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Monthly meetings held 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7PM.
Rosary precedes meeting @ 6:45PM in the Gehl Center.***

**Awarded Star Council: 92-93, 94-95, 96-97
Awarded WI Complete Council 96-97, 97-98
Awarded Fr. McGivney Award 18-19**

**Achieved Columbian Award
91-92 92-93 95-96 96-97 97-98 98-99
99-00 00-01 08-09 09-10 10-11 11-12
13-14 15-16 16-17**

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Father Bob's Corner

What does love look like? St. Augustine asked and answered: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." That's beautiful. That's true love. Love is not sentimental. It is not good intentions. It is not something that just happens. Love is a decision to act. We have hands and feet and eyes and ears. They are given us by God, a God who loves us. Do we use these gifts to love others? It is not enough to love those who love us, those in our circle. True love reaches out to all, to wherever there is a need. Are you a lover? As they say, love is not love 'til you give it away.

Love & Prayers, Fr. Bob

Grand Knight's Message

Winter is upon us! The Holidays are over, the Packers are out of the playoffs, and the days are cold. Hopefully, spring will come early this year! Ash Wednesday is February 17th this year, and then Lent will be upon us. Let us be prepared for the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We recently wrapped up our Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs for the year. Thanks to those who participated in these worthy projects. The State Convention will be held April 30th and May 1st in Lake Geneva. There'll be an in-person option as well as a virtual option this year. Our Council will need a delegate to join me for the Convention. If you are interested, please let me know. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd. We will pray the Rosary at 6:45PM and begin our meeting at 7PM. We will do our best to maintain social distancing guidelines at the meeting. Stay safe, and stay warm.

Fraternally, Kenneth Reigh, GK

Wisdom

Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

Humor

One of the perks of growing old---things you buy now will not wear out.

Happy Birthday

2/7 Bill Bishop
2/7 Harold Kane
2/8 Jon Brux
2/10 Dcn. Conrad Kieltyka
2/14 Norbert Klarkowski
2/20 Bill Heinrich
2/27 Connor Schlaack

Council Activities in progress

Degree Team *A Combined Degree will be delayed until later in the year when it will be safer for all. Our next target will be prior to the March meeting.*

Life Savers for Life *Suggested to be held after 9/15/2020.*

Member Awards Potluck *GK to determine.*

Metal Art Roses *No sales at Save-Half as of yet. Our roses make wonderful gifts. Consider one as a gift for someone's birthday, or your anniversary.*

Charity Raffle *Cost is \$5/ ticket. If you need more tickets contact Bill Bishop at 920-619-4221*

Memorial Mass *To be determined.*

Prayers Needed

Former DD Charlie Bornemann's family is in need of your prayers. Charlie is having some health challenges. In addition, Charlie and Kathy's daughter, Debra, passed away 1/1/21 and their daughter-in-law, Cindi, prior to that. Charlie was our DD from '05-'06 through '09-'10 when CN 4505 was part of District 13.

Council Dues

*Please take care of your 2021 dues. This will take care of wear and tear on our Financial Secretary. If you have already taken care of this, **Thank you.***

Pro-Life Notes

Sadly, on January 11, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services released their report on Induced Abortions for 2019. The results broke a trend of declining numbers in our state. 6511 lives were lost to the tragedy of abortion, a 5% increase over 2018. Chemical abortions accounted for much of the increase. One of the premier Pro-life organizations in our state is Wisconsin Right to Life. They focus on changing hearts and minds by reaching women through social media when they are vulnerable to making bad choices. Through targeted ads, they educate with well thought out commercials that combat the lies of Planned Parenthood. Their theme for 2021 is UNIFY FOR LIFE. If you would like to learn more check them out on the internet and if you like what you see, a donation to them will go a long way to change hearts and minds. Just remember, every year the leading cause of death in the United States and indeed, the world, is not cancer, heart disease or any other disease, it is abortion.

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

Attendance drawing: Same as 50-50 drawing.

Financial Secretary's Report

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General Fund Acct _____
Charity Acct Chkg _____
Total _____

Bills to pay: _____

Knights Calendar

- 2/2 Presentation of the Lord
- 2/2 Ground Hog Day
- 2/2 K of C Meeting
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/15 President's Day
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday


Our meeting will be held in person in the Knights room!

Did You Know?

Part 3 Paraphrased from “Parish Priest” by Douglas Brinkley & Julie Fenster.

The success that the establishment of the Meriden council brought to the Knights of Columbus did not erase the struggle to grow the order. There was more drama to follow. By 1884 there were five councils and 459 members. And councils were sprouting like “bulbs in the spring.” In spite of the opportunity for McGivney to use the Knights as a power base to expand his influence, he had designed the Knights to outlive any one person, and the organization not a monument to his own irreplaceability. Thus he declined reelection as secretary of the Supreme Council. He did, however, stay on as Chaplain. It was during this time of expansion that McGivney received a letter from Hartford. His bishop was transferring him to Thomaston, CT. Thomaston was without a pastor since the previous summer when Fr. Gaffney had died. With a council forming every other week, by 1885, the paper, the “Connecticut Catholic,” began to devote a regular column to the Knights. In one edition the Knights of Columbus was referred to as a “secret society.” This created a firestorm for the Knights since a recent ruling by the Catholic Council forbid Catholics from belonging to secret societies. Whereas the only secrets about the Knights were the initiation ceremonies, and any priest was allowed to attend any meeting which pretty well dispelled the notion of secrecy. Fr. McGivney responded to the newspaper article with a letter interpreting the Order in light of the Catholic Council’s decrees. All was well once again.

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