

Knight Letter

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES COUNCIL 4527

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING VIDEO MEETINGS

We are going to try using Zoom for our online meetings. You can join from a computer or smartphone. In order to protect the meetings from uninvited guests (a common problem), they are password protected. Please contact one of the council officers for the meeting password. The instructions below are for the **November 19th** meeting only; future meeting links will be distributed later. Thanks!

Join From Computer

To join the November 19th meeting from your computer, you can open the Zoom meeting using this link:

https://bit.ly/38GfxQJ

You will likely need to install the Zoom client on your computer.

Join From Smartphone

You can use the Zoom app on smartphones and tablets; it is probably best to install it in advance from your app store. Then you can use the link above or this code to access the November 19th meeting:



NOTE:

I apologize for the wrong date on the last letter should have been November 19th not the 17th.

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season, it's a time to remember and reflect on the year that has been. 2020 has presented it's fair share of challenges, no doubt about that, but I think we can still look back on things to be thankful for. I'm thankful for new KC members and for the continued support of all of you through this difficult time. I also remain thankful for family, friends, and meaningful work to be done both in and out of the KCs. As always, we should remain vigilant for opportunities for us to help our parish priests and our neighbors who have fallen on hard times. I welcome any suggestions that you all have in this regard.

In a less abstract sense, our tootsie roll drive is underway and we have done quite well so far. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time to this effort so far, the proceeds will, as always, be put to good use.

We also have an opportunity to spend some time in spiritual reflection this winter and in these times of limited social contact. I have met with Fr. Scott at St. Maria Goretti and they are planning on hosting a men's retreat in Advent. As soon as I have more details I will share them. If you are able to attend I encourage you to do so. Of course, spiritual reflection and prayer can also take place at home. At this time as at all times, we should spend time in daily prayer asking our Heavenly Father for guidance.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Vivat Jesus!

NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING DAY

DECEMBER 17 MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING 7 PM (zoom)

Note: this is the third Thursday because of Christmas

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY

JANUARY 28 BUSINESS MEETING 7 PM (Zoom)

BIRTHDAY BOYS -			
DECEMBER		JANUARY	
James Shanahan	12/2	Brendyn Reinecke	1/2
Richard Roloff	12/6	Gary Emerson	1/4
Jeffrey Patweii	12/7	John Fox	1/4
James Costello	12/8	Grant Emmel	1/10
Edward Woloszyn	12/11	Gilbert Kleckner	1/12
Augustin Ndahayo	12/12	Ronald Buchholz	1/14
Kevin Hutchison	12/14	Jordan Wintrode	1/17
Emmanuel Fonter	12/16	Marvin Meissen	1/21
Wilbert Ferry Jr	12/21	Michael Jones	1/22
Janusz Szylow	12/29	John Pinto	1/24
Rev Robert Evenson	12/31	Christopher Knapp	1/26
		Spencer Sellner	1/26
		John Dal Santo	1/28
		Raphael Shunk	1/30

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS

Call DAN Kelly at 608 213 3693 and make arrangements to pick up the signs.

FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Please include in your daily prayers the following Brother Knights, spouses and family members.

Gary Emerson	Hank Curran
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Eleanor Watson George Rauch

Linda Gorman Dave Ryan

John Kraft Jerry Thompson

Wilbert Ferry Bob Steck

Bernard Gorman Mary Buchholz

Alice Buechner

Ross Larson District Deputy District 29

Contact Dan Kelly at 608 213 3693 with additions and/or deletions to this list. Thank you.

Congratulation to William Thielmann on obtaining his 4th degree.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your editor Dan and wife Sue.

NEW INSURANCE FIELD AGENT

Steve Rammer grew up on his family farm in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, eventually earning a BS-Agricultural & Applied Economics from The University of Wisconsin-Madison. Steve and his wife Melinda have been married since 2001 and have two boys, Gabriel & Ozric, in elementary school. Steve joined the Knights in 2002 in Sauk City and has served as Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight, organized the Christmas Poster Contest for many years and helped with the knowledge & free throw contests as well as many other volunteer opportunities. Following 24 years managing transportation programs for local school districts, Steve began a new career with the Knights of Columbus as a Field Agent in September, 2020 to continue Fr. McGivney's work through assisting brother Knights protect your family and secure your future with solutions from rock-solid company you can trust always makes the most ethical investments to deliver peace of mind.

Steve serves District 47, including Madison Council #531, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #4527 (Fitchburg), St. Joseph Council #4586 (Madison), UW Catholic Center Council #6568 (Madison), St. Bernard of Madison Council #9082, Our Lady of the Green Scapular Council #16863 (Monona)

Council Meeting Message November 2020

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month of Fr. McGivney's beatification.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; <u>i.e.</u>, to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers fortify our faith and provides an opportunity for us to protect our families.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our Blessed Founder. I am excited to meet and assist you in protecting your family. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus! Steve Rammer KC Field Agent

TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN

We had a tootsie roll campaign at St. Thomas Aquinas the weekend of October 24-25 with the help of a few knights including our Grand Knight. We collected \$695 for the program.

We are planning tootsie roll campaigns at St. Maria Goretti and Our Lady Queen Of Peace.

If you would like to volunteer to watch the money container after masses using social distancing and masks. Contact the Grand Knight

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRATERNAL BENEFITS SEMINAR

Tom Hegna will present a virtual seminar on retirement and the seven steps to secure retirement.

When Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:00PM— 8:00 PM EST 6:PM our time.

To register go to the following address:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN LdTljOZLQRWer-ICj72G1rA

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HIGHLIIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Motion was made to help a family with rent after both members had lost their jobs due the coronavirus. The council approved a donation of \$400.

Tootsie roll campaign at the parishes having volunteers watching over the cash and putting tootsie rolls out for people to take.

The Grand Knight will contact St. Maria Goretti and Queen of peace about participation in the Men of Christ conference.

HIGHKIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

Tootsie Roll distribution at ST. Thomas Aquinas on 10/24 & 10/25

Switch to Zoom for the next business meeting

November and December business meeting will be on the third c Thursday of the month.

Fr. Allam reassigned to St. Dennis we will be looking for a new Chaplain.

Our new Field Agent introduced himself.

KC LADIES

Hello KC Ladies!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Memorial Mass at St. Maria Goretti Church in November. It was so nice to see you again. A few of us even went out for breakfast afterwards, and that was just delightful! We can hardly wait until we can gather and enjoy each other's company on a regular basis.

It is doubtful that we will be able to participate in a December Christmas Party. If a miracle should occur and we can gather for a meal, we would contact you by email and/or phone.

As you remember, we always take the month of January "off" with no activity planned, and that will not change in 2021! February has traditionally been the month when we meet for lunch at the Clubhouse and plan our activities for that year. Well, we already have half of that accomplished, as we would just use the activities we planned for this year and were never able to enjoy. If you remember there were some exciting events scheduled, like a tour of the Army Ammunition Plant, UW Locker Room tour, Camp Gray, Dells boat trip, and tour of Epic.

Remember that all wives, or widows, of KC members are encouraged to participate in our activities at any time. We do not charge dues nor have an official membership roster. We just gather to enjoy each other's company and try new adventures, while growing in our Catholic faith. For questions, call Betty Blumer at 277-9621.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Many communities have been encouraged to limit public contact and self-quarantine. As a result, many people are cut off and isolated from their family, friends and neighbors. They likely have needs that you can help address. Some may require food and medical supplies. Some may need a conversation or prayer. Whatever the need, Knights are encouraged to assess and creatively support the needs of their broader community. People are

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