

# KNIGHT LINES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNING'S COUNCIL 3955

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 1st Wishing You a Blessed and Happy New Year
- 1st State Charity Raffle Starts
- 3rd Packer Ticket Scanning v Vikings (9 AM)
- 4th First Degree (6:00), Youth (6:30), Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45), and Regular Meeting (7:00) at OLOL Parish Center
- 9th That Man is You (Father Dolski Center) 7 AM
- 11th State Knowledge Contest Starts
- 12th Birthday Party for Everyone and Dance – KC Special Needs – OLOL Social Hall (7 PM)
- 15th Pro-Life Mass at S.S. Peter & Paul (7 PM)
- 16th TMIY (Dolski Center) 7AM
- 16-17th Roses for Life at OLOL, St. Francis and St. Mary's
- 17th March for Life in Chicago
- 23rd TMIY (Dolski Center) 7 AM
- 30th TMIY (Dolski Center) 7AM
- 30th De Pere Christian Outreach

### FEBRUARY

- 1st Youth and Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45), and Monthly Meeting (7:00) at OLOL Parish Center
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week
- 7th Corporate Communion – St. Mary's 10 AM Mass
- 9th Pizza Dinner and Dance – KC Special Needs – OLOL Social Hall 7:00 pm
- 10th Ash Wednesday
- 20th Diocesan Free Throw Contest at WDPHS (12:00)

## DECEMBER KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Henry Nooyen and Mike Hannon

## DECEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Steve & Sue Sands

### Financial Report

Savings:	\$25,584.41
Checking:	\$12,067.27
Bereavement Account:	\$350.00
Columbian Account:	\$142,242.51

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next Council Meeting

Please note that our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center. The meeting will be preceded by a First Degree at 6:00 pm, Youth & Charity meeting at 6:30 pm and Officer's meeting at 6:45 pm. After the meeting, Drew will be serving another great meal.

### January Pro-Life Events

Please consider attending or participating in the following events to show your support of Pro-Life:

1. The Pro-Life Mass at SS Peter & Paul Parish on University Ave. in Green Bay at 7:00 p.m. on January 15th.
2. Our Council's "Roses for Life" Program will be held after all the Masses at OLOL, St. Francis and St. Mary's the weekend of January 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### State Charity Raffle

Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets in 2015. We sold 1526 tickets for a total of \$7630. The state sent back to us \$3765. It was our biggest year ever! Let's top that in 2016! Thanks, Chairman Jack Wilmet

## CONDOLENCES

Bernard Roels, a member of Abbot Pennings Council since 1960, passed away on December 6th. He a well-known lawyer in De Pere and was instrumental in setting up the bylaws of the Columbian which is the corporation that finances some of our donations. He also was very active in church and community activities sponsored by our Council for many years. Keep his family in your prayers.

# Chaplain's Corner



Brother Knights,

In my hometown, in the Philippines, Advent is a very special season. People begin decorating on December 1. Their houses are decorated with different Christmas decors inside and outside. I remember, we learn how to make star lanterns at the very young age of 7 or 8. The star lanterns would be put in our windows and be displayed all Christmas. As we grew older and got better at making the lanterns we could make them out of bamboo and we put lights inside them. We even would put the colored Christmas light bulbs in the lanterns so that it would look like dancing lights. Lots of innovations every year, just to make it more fun and exciting.

On December 16, early in the morning (4:00am) we gather for the novena Mass for Christmas (Aguinaldo Mass). All the people believe that if they participate in these nine Masses their wishes, whatever it is will be fulfilled. So cold (hmm, 60°F) and so early (3:00am) to wake up just to catch that Mass, it's very important to them so the cooler weather and lack of sleep is not an issue. It is the deep "tradition" that drives them to go. Seeing lots of people, lots of finger foods to buy in the streets, like the picnics or festival we have here, looking at the colorful lights in the park near the church - these are some of the things that we look forward to seeing, why they don't want to miss coming to the Church.

December 24 is quite a celebration, families prepare their own food; traditionally its ham and small round cheddar cheese about the size of your fist, which are common during Christmas. The food is prepared on the dining table before going to the church at 10:30pm. When we arrive home around midnight, our meal is ready for the Noche Buena. Some firecrackers go off in celebration. Twine is used to tie cans together and we hang them on the back of our cars or bicycles to make noise in the streets. This continues all through December 25.

December 26th, is the feast of our town's patron saint (St. Stephen). The celebration is not yet over. Food is overflowing in every house and strangers are even welcome to eat. Everyone can watch concert in the evening along with different talent shows in the park for free. There are lots of fun rides for children and adults. I would compare it to our fairs that you have here in Wisconsin.

On Dec.31, before the celebration of the New Year, lots of people go to the Church to celebrate the Mass at 10:00pm. Right after they go to their own houses for their Media Noche (celebration of foods again) and their own show of fireworks. The dogs in our country do not like this celebration as all the noise of the firecrackers spook them.

In all of these events, the Knight of Columbus is very much a part of the celebration. Yes, some are in full regalia, they stay in front of the altar; others stand as securities or ushers, it is overflowing with people all around the church, cars cannot even park in the area. It's like parking during the Packer Games. You can really feel the spirit of brotherhood and sense of deep faith in each of our brothers. Doing service is sharing Jesus. Showing kindness is sharing mercy.

What traditions do you have for your families during the Christmas season? What memories do your children have to carry on to the next generation?

Father Judah

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The success of this year's Christmas Tree Sale was due to the hard work of the following 159 Knights and family members.

We sold 880 trees with a profit of over \$17,000. Thanks, and may God Bless you all with a Happy New Year!!!

Harold Aldrich	Aaron Anderson	Bob Augustian	Scott Baeten	Tim Bald	Tom Bast	John Baumann	Tom Franzen
Craig Biwer	Greg Bottei	Dave Bolle	Kevin Brauer	Jack Bresses	Rick Breu	Dave Brissette	Scott Brosig
Dale Brown	Brett Buratti	Al Callahan	Rick Cerney	Bob Coenen	Ron Coenen	Todd Collar	Brad Collard
Gene Coonen	Jim Crabb	Rick Crabb	Steve Cribben	Lou Cyganek	Dan Danen	Frank De Bruin	Fran De Cleene
Jason Delvauz	Drew Destiche	Julie Destiche	Matt Diederich	Tom Diederich	Mike Donovan	Mike Eikenberry	Ted Fagan
Ross Ficari	John Fink	Isaac Fink	Glenn Gauthier	Ryan Gauthier	Eric Gerearden	Mike Hannon	Tom Harper
Rick Heck	Chris Heike	Darrel Hettmann	Adrian Hilbert	Dan Hilbert	Adam Hock	Rachel Hock	John Hofbauer
Gary Jaeckel	Ryan Jaecks	Pat Johnson	Rick Johnson	Jeff Jorgensen	Marty Kelly	Bill Kempen	Ed Kiley
Mark Knutson	Mark Kralovec	Alec Kralovec	Jozef Kralovec	Jarek Kralovec	Steve Krummel	Ben Krummel	Evan Krummel
Tony Lagowski	Sam Lagowski	Dave Landwehr	Eric Le Brun	Paul Leahy	Pat Lennon	Erich Lennon	Bob Lex
Pat Loomis	Joe Maar	Brian Maes	Mike Malchow	Dave Mancl	Bud Manning	Scott Mathewson	Mark Matzke
Chip Mc Donald	Rog Mc Grath	Dave Mc Ilheran	Gene Micke	John Mueller	Carol Mueller	Matt Mueller	Andy Mueller
Dan Nehls	Jeremy Nelson	Roger Nienhaus	Henry Nooyen	Charlie Ott	Mike Perock	Pete Nordeen	Camden Nordeen
Pat Phillips	Jessica Phillips	David Phillips	Dale Reuter	Jeff Ross	Bryan Rottier	Eric Ruechel	Nathaniel Ruechel
Sue Sands	Steve Sands	Jim Schabow	Craig Schmidt	Troy Schneider	John Shimek	Shawn Shrader	Phillip Schneider
Collin Schneider	Dar Smet	Jim Smits	Mark Smits	Chris Steier	Dick Suslick	Pete Thomson	Bob Thornton
Brian Tomac	Len Stadtmueller	Jay Stadtmueller	Adam Turriff	Drew Weisse	Mike Willems	Phil Wittman	Mitchell Wittman
Larry Vande Hei	Keith Diederich	Levi Diederich	Riley Diederich	Jim Zellmer	Jesse Zastrow	Ron Van Dyck	Mary Van Dyck
Mike Van Rooy	Steve Vermeulen	Mike Herson-Roeser	Chad Vanden Langenberg	Doug Vanden Langenberg			

Thanks to these businesses: Bank Mutual for letting us use their parking lot for the sale, Valley Unit Step for moving and storage of our concrete weights and stanchions, Pete Hein for providing storage of our equipment, Royal Plastics for storing our hut, De Pere Y Mart for advertising the sale on their marquee, and Vanden Heuvel Electric for installing equipment to bring power to our facility.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Our Council made the following donations in December: Golden House \$500, Paul's Pantry \$500, House of Hope \$500, Freedom House \$500, Jackie Nitschke Center \$500, St. John Homeless Shelter \$500, Religious Retirement Fund \$500, Jan Janssen Medical Expenses \$500, 40 Days for Life \$350, Esto Vir \$125.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome **Phil Pfeiffer** a transfer into our Council. Phil is long time member of the Knights of Columbus and will be a good asset to our Council. We will be having a First Degree prior to our January 4th meeting. If you have Catholic gentleman interested in joining an organization dedicated to helping those in need, please contact John Mueller at 336-8691. The degree will start at 6:00PM and candidates should be there by 5:35PM. We also would like to encourage Council members to come and witness the degree to show support for the new members.

### YOUTH

During November, we held our council level free throw contests for ages 9 thru 14, boys and girls, at Notre Dame, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hemlock Creek and Westwood schools. In total, we have had 718 kids thus far participate. Volunteers at the Free Throw Contest in November are as follows: Gene Coonen, Ron VanDyck, Lou Cyganek, Arie DeWalle, Richard Porior, Rick Johnson, LuAnn Coonen, Roger & Karen Nienhaus, Gene Micke, Gordy Chevalier, John Mueller, Mike Malchow, Phil Wittman, Steve Cribben and Mike Donovan. Thank you for all your help. None of this would be possible without your help. – Corey Coonen.

### COMMUNITY

Our 47th annual Christmas Tree Sale was again very successful at our Bank Mutual location. We sold our last tree on Saturday, December 12th, which means we sold 880 trees in just 16 days and realizing a profit over \$17,300. The weather during the sale was very nice thanks to Fr. Judah. Our Brother Knights did a fantastic job preparing for the sale with the unloading, pricing and setting up the lot. This teamwork netted us with over \$26,000 in sales the first two weekends and resulted in total sales of \$40,279. Contributing to this success was the quality of our trees--the best ever-- and the personnel handling and selling our trees. We heard many comments this year about people coming back each year because of our customer service. 159 Brother Knights and family members made this possible by treating our customers with respect and friendliness. A big thank you to Matt Diederich, Mike Hannon, Bryan Rottier, Jim Zellmer, John Hofbauer and Matt and John Mueller who co-chaired this project and all those who sold our trees each day. A very special thank you to Bank Mutual for letting us use their parking lot and Vanden Heuvel Electric who set up our electrical system. Thanks to everyone involved and a huge thank you to those who prayed for our success.

On November 28th & 29<sup>th</sup>, members and family members from our Council took in weekend donations at the De Pere Christian Outreach Store. Helping with this were Ron Coenen, John & Isaac Fink, Gene Micke, Matt Mueller and the John & Carol Mueller family. The Outreach really appreciates our efforts on these weekends.

### CHURCH

After the Masses at St. Mary's, St. Francis and Our Lady of Lourdes the weekend of December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, our Council provided "Keep Christ In Christmas" yard signs. We gave out 295 signs with the help of Larry Vande Hei, Norm Koelbl, Bill Janssen, Pat Byrne, Ron & Jeff Willems and Bob Phillips at St. Francis. Helping at St. Mary's were Bob Caprario, Barb & Mike Eikenberry, Bob & Ellen Coenen, the Dave Pearson Family, and the Phil Wittman Family. John & Carol Mueller along with Fr. Tim Shillcox handled Our Lady Of Lourdes.

### COUNCIL

#### Resch Center:

The following Knights helped in December at the Resch: Dec. 2nd, Jeff Dunham: Drew & Julie Destiche, Matt Diederich, Gene Micke, Pat Loomis and Mike Malchow Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Gamblers Game: Pete Nordeen, Matt Diederich, Father Judah, Tim Bald and Drew Weisse

#### Packer ticket scanning:

Thanks to Dale Brown, Dan & Lisa Rafferty, Dave & Joe Sladek, Jason Delvaux, Richard Porior, Pat Daanen, Ed Kiley, Troy Schneider, Chris Heike, Bob Green, Pat Lennon, Len Stadtmueller, Dale Reuter, Greg Hill, & Eric Lebrun for scanning tickets December 13<sup>th</sup> v. Cowboys – Pete Nordeen

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Augustian, John Baumann, Craig Biber, Kevin Brauer, Scott Brosig, Rick Crabb, Dave Derbique, Steve Donovan, Tom Harper, Adam Hock, Don Koltz, Dave Mancl, Norbert Manders, Pat Moran, Pat Normoyle, Fr. Judah Ben-Hur Pigon, Dale Reuter, Steve Sipiorski, Bill Smits, Rick Thiesfeldt, Drew Weisse, Perry Willems, Jeff Young

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Many times in our lives, we consider our work and if a career change is in the works. If you are or know a Catholic gentleman who may have interest, please consider becoming an agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance. As an agent, you can protect Catholic families while promoting financial programs you can believe in as well as doing good for yourself and others. You can match your faith-based ethics with career goals.

If you have interest, I encourage you to call Joseph Molosky at (715) 330-5178 to learn more.

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
Treasurer	John Wilmet	336-3074
Financial Secretary	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961
Inside Guard	Dennis Leiternan	336-0364
Outside Guard	Doug Vanden Langenberg	468-0102
Lecturer	Drew Weisse	438-9642

### TRUSTEES

Matt Diederich	360-5926
Steve Cribben	339-8198
John Hoffbauer	339-6204

### COLUMBIAN INC - DIRECTORS

President	Steve Cribben	339-8198
Vice President	Scott Baeten	338-1078
Director	Tom Wiers	337-2189
Director	Eric LeBrun	621-1708
Secretary - Treasurer	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

### MEETING NIGHTS (August - June)

1st Monday of each month.  
Meeting starts 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
Bowling	Rick Breu	339-9482
Pro-Life	Richard Porior	339-9376
Promotion	Matthew Mueller	339-1190
Historian	John Mueller	336-8691
Wake Services	Scott Baeten	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

Rev Judah Ben-Hur Pigon	676-48
Corey Coonen-Chairman	819-940
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Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Matt Diederich	360-5926
Matt Mueller	339-1190
Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

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