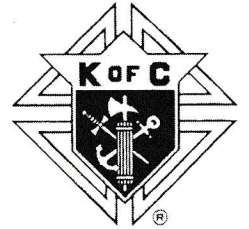


KNIGHT LINES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNING'S COUNCIL 3955
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 2nd Good Friday
- 4th **EASTER**
- 5th Monthly Meeting (7 PM)
- 7th Scott Crevier Prays the Rosary (8 PM)
(ipraytherosary.org)
- 9th – 11th Tootsie Rolls (Piggly Wiggly/Festival)

MAY

- 1st KC State Convention (Lake Geneva)
- 3rd Monthly Meeting/Nominations of Officers
- 7th Scott Crevier Prays the Rosary (8 PM)
(ipraytherosary.org)
- 8th Ted Fagan Family Food Drive (TBD)
- 9th Mother's Day
- 13th **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 16th OLOL Picnic & Booyah
- 22nd/23rd Festival Brat Fry – DPHS Show Choir
- 23rd **PENTECOST**
- 29th De Pere Christian Outreach
- 31st Memorial Day

MARCH KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Andre Jacque

MARCH FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Joe Micke

Financial Report

Savings:	\$ 38,490.39
Checking:	\$ 11,191.08
Bereavement Account:	\$ 400.00
Columbian Account:	\$ 137,226.11

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Our in-person council meetings remain canceled for now. We are looking for ways using video meetings to connect with our members. Stay tuned!

FINAL CALL! 2021 CHARITY RAFFLE

As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have **1545** tickets sold. **THANK YOU!** This is one of the **BEST** turnouts we have had. We are grateful to our council members for supporting those in need. There is still time to get your remaining tickets turned in. Keep in mind that \$2.25 of every ticket sold gets returned to our council. All tickets and funds need to get to John Wilmet no later than April 16th. Tickets may be sent to John at 1242 Monterrey Trl, De Pere 54115. **John would also encourage a Brother Knight who may be interested in running the raffle to contact him at 336-3074.** Thanks!

COUNCIL UPDATES

Unfortunately, the pandemic has once again canceled our annual appreciation dinner and clergy night. Both events have been held in the past during March and April. One note of good news is that the council is planning a social for the month of May. Many members have reached out and commented how much they have missed the in person meetings. Details will be sent out once a plan is in place. The council is also looking at ways to livestream future meetings so that those who are not able to attend in person can still stay up to date.

The Need for Mentorship

On March 19, 2021, the Diocese of Green Bay's Year of St. Joseph concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the national Shrine of Saint Joseph in De Pere. As you know, we are currently in a year of Saint Joseph in the Universal Church, which was declared by Pope Francis. Since February, I have made a special consecration to Saint Joseph, first with my wife and boys, and then with the Nowak Agency. I find it comforting to know that every part of my life is now under the special protection and care of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Catholic Church.

Saint John Paul II has been attributed for teaching throughout his priesthood that man cannot fully find himself, except through a sincere gift of himself. As Knights of Columbus, the notion of gift of self is often taken as a no brainer, since our values of charity, unity, and fraternity are expressions of this teaching. But to the mainstream culture in which we operate, those who model Saint Paul II's teaching and our values are like rays of light that shine in the darkness. Besides our Blessed Lord and Our Lady, can you think of a better model for making a sincere gift of self than Saint Joseph? If there ever was a time that needed the manly virtues of Saint Joseph more, Providence is making it clear to us that now is the time.

Years ago, I was introduced to a little book titled, *Growing Up Wild*. The basic premise of the book is to show that boys become men of virtue only through rites of passage, under the tutelage of other men who pass on the meaning and norms of authentic masculinity. Absent of the passing on of authentic masculinity, boys remain boys long into adulthood. The consequences to family life, the church, and culture are terminal to be sure. I believe the remedy to helping boys become men is through true devotion to Saint Joseph, and what we as Knights of Columbus have to offer.

Many young men today need other men to model what it means to be a man, husband, and father. After losing my own father at age 19, I had several brother Knights come to me at my dad's funeral to tell me not to lose touch with them nor the council. Sadly, I didn't listen. I spent the better part of the next two decades trying to find my way through young adulthood without a father and good examples of authentic masculinity. True to His promises, however, Jesus came looking for me, His lost sheep. He used the Knights of Columbus and a few stellar brother Knights to help accomplish His will for my life. Brothers, though I am far from perfect, I wouldn't be the husband and father I am today, if it wasn't for the Knights of Columbus and the men who call themselves Knights. I love the high ideals that we strive for as noble Knights of Columbus. I am challenged by them. They give me a sharper focus of what all of us should be striving for: holiness of life. But what man doesn't need a real challenge, to live holier lives as disciples of Jesus? This is where you, my brothers, come in.

Between now and the end of the fraternal year, I want to challenge every one of you to contemplate the attributes of Saint Joseph, a model of masculine virtue for our times. Then seek out two to three young men to be mentored by you and the other men of the Order to become the man God desires them to be: more faithful, more charitable, more noble. In sum, a Knight of Columbus.

Fraternal Benefits Night

On February 23, the Nowak Agency and Daniel Purtell from the Wilson Law Group provided hundreds of participants with much needed guidance on the principles of Estate Planning that is rooted in our Catholic values. There were many good questions asked during the virtual presentation. Those questions and their corresponding answers are attached. This informational document can and should be sent to every member.

I am happy to provide a fraternal benefits night throughout this year. I believe I can be helpful by presenting the history and values of the Knights of Columbus to prospective new members and their spouse so they can decide whether membership in the Knights of Columbus is right for them.

I stand ready to be of service to helping the council grow its membership over what remains of this fraternal year, and into the next fraternal year.

Fraternally Yours, Chris (Chris.Thelen@kofc.org)

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Notre Dame of De Pere School	\$1500
OLOL School	\$1500
AA Alexandrina (Roses for Life)	\$700
Love Life Ministry (Roses for Life)	\$700
APUFRAM (Catholic Missions)	\$250

Just a reminder that if you have a charity request, please email it to kofc3955charity@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

During the months of February and March John Mueller, Chris Thelen and Steve Cribben have been calling new parish members of our OLOL in 2020. Trying to get new prospects to go see, and getting them to join our Council as new members. We were able to get 5 new prospects to sign a form 100, and 1 transfer who has been inactive for a while. The plan is to have a Degree after Easter and bring in the 5 new members and 1 transfer into our Council. This will be the 6 new members that we needed for our Council to qualify for a \$2000 savings in money due to the State Council. Abbot Pennings Council is always looking for new members, please let Membership director Steve Cribben know of any new candidates at 606-4700.

FAITH

Our March 20th, the 40-Days for Life prayer walk on Oneida Street was exceptional. 18 Knights walked and prayed for an end to abortion and respect for all life, from conception to natural death. We were all grateful for Pat Lennon's booming voice as he led us in rosary for two hours. Those who walked included John & Carol Mueller, Dar Smet, Steve Cribben, Andre Jacque, Ron Coenen, Darrell Hettmann, Joe Maar, Gene & Kathy Micke, Scott Seidl, Mike Shimon, Kevin Smits, Pat Lennon, Pete Nordeen, Joe & Eli Micke, Richard Porior.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Abe Allen, Dave Anderson, Bob Augustian, Paul Berken, Greg Bottei, Jack Bressers, Pat Byrne, Vern Christopherson, Corey Coonen, Fran De Cleene, Tom Despina, Tom Franzen, Glenn Gauthier, Pat George, Richard Getchel, Ed Hermans, Marty Hermans, Mike Herson-Roeser, Jake Hofmann, Ken Holmes, Nick Janssen, Jeff Jindra, Rick Johnson, Leon Kane, Erich Lennon, Jeff Macklin, Brian Maes, Mark Mancl, Scott Mathewson, Chip McDonald, Bryan Mikota, Ray Mooren, Henry Nooyen, Charlie Ott, Dan Rafferty, Bill Ricker, Clyde Romenesko, Dick Rottier, Pat Sands, Casey Schetter, Dick Schommer, Dave Sladek, Mark Smits, John Thoele, Don Tomashek, George Van Der Linden, John Van Gheem, Earl Vanden Langenberg, Brian Walder, Tim Weiland, Jack Wery, Steve Zey

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tom Bast, Joe Bergner, Jim Brick, Rick Cerney, Gordy Chevalier, John Coppens, Dale De Villers, Tony Dunham, John Early, Tim Enright, Chad Fagan, Norm Goral, Cary Hendricks, Charles Jonas, Jeff Jorgensen, Bill Kempen, Mark Knutson, Charlie Laehn, Jeff Le Mieux, Kevin Lezotte, Mike Malchow, Kevin Mc Donough, Pete Nordeen, Father Peter Renard, Andrew Robbins, Frank Rozek, Tony Smith, Dick Suslick, Brian Tomac, Heath Urick, Larry Van Alstine, John Van Deurzen, Larry Van Dyck, Randy Wagner, Ron Willems, Jeff Willems

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

HE IS RISEN! The Easter season has begun. We are grateful through our faith for what Jesus did and continues to do for us. His death on the cross and rising three days later is the ultimate act of selflessness. We follow in his footsteps through our volunteering and many charitable acts. May all of you and your families have a blessed Easter season!

GK Pete Nordeen

KNIGHT LITES



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 2020-2021

OFFICERS

Chaplain.....	Father Pete Renard	337-4372
Grand Knight.....	Pete Nordeen.....	915-7410
Deputy Grand Knight	Pat Lennon.....	336-4381
Chancellor.....	Dale Brown	327-2860
Advocate.....	Mark Gerrits	227-7203
Warden.....	Neil Basten.....	619-0356
Recorder	Matt Diederich.....	360-5926
Treasurer	John Wilmet.....	336-3074
Financial Secretary.....	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961
Inside Guard	Dennis Leiterman.....	336-0364
Outside Guard	Doug Vanden Langenberg	468-0102
Lecturer	Drew Weisse.....	770-7111

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Program	Pat Lennon	336-4381
Membership	Steve Cribben	606-4700
Faith.....	Pat Lennon	336-4381
Community	Chris Steier	619-4369
Family	Drew Weisse	770-7111
Bowling.....	Rick Breu	339-9482
Life & Vocations.....	Richard Porior	339-9376
Promotion.....	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Historian	John Mueller	336-8691
Wake Services.....	Scott Baeten.....	660-2300
ID Program.....	Eric LeBrun	621-1708
	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Lambeau Scanning.....	Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Resch Center.....	Matt Diederich	360-5926

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Ron Van Dyck.....	609-0869

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President.....	Steve Cribben	606-4700
Vice President.....	Scott Baeten	660-2300
Director.....	Tom Wiers	337-2189
Director.....	Eric Le Brun.....	621-1708
Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

MEETING NIGHTS (August-June)

1st Monday of each month.

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Officers and Charity meetings are 30 minutes before regular meeting. All meetings are held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center (at the end of Lourdes Ave.)

ROUND TABLES

Our Lady of Lourdes	John Mueller	336-8691
St. Francis	Larry Vande Hei.....	370-8160
St. Mary's.....	Phil Wittman	336-6450
St. Mary's Glenmore/Stark....	Patrick Phillips.....	819-6677

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Father Pete Renard	337-4372
Dale Brown-Chairman	327-2860
Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Matt Mueller	390-1190
Pat Lennon	336-4381
Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

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Chris Thelen.....	(920) 401-1040
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