



# The Knightly Knews

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#10795

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## Grand Notes from the Grand Knight

*Dear Brother Knights,*

*Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and their families, I hope 2019 brings you happiness, prosperity and joy. It seems just like yesterday that I was writing the Grand Knights letter for the start of 2018. This last year has flown past, with our council accomplishing many successful projects. These projects range from Pennies from Heaven, Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Frys, Farmers Markets, Knights Picnic, Mass at the Holy Family Shrine, Perpetual Adoration, Christmas Concert, One Rose One Life, Tootise Rolls, Habitat for Humanity, Coats for Kids, Free Throw and Soccer Challenges, plus many more events.*

*To continue to hold these great events and to help additional worthy causes, we need to continue to grow our council. Since the beginning of our fiscal year in July, we have only added a few Knights to our Council. I would like to use the next couple of months as recruitment months to help strengthen our Council; plus these new members can help fill spots at all of our events. I ask all Brother Knights to think about someone in our parish that you might approach to join our Council. I plan to work with our membership team to hold an orientation meeting and first degree in January for new members. The date is still to be determined. If you know of someone that would make a good Knight but you are not comfortable talking to them, please let me know and we will reach out to the person.*

*We have openings for several key leadership positions. We are presently looking for brother Knights to take over as Family Program Director, Blood Drive Chairperson, and to help on our membership committee. If you are interested please let me know.*

*As a reminder, since it a new year, it is time to pay your dues for 2019, please see the next page for information.*

*Fraternally Yours,*

*Ron Frisse  
Grand Knight*



# 2019 DUES RENEWAL

## 2019 Dues

Matt McConville, Financial Secretary

The New year has started, help us get an early start on dues collections by paying your 2019 dues this month. Dues are \$30 for the calendar year (unless you are a priest, deacon or Honorary Life member).

You can bring a check or cash to the next Knights meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> or can you pay online or can you send a check to Matt using the instructions below.

You can also support Nebraska's Buck-A-Month Club, a program that supports various Knights of Columbus pro-life efforts, by adding \$12 to your payment.

**To Pay your dues online-** Go to the SVdP Knights (Council 10795) website at [www.svdpomahaknights.org](http://www.svdpomahaknights.org) to pay your dues using a debit/credit card or your existing PayPal account. Please include your name and member number when submitting payment.

To Pay by Mail – send a check made payable to Knights of Columbus. Please send your payment to me at the address below.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [matt.mcconville@hdrinc.com](mailto:matt.mcconville@hdrinc.com) or by phone at (402) 515-5265.

**ALSO IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2018 DUES PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE THOSE WITH YOUR 2019 DUES PAYMENT. The list of names for people owing their 2018 dues was published in the December Newsletter**

## **January Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 8**

**Hanneman Hall**

**Rosary: 6:30 PM  
Meeting: 7:00 PM**



### **Attendance Drawing**

You never know you might be the lucky one holding the ticket that draws the ace at our next meeting. Our prize pot has been growing, as no one has found the lucky ace.

The Knighly Knews is the monthly newsletter of the Knights of Columbus Council #10795. All articles, suggestions, or critiques are welcome and should be directed to the editor: **Ron Frisse** at 402-715-4879 or [rfrisse@cox.net](mailto:rfrisse@cox.net) Deadline for submission of articles or notes is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next month's newsletter. If you have a change of address or email, please notify Financial Secretary **Matt McConville**

### **Know of a Prospective Knight**

If you know of a Catholic gentleman interested in joining the Knights of Columbus at St. Vincent's, please invite them to attend our Monthly meeting.

You can also provide their contact information to Ron Frisse to have our membership team contact the person about joining the Knights.



**American Red Cross**

### **Blood Drive News**

Mike Friederich

Thanks to all who helped at our last blood drive by donating, especially Brother Knight Mike Gidden who helped man the registration table. We collected 24 pints of blood for patient care out of 28 who signed up. Thanks for taking time out of your Sunday morning to help others in need. We hope to see you at the next blood drive on March 17, 2019.

We are still looking for a knight to step up and chair the blood drive. My last blood drive as chairperson will be the one this March.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Please continue praying for our Brother Knight Don Bengier, who is battling cancer.

If you know of any Knight or a member of his family who has recently died, is sick, in distress or is in need of our prayers for any reason, please contact Grand Knight Ron Frisse so that the prayers and support of this council may be offered.

## January Food Bank

Dave Pastor

The deliveries to Sacred Heart Ministry are currently being handled by **Tom Meehan**; he will deliver every month on Monday. We are working on a small team to back up Tom in the event he cannot make the deliveries, so we are looking for volunteers that would be able to make daytime deliveries on a Monday.



## **One Rose, One Life**

**January 19/20**

by Scott Kerr

We will be conducting our annual One Rose, One Life campaign at all the Masses on the weekend of January 19/20. This collection supports pro-life organizations, events and initiatives throughout the state of Nebraska including the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, local pregnancy centers, the Pope Paul VI Institute, and the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

I will need volunteers at each Mass to help pass out prayer cards and donation envelopes to parishioners as they walk into Mass. If you can help, please contact Scott Kerr at [skerr777@cox.net](mailto:skerr777@cox.net).

This year, the drawing on the prayer cards was created by Claire Quattrocchi, a 6th grader in our parish. She was the winner of the statewide Pro-Life Art Contest! Thanks so much for helping with this annual fundraiser.



## KC Free Throw Contest

Mark Havermann

It is time for our Annual KC Free Throw Contest. Kids ages 9-14 boys and girls will compete in our Basket Ball Free Throw Contest. **Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2017** in the SVDP Gym.

We would like the shooters to sign up prior to the start time 7:00 PM. If we can sign in around 6:45 just outside the gym at our tables.

Boys & Girls from ages 9 - 14 will compete shooting free throws and the top winner in each category will move on to the district contest. Please let me know if you can help count baskets and rebound for the contest. You will need to be there about 20 minutes early so we can set up 6:40ish.

We present awards to the winners and have a friendly Knight contest of our own.

If you would like to volunteer please signup using the the signupgenius at either of these links:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOA4BABAC22A46-knights4>

<https://tinyurl.com/ya8u3jde>

## **Annual Knights Sponsored Christmas Concert**

Since 2012, our Knights council has sponsored a Christmas concert performed by the choir and symphony of the Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart (college-preparatory school for girls in grades 9-12). The Christmas performance rotates between two retirement centers, New Cassel Retirement Center and Parson's House Assisted Living Center.

Our Council provides a donation to the Duchesne Academy to cover expenses for the performance. The music and presence of the girls from Duchesne Academy provides an uplifting and warm holiday spirit for those living at the retirement centers. Brother Knights Les Schmitz and Bob Nedley initiated the idea for the Christmas concert which was most recently performed on December 8, 2018 at New Cassel Retirement Center. There were 34 students participating in the choir and 12 playing instruments. The Knights assist with parking and setting up the auditorium for the performance. It has become a wonderful tradition for our Council. Those Knights participating in 2018 included Randy Fellows, Ron Springer, Kevin Smith, George Meiers under the leadership of Bob Nedley.

## **Sunday Perpetual Adoration**

Mick Morrell

Our Council has a group of men that share the 4:00 AM Perpetual Adoration spot. We like to keep 8 members on the team so that each person serves once every other month. Currently, we have only 7 members of the team. If you would be willing to be a member of our team, please contact Mick Morrell at [mick.morrell@me.com](mailto:mick.morrell@me.com) or call at 402.690.7386.

## **Pennies from Heaven**

George Meiers

Thanks for all of your help! for 2018 to date -- I did a quick check of all orders since January 1 (even though our fiscal year really starts March 1) -- and we have raised \$9400 + in rebates that will be applied to parish, school tuition, etc. !! Thanks for helping to make the program possible!

NEW to cash and carry: Husker Hounds \$25 and Scheels !! The latter is not on the order form yet so it will need to be a write-in on back. The newest forms are blue.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism**

## January Knight Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Brad Kearney	Jan-03
David Thalken	Jan-04
Daniel Guetterman	Jan-05
Robert Ramaekers	Jan-07
Todd Christensen	Jan-08
John Blach	Jan-09
Darren Bednar	Jan-11
Robert Vlock	Jan-11
John Wewel	Jan-13
Joshua Brandl	Jan-13
Chad Marquis	Jan-14
Thomas Halpin	Jan-14
Dwight Hoch	Jan-16
Joseph Pelster	Jan-17
Thomas Blechschmidt	Jan-17
Steven Gulseth	Jan-19
Brad Smith	Jan-20
Randall Niehaus	Jan-20
Robert Elliott	Jan-20
Joshua Boesch	Jan-22
Scott Heim	Jan-22
Thomas Rerucha	Jan-26
Damien Anderson	Jan-28
Gerald Meysenburg	Jan-29
Jon Pick	Jan-29
Michael Gidden	Jan-30
David Pastor	Jan-31



## Fish Fry Committee

The fish fry committee will be starting up our planning sessions for this years fish fry event. Our first fish fry night this year will be on March 8th. We do have openings on a few of our committees if anyone would like to become more involved in the leadership of our fish frys.

Our first full committee meeting will be in January, the date is TBD. We have also started putting together a fryer committee to explore the purchase of a new fryer using the gas line that was installed as part of the Parish Center project. Please contact Ron Frisse, Jim Pavlik or Chris Gries if your interested in becoming involved on our fish fry chairman group.

As always we will be needing lots of volunteers in March and April, a signupgenius will be posted later this month to solicit volunteers for the six Fridays of lent. Our current plan is to continue to serve the same menu and use the same processes but we are always open to ideas.

## 2019 Proposed Budget

I am planning to present our 2019 proposed budget at the January meeting. Due to the amount of funds in the proposed budget, it requires two meetings for approval. It will be proposed in January with a final vote in February for approval. A copy of the budget to be voted on will be included in the February newsletter. If you have any items that need to be added to our annual budget, rather than be introduced in a meeting for approval please send them to Ron Frisse

**Knight of the Month**

**January 2019**

***Gary Hennessey***



**Family of the Month**

**January 2019**

***Mark and Sheryl  
Havermann Family***

The Grand Knight has declared **Gary Hennessey** as the Knight of the Month for January 2019.

Gary is a Third Degree Knight and very active with the St Vincent De Paul Society. He is also a Deacon.

The Holiday season keeps Gary especially busy with the SVdP Society and the Coats for Kids program.

Thank you Gary for your service, and congratulations on this deserved recognition of your dedication to our Council, our Church, and our Community

The Grand Knight has named **Mark and Sheryl Havermann Family** as Family of the Month for December

Mark is a Third Degree Knight that has been an active member of our council for many years. He is currently the chair of our Youth Sports Committee and a member of our fish fry Beer committee. He has been a regular helping hand with the Pancake breakfast, tootsie roll sales, farmers markets, and one rose – one life. He is a former Grand Knight, Guard, and Trustee.

Sheryl has been an active member of our parish for many years, is a Eucharistic minister, and involved in bible group studies.

Thank you, Mark and Sheryl and your family for your service, and congratulations on this deserved recognition of your dedication



**Pancake Breakfast on January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jack Wojtas



Our next pancake breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th. It follows on the heels of a very successful December breakfast that benefited our local St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped make that event such a success.

The January breakfast will kick off Catholic Schools Week. We have coordinated with the school administration to provide students to assist with serving breakfast and clean up. This collaboration worked very well last year. If you are able to work at the breakfast, please sign up using the SignupGenius website. We still need help on all three shifts. No experience is needed; all training is provided at the pancake breakfast.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45a8ae23a13-pancake1>



## *Ask Eligible Men to Join*

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Thank You, and God Bless  
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# St. Vincent De Paul Knights Council #10795 Calendar

January 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3 Mantemach Rainbow Team 3	4	5
6	7	8  Meeting 7:00 Hanneman Hall	9	10 Meehan Rainbow Team 4	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Krupa Rainbow Team 1	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Morrell Rainbow Team 2	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31 Manternach Rainbow Team 3	1	2

Future Council Meetings Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 16 (Note the March and April meetings are 1 week later than normal due to room conflicts)

*Remember to check out our St. Vincent de Paul Knights website at: <http://svdpomahaknights.org/>*