

KNIGHT LINES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNINGS COUNCIL 3955

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1st KC Special Needs Christmas Party 7PM (OLOL)
- 2nd Resch Concessions for Jeff Dunham (6PM)
- 5th That Man is You (St Francis Dolski Center) 7AM
- 5th Resch Concessions for Chris Young (6PM)
- 5th/6th Keep Christ in Christmas Sign Handout
- 7th Youth and Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45) and Regular Meeting (7:00) at OLOL Parish Center
- 12th TMIY (Dolski Center) 7AM
- 13th Packer Ticket Scanning v Cowboys (12:30PM)
- 18th Resch Concessions for the Gamblers (5:30PM)
- 19th TMIY (Dolski Center) 7AM
- 25th Wishing You a Blessed and Merry Christmas!
- 31st Resch Concessions for the Gamblers (4:30PM)

JANUARY

- 1st Wishing You a Blessed and Happy New Year
- 3rd Packer Ticket Scanning v Vikings (9AM)
- 4th State Charity Raffle Starts
- 4th First Degree (6:00), Youth (6:30), Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45), and Regular Meeting (7:00) at OLOL Parish Center
- 11th State Knowledge Contest Starts
- 12th Birthday Party for Everyone and Dance – KC Special Needs – OLOL Social Hall 7:00 pm
- 15th Respect Life Mass (7PM) at SS Peter & Paul
- 16-17th Roses for Life at De Pere Churches
- 17th March for Life (Chicago)
- 24th March for Life (Washington DC)

NOVEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Eugene Coonen

NOVEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Doug & Anne Stangel Family

Financial Report

Savings:	\$21,853.35
Checking:	\$7,041.95
Bereavement Account:	\$450.00
Columbian Account:	\$146,346.91

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Council Meeting

Please note that our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center. The meeting will be preceded by Youth and Charity Committee meetings at 6:30 pm and Officers' meeting at 6:45 pm. After the meeting, the other Drew will be serving another fantastic meal!

Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual Christmas Tree Sale began on Friday, November 27th and is going well. The preparation for the sale at our new location went well thanks to all the members who helped. Our lot is next to Bank Mutual on the corner of 8th and Main Ave. in W. De Pere. Since we have very nice trees again this year, our inventory will not last long. We would appreciate very much if you would consider buying your Christmas tree from us and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. All the profits from the sale help us meet the charitable needs of the less fortunate in our community--especially those who are seriously ill or homeless. Finally, and most importantly, please pray for our success in this endeavor. Prayers always make things go easier and we certainly need that at this time. We have a good supply of Fraser, Canaan and Balsam Fir trees. If you desire a premium Christmas tree, shop early as they go fast. Please see the enclosed flyer. Merry Christmas!

During January and February 2016, we have many Pro-Life activities in the community: The **Respect Life Mass** (7:00 p.m.) is on the 15th at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Green Bay; **Roses for Life collection at OLOL, St. Mary's and St. Francis Xavier** are on the 16th and 17th. The **March for Life** rally is in Chicago (17th) & Washington DC (24th). Catholic Schools Week is January 30th – February 6th, 40 Days for Life begins on February 10th and continues until March 5th.

Condolences

On October 22nd longtime member, Jerry Kronschnabel, passed away. Jerry joined the Knights in 1960 and became a member of our Council about 30 years ago. He was very active in the Council for many years until health problems limited his activities. He has a great sense of humor and was a very good woodworker.

Jerry Krueger, a member since 1993, died on November 7th. Jerry was active in the Council when he first joined but health problems limited his involvement soon after that.

Membership Roster

Members are being sent a new membership roster in early December. Please keep for future use and discard your old

Chaplain's Corner



Brother Knights,

When I arrived in America three years ago, the autumn season was almost at its peak. Looking out the window of the plane as it touched down in Minneapolis and then in Green Bay, I was amazed at the different colors and hues of the trees. It was an overwhelming experience. I grew up in a tropical place where the flowers are very beautiful and colorful, but I never experienced the leaves of the trees turning color. They are only one color, green. How beautiful God's creation is.

roster. If you do not receive one or need an extra one, they are always available at the Council meeting.

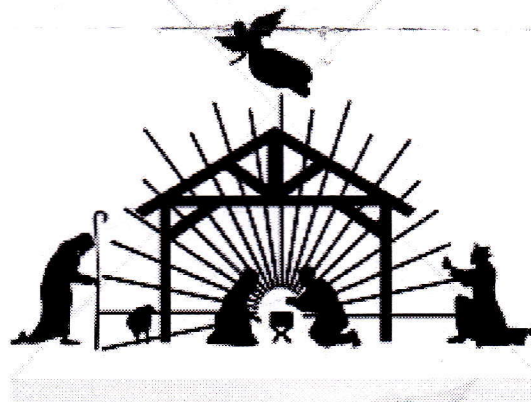
Something comes to my mind, what if we were all like those trees? Then what would this season mean to us? Surely at this time of year when all our leaves are transforming into yellow, orange or red and as they dry up and begin to fall, would it be a painful excruciating moment, losing part of our being? Our leaves that assimilates the heat we need from the sun that helps us become stronger, we are losing. As an individual we suffer.

Yet, look around you... how many people are so excited and joyful to see the color of our leaves? When we volunteer, we give our precious time away to others, our energy, strength and sometimes we may encounter unpleasant experiences. In a wider scope of what we are doing as Knights we paint colors in the lives we touch through our volunteer time. Though we may suffer or feel over extended, something within us changes and we gain the beauty and happiness we spread to those we help.

Autumn is really a great season for reflection. The trees release the tired old leaves so they can prepare for fresh new leaves in the spring. When we volunteer and lend a hand to others it does tire us out and as the trees teach us, take time to shed the aches and pains so we are renewed, to again help those in need. We all know when we share our services with others we share our beautiful colors.
Father Judah

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paul Albers, Greg Bieker, Tim Bostedt, Nick Bucher, Al Callahan, Ron Coenen, Sam Colucci, Bill De Groot, Ralph Destiche, Tom Diedrich, Bill Diedrick, Jerold Diny, John Driessen, Mike Eikenberry, Eric Gerarden, Greg Gorenc, Chris Heike, Randy Hock, Josh Holmes, Joel Jansen, Ed Kiley, Dennis Larson, Mark Lauer, Ken Martin, David Mc Ilheran, Mike Mc Nerney, Ken Nimmer, Robert Pigeon, Jeff Ross, Corey Salm, Steve Sands, Robert Schalk, Ben Schill, Steve Smith, Mike Smits, Mike Teska, Gerald Teske, Jim Thompson, Pete Thomson, Bob Thornton, Andy Van Dyck, Phillip Van Gheem, Mike Van Rooy, Ken Vertz, Paul Vraney, Matt Wauters, Tom Wiers, Leo Witcpalek, Jim Zellmer



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Abbot Pennings Knights of Columbus

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Our Council made the following donation in November:

De Pere Baseball	\$400
Jason Widi Family	\$500
De Pere Fire Education Program	\$120

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome Rick Turriff, Arie DeWaal, Joe Sladek and Tom Franzen as new members of the Abbot Pennings Council. We appreciate and thank these men for their commitment to the church and community service as Knights of Columbus. We invite them and their families to become active in our many projects to help others. Thank you Brother Knights!

YOUTH

Our **Youth Committee's next meeting** is 6:30 on Monday, December 7th at the OLOL Parish Center. This meeting is for all youth committee members and program directors and other interested Knights.

Pro-Life Essay – This year 30 7th and 8th graders from Our Lady of Lourdes and three 7th graders from Notre Dame of De Pere participated in the contest. The topic was, "Abortion vs Slavery: Is There a Difference?" Winners will be announced during school masses during Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. Thanks, Richard Porior

Great News! The abortion Center in Appleton is for sale. Closed for good. Prayer warriors in Appleton have prevailed in their steadfast prayers and sacrifice for an end to abortion in Appleton. Gentleman, let's not give up. It's our duty to defend life. May Our Blessed Mother bless our efforts.

The Christmas Poster Contest for grades 1-4 takes place December 1st-15th and the winners will be announced during a ceremony in mid-December. Thanks, Joel Jansen

Our council had two winners from the November 7th Punt Pass & Kick held at De Pere High School. Ethan Heck (father Rick is a KC) placed 1st in the 10 year old boys division. Duke Shuvald placed 3rd in the 9 year old boys division. Congrats to all! Thanks to Corey Coonen and all of the Brother Knights who helped at the event.

CHURCH

We will be handing out "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs at **no cost** again this year at OLOL, St. Mary's, and St. Francis Parishes after all Masses on the weekend of December 5th/6th. Phil Wittman, Larry Vande Hei and John Mueller will be leading this event.

COMMUNITY

Since Saturday, 10/31 was a fifth Saturday members of our Council manned the De Pere Christian Outreach Store. We also cleared and sorted the donations that Saturday and Sunday. Taking part in this project were Dar Smet, Gene Micke, John & Jo Smits, John & Carol Mueller, Mike & Barb Eikenberry, Al Callahan, Nate Abts, John, Lynn & Isaac Fink, Lou Cyganek, Ron Coenen, Craig Biwer Frank De Bruin and Greg Bieker. The Outreach was very pleased with our efforts. Thank you, John Mueller

COUNCIL

Coats For Kids Program

On Nov. 7th I delivered 32 coats to De Pere Christian Outreach that we had purchased in Oct. They expressed their gratitude and thanked us for our generosity of our donation of winter coats. A special thank you to DGK Dave Pearson who did the purchasing of the coats through Shopko and for getting us 8 more coats to be donated to families in our community. Your work in our council is helping make a difference to those in our community. Thank you, Matt Diederich, Coordinator

Packer Ticket Scanning

We would like to thank all of the Knights and ladies who worked on November 15th and Thanksgiving on the 26th at Lambeau Field. Pete Nordeen, Chairman

Resch Center Concession Stand

For the month of Nov. we worked two events; the WIAA girls volleyball tournament and the Darius Rucker Concert. We all had a great time and shared some good conversation during the slow times of the shifts. Thanks to the following Knights and family that made these opportunities possible: Ron Van Dyck(2), Dan Nehls, Roger Nienhaus, Joe Maar Lou Cyganek, Mike Malchow, Drew Weisse, Pat Daanen, Dennis and Mary Leiterman, Jeremy Nelson, and Fr. Judah. Please watch your emails and check our website for more opportunities in December.

Matthew Diederich - Chairman

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This is such a busy time for our council. Christmas Trees, Resch Center, Lambeau Ticket Scanning, Pro-Life, Poster Contest etc. I want to thank all of the Brother Knights and family members who volunteered to support our council this year. Our community is so blessed to have the Abbot Pennings Council on their side, doing wonderful and inspiring works of goodwill.

I'd also like to thank all of the chairmen of our programs. It takes a great deal of effort and time to run all the important programs in our council.

I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

GK Pete Nordeen

KNIGHT LITES



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 2015-2016

OFFICERS

Chaplain	Rev Judah Ben-Hur Pigon	676-4870
Grand Knight	Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Pearson	632-4035
Chancellor	Corey Coonen	819-9409
Advocate	Phil Wittman	336-6450
Warden	Dale Brown	327-2860
Recorder	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
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Lecturer	Drew Weisse	438-9642

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John Hofbauer	339-6204

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Director	Eric Le Brun	621-1708
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MEETINGS NIGHTS (August - June)

1st Monday of each month.

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Officers and Charity meetings 30 minutes before regular meeting. All meetings are held at

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

(at the end of Lourdes Ave.)

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Program	Dave Pearson	632-4035
Membership	John Mueller	336-8691
Church	Bob Coenen	336-1634
Youth	Eric Le Brun	621-1708
Council	Steve Cribben	339-8198
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Pro-Life	Richard Porior	339-9376
Promotion	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Historian	John Mueller	336-8691
Wake Services	Scott Baetan	338-1078
ID Program	Dave Pearson	632-4035
	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Lambeau Scanning ...	Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Resch Center	Matt Diederich	360-5926
EHP-LOL	Dale Brown	327-2860

ROUND TABLES

Our Lady Of Lourdes	John Mueller	336-8691
St. Francis	Larry Vande Hei	336-7281
St. Mary's	Phil Wittman	336-6450

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

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Corey Coonen-Chairman	819-9409
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Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Matt Diederich	360-5926
Matt Mueller	339-1190
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