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Awarded Star Council: 92-93, 94-95, 96-97

Awarded WI Complete Council 96-97, 97-98

Awarded Fr. McGivney Award 18-19

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91-92 92-93 95-96 96-97 97-98 98-99

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Father Bob's Corner

In this Christmas Season we celebrate God's tremendous, gratuitous love. God sent his Son into our world. He came as one of us, a little baby. He fully took on our human nature. Why? To redeem us! Christmas leads to Calvary, to the suffering, death, and resurrection. That is why he came. God loves us that greatly. We have done nothing to deserve God's love. We are sinners. But God loves us. Because he loves us we are able to love, able to love him, able to show that love by loving all our brothers and sister. (That means every person in the world, no exceptions). We are called to love God. But everything we have is a gift from God, from our very being to the universe. We owe God our love, but we cannot love God gratuitously as God loves us. However, we can love our neighbor gratuitously as God loves us. We love our brothers and sisters, not because they have done anything for us or not because we owe them anything. We can love our sisters and brothers simply because God has given us the ability to love. God the Father tells Catherine (of Siena): This is why I have put you among your neighbors; so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me – that is, love them without concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.” “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25)

Love & Prayers, Fr. Bob

Grand Knight's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you be abundantly blessed this Christmas and into the new year. I'm not sure about you, but I really hope 2021 is a much better year than 2020 was. It is really sad to hear from so many people about how the Christmas season is not the same this year with the pandemic, as so many Church activities, Christmas parties, and other holiday events have had to be cancelled. Let us remember the true "reason for the season," which is the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Due to the continued high number of Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations in Wisconsin, we have made the decision to cancel our January meeting. I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be able to hold our first exemplification ceremony in the coming months. One of the things I'm looking at possibly doing in the new year is to try to hold a virtual meeting. Stay tuned for additional details after the first of the year. Even though we have not been meeting in person, there are some items going on behind the scenes. Our Council purchased 30 gently used kid's coats as part of the Coats for Kids initiative. They were delivered to the Brown County Sheriff's Dept before Christmas. At times, Law Enforcement will find that a child is in need of a winter coat when responding to custody disputes, domestic violence cases, and other unpleasant situations, so the BCSD was grateful for our donation. The Food for Families donations should be just over \$1000. By reaching this level of giving, our council should receive a rebate from Supreme in the amount of \$200. Thank you to all who donated to this important endeavor. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd. However, this is subject to change based on developments with the pandemic. To all of you and your families: a blessed, safe, and healthy 2021.

Fraternally, Kenneth Reigh, GK

Wisdom

Ability in men is rated by what they finish, not by what they attempt.---Anonymous

Humor

Growing old should have taken longer, don't you think!

Happy Birthday

*1/4 Walter Dettmann
1/14 Rogelio Contreras
1/19 Brian Haanen
1/19 Eugene Psenicka
1/21 Mike Linssen
1/24 David Paider
1/29 Thomas Vorpahl*

Council Activities in progress**Degree Team**

A Combined Degree will be delayed until later in the year when it will be safer.

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 before Christmas. Sales are normally slow this time of the year. Our roses make wonderful gifts. Consider one as a gift for someone close to you.

Food for Families

See the Grand Knights message on page two for details.

Charity Raffle

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 disadvantaged kids through the Coats for Kids program. Bill Bishop and Dave Tlachac delivered all 32 coats to the Brown County Sheriff's Department. The Green Bay Police Dept was not accepting items at this time.

Memorial Mass

To be determined.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Be sure to take the time to fill out the "Survey of Fraternal Activity" that was enclosed in your 2021 dues notice. For those who still receive their newsletter in hard copy form, there is a copy of the form included with your January Newsletter. Please complete and return to Bill Noel, 2617 Oak Park Ct., Green Bay, WI. 54311, by 1/15/2021.

Pro-Life Notes

In 2019, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin filed a lawsuit to strike down existing Wisconsin Law charging that Wisconsin Law is too restrictive. In part because Pro-life is gaining support and less abortions are being performed in Wisconsin, Planned Parenthood is turning to chemical abortions because they are easier and cheaper to perform. Under current Wisconsin Law, chemical abortions must be administered by a physician, thus Planned Parenthood’s lawsuit is seeking to allow nurses and medical providers to administer chemical abortions. Presently, Planned Parenthood performs abortions at only four of its clinics in the state. If the law is struck down, they would perform chemical abortions at all twenty four of their Wisconsin clinics and open at least two more. If Wisconsin Law is overturned, thousands of lives will be aborted. How can anyone call this healthcare? The physician-only law exists to protect women. More to follow when a ruling is reached.

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

Attendance drawing: Same as 50-50 drawing.

Financial Secretary’s Report

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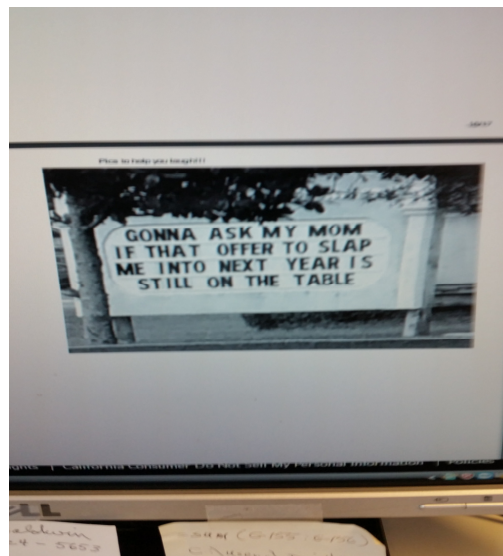
Bills to pay: _____

Knights Calendar


- 12/31 New Year’s Eve (Happy New Year to all)*
- 1/1 New Year’s Day (Solemnity of Mary---Holy Day of Obligation)*
- 1/5 No meeting this month (January) due to Covid-19.*
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Day*
- 1/22 Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade*

Did You Know?

Two men in Meriden were excited about organizing a council for the Irish Catholics after reading about the New Haven Knights in the "Boston Pilot." McGivney was hesitant about this development because his council was in a state of disarray. And further, Meriden was the turf of Fr. Thomas Walsh, who was against fighting non-denominational secret societies with Catholic ones. Two Meriden men, George O'Connor wrote to P. J. Ford and lamented how much the people of Meriden could be helped by the priest's organization that could offer one thousand dollars to a family that lost the "head of the house." Ford agreed to write McGivney to request detailed information about the Knights of Columbus. McGivney replied with a copy of the by-laws and that letter galvanized the spirit of the men in Meriden. Due to delays caused by the New Haven disarray and Fr. Walsh's negative influence, Ford wrote to McGivney mentioning the possibility of joining the Ancient Order of Foresters. That did it. McGivney wrote back twice in one day explaining Fr. Walsh would have to approve a chaplain for the Meriden council, a potential deal breaker. When O'Connor met with Fr. Walsh, the priest denied permission for his priests to become chaplain for the Meriden Knights. Rather than suffering defeat, the Meriden Knights considered their options. A French language church had been established in Meriden and its pastor, Fr. Van Oppen was recruited as a member and chaplain. When he agreed, Meriden was assured. They recruited 32 men within a month and scheduled an installation ceremony. A group of officers from New Haven traveled by train to install the Meriden council. And so, the dream of Fr. McGivney was realized. Men from different parishes were united in a Catholic society that helped them care for their families spiritually and financially. And so it was that the formation of Silver City Council #2 in Meriden, CT. helped propel the Knights of Columbus along a path to eventually become the largest organization of Catholic men in the world.



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