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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# MAY

1st Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly

2nd First Degree (6:00), Youth (6:30), Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45) and Regular Meeting (7:00) at

**OLOL Parish Center** 

5th Resch Center – Carrie Underwood (5:30)

8th Mother's Day

14th Postal Carriers Food Drive

21st-22nd OLOL Picnic Booyah

22nd OLOL Church Picnic

22nd Resch Center – Boston (4:30)

30th Memorial Day

### JUNE

5th St. Francis Xavier Parish Picnic

6th Youth (6:30), Charity (6:30), Officers (6:45) and Regular Meeting (7:00) at OLOL Parish Center

12th Family Fun Day at Bay Beach (12:00)

14th Flag Day – Fly Your Flag

19th Father's Day

25th-26th Brat Fry at Festival

26th Packer Ticket Scanning Draft Night

# APRIL KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**Pat Phillips** 

# APRIL FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Herb & Barb Kocken Family

# Financial Report

Savings: Checking: \$31,930.73 \$12,058.28

Bereavement Account:

\$250.00

Columbian Account:

\$141,578.09

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Next Council Meeting**

Please note that our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd 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, Youth & Charity Committee meetings at 6:30 and an Officer's meeting at 6:45. After the meeting, we will be nominating officers for the 2016-17 fraternal year. Drew will be serving another delicious meal.

# **Family Fun Day**

Please see the enclosed flyer regarding our third annual Family Fun Day at Bay Beach on Sunday, June 12th. The fun begins at 12 noon. All Knights and their family members are welcome to join us as we enjoy Luigi's Pizza and plenty of rides. There is no cost for the event. Please sign up soon by calling Corey Coonen at 819-9409 or John Mueller at 336-8691.

# **Mail Carriers Food Drive**

Our annual help with the Postal Carrier's Food Drive in De Pere will take place on Saturday, May 14th. Mike Hannon and Eric LeBrun will chair this project which will start with assembling boxes at 9:45 AM in the northeast section of the Festival Foods parking lot in W. De Pere. This is a very important program as it provides much needed food for local pantries and our efforts are much appreciated by the De Pere Postmaster. Make sure you leave some food at your mail box for us to pick up.

# **Church Picnics**

As the weather warms, church picnic season begins. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish picnic takes place on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come enjoy a day of good fun and games, especially a warm bowl of Knight made booyah. On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis Xavier hosts its annual picnic and rummage sale. The weekend begins with a dinner after Saturday evening Mass and continues after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday. Come for games, good food and fellowship. There is always a competitive cornhole tournament and a rummage sale.

# Chaplain's Corner



Grace and joy in faith Brother Knights.

Thank you for the clergy appreciation night last time, we enjoyed the night. The event uplifted us, especially the retired priests. It is nice to know that there is a group who appreciates, and that we are not alone in building up the church, instead you go hand in hand with us teaching the gospel of Jesus, like, "to be the salt of the earth and light of the world."

I thank also those who do volunteering, especially those awardees in our council, including their loved ones, you give precious time and effort to really be "the salt of the earth and light of the world."

Aside from that, I just want to share; recently the Vatican promulgated, on April 8, 2016, the apostolic exhortation on the family by Pope Francis, entitled "Amoris Laetitia" or The Joy of Love. The letter affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others. At the same time the text warns against idealizing the many challenges facing family life, urging us, Catholics, to care for, rather than condemning all those whose lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church.

We as fellow Knights and faithful believers of the church doctrines may read the newly published pope writings, we may even have a comment or two on them.

Brother Knights we have so many activities this past month and next month, let us continue to be the salt of the earth and light of the world! Father Judah

These are the Brother Knights and Family Members who made the 2016 "Tootsie Roll" Promotion for those with intellectual disabilities very successful by taking in over \$13,500 in donations. Congratulations one & all!

Dennis Aschenbrenner Kevin Brauer Scott Brosig Todd Collar Jim Crabb Dan Danen Matt Diederich Ross Ficarri Gary Gereau Randy Hock Micah Jaecks Leon Kane Eric Le Brun Joey Macklin Roger Mc Grath John Mueller Pat Normoyle Jessica Phillips Eric Ruechel Bill Smith Len Stadtmueller Brian Tomac Paul Vraney	Bob Augustian Jack Bressers Brett Burratt Sam Colucci Rick Crabb Frank De Bruin Levi Diedeerich John Fink Shawn Gereau John Hofbauer Miranda Jaecks Julie Kane Pat Lennon Mike Malchow Tony Meeuwsen Carol Mueller Charlie Ott Fr. Juda Pigon John Shimek Kevin Smits Jay Stadtmueller Larry Vande Hei Matt Wauters	Scott Baeten Rick Breu Pat Byrne Jared Colucci Steve Cribben Fran De Cleene Tom Diedrich Tom Franzen Larry Goeben Corey Hudson John Janssen Norm Koelbl Bob Lex Scott Mathewson Don Meulemans Matt Mueller Jim Pokladowski Richard Porior Shawn Shrader John Smits Chris Steier Ron Van Dyck Drew Weisse	Tom Bast Rachel Breu Gordy Chevalier Chase Colucci Lou Cyganek Jason Delvaux Mike Eikenberry Eric Gerarden Mike Govek Daryl Hutjens Bill Janssen Mark Knutson Scout Lex Mark Matzke Kate Meulemans Cindy Mueller Bob Phillips Brian Pritzel Roger Siebold Larry Smits Alan Tesoro Mary Van Dyck Jeff Willems	John Baumann Erin Breu Bob Coenen Corey Coonen Pat Daanen Arie De Waal Chad Fagan Sam Gerarden Mike Hannon Ryan Jaecks Pat Johnson Charlie Laehn Pat Loomis Darrel May Gene Micke Dan Nehls Phil Pfeiffer Dale Reuter Dave Sladek Mark Smits Jim Thompson Mike Van Rooy Ron Willems	Dave Bolle Dave Brissette Ellen Coenen Gene Coonen Matt Daanen Keith Diederich Teresa Fagan Fritz Gereau Darrel Hettmann Leah Jaecks Jeff Jorgensen Paul Leahy Jeff Macklin Chip McDonald Dave Mileski Pete Nordeen Pat Phillips Frank Rozek Joe Sladek Mike Smits Bob Thornton Steve Vermeulen Mike Willems
Brian Tomac	Larry Vande Hei	Ron Van Dyck	Mary Van Dyck	Mike Van Rooy	Steve Vermeulen
Phil Wittman Doug Vanden Langenberg	Jesse Zastrow	Elijah Zastrow Nancy Pearson	Noah Zastrow Brianna Pearson	Jim Zellmer Nate Pearson	Steve Zey Tim Enright & Family

# CHARITABLE DONATIONS

De Pere Girls Softball	\$500
Walk to Mary Sponsorship	\$1000
Wisconsin Culture of Life	\$1369
Penny a Knight a Day	\$1617
Theo Van Straten Eagle Project	\$500
James Daanen Eagle Project	\$500
MS Walk	\$300

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of our Council is now at 486 and growing due to the charitable deeds of many of our members as witnessed by the area community. Several of our new members told us that was the reason they wanted to find out more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council in particular. So, a big thank you to all our members for all the good work you do to help others in our community and beyond. Our next First Degree will be 6:00 PM on Monday, May 2nd, prior to our monthly meeting. If you have an interested candidate, please call John Mueller at 336-8691.

# **COUNCIL**

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, more than 150 Knights and guests enjoyed our annual Appreciation Night dinner at the Swan Club. Another fine chicken dinner was followed by the return of Bent Grass! Congratulations to the Knights of the Year Lou Cyganek and Drew Weisse. The John and Lynn Fink family took home the Family of the Year award for their help with our council and the OLOL parish and school. A special thanks to KC State Pro-Life Chairman Dan Miller for sharing his important message during our meal.

# **COMMUNITY**

The 2016 "Tootsie Roll" campaign was a big success. We solicited donations at JC Penny on March 18, 19 & 20th and at Festival Foods, East De Pere Shopko, Shopko East Town Mall and Piggly Wiggly on April 8, 9 & 10th. Donations were solicited at St. Mary's, St. Francis and Our Lady of Lourdes three different weekends in April. Including contributions the fund collected at these locations, donations from several businesses and from canister collections throughout the year, proceeds were over \$13,500. The donations will provide the funding for our De Pere KC Special Peoples Program directed by Gen Cieslewicz. Program Chairmen Dave Pearson and Matt Mueller thank the 153 Knights and Family members who volunteered their time to make the program successful. Special thanks to the

businesses that allowed us to solicit donations from their customers, including Shopko, Piggly-Wiggly, JC Penny, and Festival Foods. Thanks also to the Red Bird Mini Mart, Nicolet Restaurant, De Pere Y Mart, The Oak, City Limits Express, Julie's Restaurant, Seroogy's Candies, and Culvers who allow us to place canisters in their locations year round. And finally special thanks to Spectrum Surfaces, Broadway Automotive, Ryan Funeral Home, Cotter Funeral Home, Keyser Plumbing, Ambrosius Power Center and Hein Construction for their contributions to help the "Special People". Congratulations to one and all!!

# **BIRTHDAYS**

Tom Bolin, Steve Burt, Ed Castelic, Mike Cotter, Matt Diederich, Ted Fagan, Zachary Gilson, Larry Goeben, Kyle Goffard, Gregory Goffard, Harold Grimes, Daryl Hutjens, Gary Jaeckel, Ryan Jaecks, Pat Johnson, Gene Knuth, Eric Le Brun, Dennis Leiterman, Pat Loomis, Bud Manning, Paul Miller, Roger Nienhaus, Gerry Patterson, Mike Perock, Bob Phillips, Harvey Quinette, John Shimek, Roger Siebold, Joe Sladek, Jerome Smits, Larry Smits, Dan Van Rite, Chad Vanden Langenberg, Pete Vissers, Paul Weller, Charlie Welter

# **Resch Center**

The council had two events at the Resch Center in Apil. Thanks to Ron & Mary Van Dyck, Paul Leahy and Tom Franzen for helping out at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Gamblers game. The Knights also worked the April 28<sup>th</sup> Brantley Gilbert concert. Thanks to those who helped out. - Matthew Diederich - chairman.

# **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights,

Thanks to all who attended our Annual Appreciation
Dinner. It was a pleasure to meet and see so many of our
Brother Knights who work many hours raising money
for our outreach.

Thanks also to those involved with the Tootsie Roll program. Once again, we continue to set records for collections. This leads the Diocese of Green Bay and puts us in the top 5 councils in the state.

Have a great Spring! HE IS RISEN!

GK Pete Nordeen

# KNIGHT LITES

# OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 2015-2016

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Secretary-Treasurer wayne van Aster	Dave Pearson
MEETING NICHTS (August June)	Pete Nordeen
MEETING NIGHTS (August-June)	Matt Diederich
1st Monday of each month.	Matt Mueller
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.	Wayne Van Asten
Officers and Charity meetings 30 minutes before	
regular meeting. All meetings are held at	INSURANCE
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center	Dan Nehls
(at the end of Lourdes Ave.)	Dali renis (202) 500 500