered that he never knew a society to prosper that had a priest at its head. That evening the member and several of his friends quit the council. Yet, each day Fr. McGivney faced Catholic families with troubles that could have been avoided with the support of the Knights of Columbus. So desperate was the council that it looked into surrendering its charter and forming the members into a new court of Foresters, not the Catholic Foresters but rather a nondenominational group that was no more that a men's club with an insurance benefit attached. Luck was on McGivney's side. The Foresters turned them down because they were Catholic. And so the council's struggles continued in NewHaven, as it did for the impoverished Catholic immigrants. One widow had no means, save for a tiny amount of alms from the city. Her one year old baby died of starvation. She carried its body to the Catholic cemetery. With no money for a casket or interment, the sexton took compassion on her, and buried it. Next month: Success in Meriden. (above paraphrased from Parish Priest).

Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney

Yes, October 31 is known as the date of Halloween, but October 31, 2020 will forever more be recorded and remembered as the date our holy founder, Father Michael J. McGivney was beatified at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut. A requirement for beatification is that a miracle be attributed to the person being beatified. For Fr. McGivney, the miracle happened in 2015 when a pre-born was cured of a deadly disease (fetal hydrops) for which there is no cure and zero percent survival. The child was Dan and Michelle Schachle's thirteenth. Dan is a Past Grand Knight of CN 8083 in Savannah, Tennessee and is currently a General Agent for the Knights. He became invested in Fr. McGivney's vision early, so on it was natural for the couple to pray for Fr. McGivney's intercession to help heal their child. Dan pledged to name their son Michael McGivney Schachle if their prayers were successful. And they were! Michelle is a convert and found it difficult, at first, to pray to the saints to intercede for miracles. Needless to say, the couple, their children, and friends and relatives, are "all in" now. To be canonized a saint, a person needs to be crtedited with two miracles. Pray that "Blessed" McGivney will achieve a second miracle within our lifetime.

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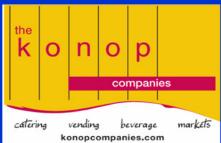






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