



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Patrick's Council 10914



Onalaska, WI 54650

Newsletter

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St. Patrick's KofC Website

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Up Coming Events

KofC's Pancake Breakfast	Feb. 3, 2019
4th Degree Assembly 1195	Feb. 21, 2019
St. Patrick's Council Mtg.	Feb. 28, 2019
KofC's Pancake Breakfast	Mar. 3, 2019
KofC's Free Throw Contest	Mar. 3, 2019
<i>LaCrosse Diocesan Level @Aquinas</i>	NOON
KofC's Family Bowling	Mar. 3, 2019
<i>Coulee GolfBowI</i>	1:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 8, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 15, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 22, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 29, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Apr. 5, 2019
KofC's Pancake Breakfast	Apr. 7, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Apr. 12, 2019

Degree Schedule

1st Degree	TBA
2nd & 3rd Degree	TBA
4th Degree Exemplification	May 18, 2019
Richland Center, WI	

District 25 Deputy

District 25 Deputy	SK Thomas Ladwig
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Council Officers 2018-2019

Chaplain	SK Msgr Steven Kachel
Grand Knight	Scott Jackson
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Thomas LaFleur
Chancellor	SK Dennis Tressic
Recorder	Robbie Sage
Treasurer	Brant Amble
Lecturer	Tony Ciano
Advocate	David Doley
Financial Secretary	SK Paul Valenti
Warden	Tobias Wolf
Inside Guard	Phillip Goldblatt
Outside Guard	Vacant
1st YR Trustee	SK Timothy Pierce
2nd YR Trustee	SK Michael Carney
3rd YR Trustee	SK Bruce Jerue

Bishop Schwebach Assembly 1195

Faithful Navigator	SK Gregg Randall
Color Guard Commander	SK Lloyd Miller

KofC Dues and News Up Coming Events



Good 2019, Brother Knights!

On behalf of the Grand Knight Scott Jackson and the leadership team of St. Patrick's Council 10914, I wish for you and your family a blessed 2019 to come.

With this letter you'll find your annual dues notice. If you don't see one, that means you are an honorary life member. The fraternal activity survey is being done by email this year to reduce the amount of paperwork going around.

As always, you may choose to add \$3.65 (or more) to your submission for the Penny-a-Day-a-Knight program. All funds raised through this program go directly to support Catholic Education.

And some upcoming events to keep in mind in the year to come:

- Pancake Breakfasts are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month in September and the 1st Sunday of the month from October to April. The annual Chicken Que is the 1st Monday in May. Contact Mike Carney at mccarney918@charter.net to volunteer.
- Family Bowling will take place on Sunday March 3rd at the Coulee Golf/Bowl from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per game and shoe rental is \$2. Please contact Dennis Tressic so he knows how many people will be attending. This is a family friendly event! He can be reached at tel. # (608) 769-2433 or DennisTressic@gmail.com.
- The St. Patrick's Famous Fish Fry begins on Friday, March 8th. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin and announcements and please volunteer.
- Keep an eye out for an announcement regarding the annual Lenten retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is being planned for a Saturday during the Lenten season. Contact John Teske at jteskejr@yahoo.com for more information. This is a family friendly event!
- The annual Tootsie Roll drive to benefit those with intellectual and physical disabilities will be in late April. Keep an eye on your email inbox or contact Mike Carney to volunteer at mccarney918@charter.net. This is a family friendly event!
- Keep an eye out for announcements regarding the 2nd Annual Sportsman's Knight Out, scheduled for August 3rd at Aquinas High School. Contact Tom La Fleur at tdlafleur@msn.com to volunteer or to inquire about sponsoring the event or participating.
- Join your fellow Knights for praying the Rosary 30 minutes before mass (now before all weekend masses!) on the fifth Sundays in March, June, September and December as well as every Sunday in May and October. Knights are needed to participate and to help lead the prayers. Contact John Teske at jteskejr@yahoo.com to volunteer to help lead the Rosary. Participation does not require any registration; just to show up and pray with your fellow Knights!
- Join fellow Knights for Eucharistic Adoration every Sunday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Spend some time with Jesus in the form of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend ten minutes, spend an hour — your choice. Contact John Teske at jteskejr@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping to facilitate weekly adoration with a regular 30 minute or 1 hour shift.

Membership is the lifeblood of our council! If you know of a man who would make a good Knight of Columbus, please contact Chancellor Dennis Tressic at (608) 769-2433 or DennisTressic@gmail.com. Many hands make light work!

Please contact Paul Valenti, Financial Secretary, with any questions or concerns regarding your dues at (608) 399-1627 or Paul.M.Valenti@gmail.com.

Have a blessed year, and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Valenti, Financial Secretary

For the latest meeting minutes and other information, please go to St. Patrick's Council Website: <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=10914>

MEMBERS ONLY Tab: The log in is your member number and the password is your birthday.



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Knight's Birthdays

Ronald Brueggen	Feb. 01
Donald Rudolph	Feb. 04
Charles Ryan Neubauer	Feb. 06
James Bodoh Jr.	Feb. 10
Robert Freson	Feb. 10
Scott Jackson	Feb. 10
Daniel Wiebke	Feb. 15
Ron Pietrek	Feb. 18
Todd Traffas	Feb. 18
James Jenks	Feb. 20
Jerry Jerue	Feb. 22
Scott Volenec	Feb. 23

Knight's Anniversaries

Michael Herro	10 Years
Steven Schauer	10 Years
Brian Wyland	15 Years
Charles Beers	25 Years

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Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for the Council's Newsletter is the 25th of the Prior Month.

Please submit your ideas, photos, and stories to:
SK Dennis Tressic Dennis.Tressic@gmail.com

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Since Paul has listed all the up coming events, I won't repeat them. Last month I was hoping to remind the council of our history of hard work and dedication we have since we began our council. We need to train other members and pass our knowledge and look for new insight for our projects we have. We need to divide responsibilities among other members of our council. Unless we are willing to give up some of our projects we have made commitments to, we need people to step up their involvement with the knights and our parish. Please consider helping in anyway you can.

THANKS SINCERELY !

Tom LaFleur, Deputy Grand Knight



Monsignor's Message



Brother Knights,

Within the past few months we have seen some very anti-Catholic prejudice rear its head, esp, in the social media. Many Catholics will just ignore this not wanting to make waves. It is something we should take note, as our country gets more and more divided between those who believe and have faith in God and those who don't believe in anything but themselves. It was President Ronald Reagan who gave praise to the Catholic Church by stating, "The Catholic Church is the last moral stronghold left within the world". I believe the president was correct. With a growing number of people who have no religion, this anti-Catholic sentiment will only grow. What are we to do as knights? The greatest weapon is the rosary. History

has shown its power and yet do we arm ourselves with this powerful weapon? With New York legalizing abortion up to the last minute, with a vast decline within Christian Marriage, with a growing denial of God, we need the power of the Rosary, most specially the Luminous Mysteries. During February I ask we say a decade of the rosary each day, praying one of the Luminous Mysteries, The Baptism of the Lord, The Wedding At Cana, The Preaching of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. We are the last moral stronghold, and the rosary is our greatest weapon. It is a weapon that doesn't need to be looked at, but used...

God Bless.

SK Msgr Steven Kachel

KofC State Raffle Tickets

Brother Knights, The annual Knights of Columbus Wisconsin State Charity Raffle for 2019 is underway. Proceeds from the raffle tickets are used to fund charitable grants throughout the state. A portion of our ticket sales will be returned to our council (about \$2 per ticket). Last year one of our KC members, Gary Giesler, was the Grand Prize winner of \$50,000.

We asked members to pick up their tickets in the gathering space after the masses on January 12-13. Tickets not picked up at that time will be mailed.

Thanks.

Darrel Dwyer, Raffle coordinator



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Knight and Family of the Month

January Knight of the Month

Mr. James Binash

January Family of the Month

Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Linda Mattison

If you have moved, changed your telephone number, or your email, please let Paul Valenti know at tel. # (608) 399-1627 or Paul.M.Valenti@gmail.com as soon as possible so we can make the necessary corrections.



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Knights In Action

News and Stepping Up

Serving and Cooking at Our Famous Pancake Breakfast • St. Patrick's Free Throw Winners



Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

For the second year in a row, the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus will be fielding a team to take the Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 2nd at Pettibone Park in La Crosse.

For those interested in participating, contact Paul Valenti at Paul.M.Valenti@gmail.com to be added to the Polar Plunge group and invited to join the fundraising tracker. Participating as a plunger includes a commitment to raise at least \$75 to benefit Special Olympics Wisconsin. Paul Valenti will collect any cash donations by Thursday February 28nd and turn in on your behalf on the afternoon of Friday March 1st and give you your registration packages on Saturday March 2nd.

Last year the team met for breakfast then carpoled to a shuttle bus pickup. Plunging starts at 11 a.m. we were the first non-sponsor group

last year. We were done with the event by 2 p.m.

100% of money raised goes directly to the Special Olympics.

This is a family friendly event - minor children (less than 18 years of age) are required to have an adult register them to sign off on a liability waiver. The fundraising goal per participant is the same regardless of age.

If you are interested in donating but not going into very cold water, you can donate with at this link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?langPref=en-CA&TSID=895630>

Please help us to make this event a success again this year!

SK Paul M Valenti



Insurance Agent's Message

Knights of Columbus

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Dear Brother Knight,

We, from the Borger Agency of the Knights of Columbus, would like to wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year. We want to use this opportunity to give you an update as to what has happened in 2018. When we took over the agency, we started with five agents. We are currently in the process of contracting our ninth agent, who will join the team on February 1st. We need 11 to be fully staffed, which we expect to happen by the end of the year. The agents of our team include, Terry Knutson, Gregory Helgerson, John Olig, Shawn Fox, Steven Books, Scott Graham, Silas Mahner and Jason Bourget.

From the onset, it was our objective to turn the agency into one of the best in the order. We knew already of the strength of the Knights of Columbus as well as the outstanding products that are offered. What had been lacking in the past was a well-educated and powerful force of agents.

I am proud to announce that we had a spectacular year. Three of our agents reached the prestigious MDRT award. That counts them amongst the top 1% of all insurance agents in the world. Those agents are Shawn Fox, Gregory Helgerson and Steven Books. Two of the newly contracted agents barely missed. We are confident more will reach MDRT in 2019. To put this in context, only a single K of C agent in the state of Wisconsin has reached this in the past. We were the leading agency in the state in 2018.

At a recent meeting with State Deputy Jack Wrbanich, the General Agents decided to meet with the State Deputy quarterly. We discussed putting a major emphasis on recruiting new members. I have instructed my agents to help you in any way that we can. For 2018, our agency had an Associate to Insurance member ratio, which of course includes new members, of 162.22% of

quota. That was the highest of all agencies in the order.

Our goal for 2019 is to continue to give you an insurance program that we can all be proud of. It is important for us to improve communication between us and fraternal leaders as yourself. We have decided to give you these updates at least once a year. We would also like to encourage you to contact our office with any concerns, suggestions, etc., that you might have by emailing us at ludger.borger@kofc.org. We also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given us. We see major improvement in all aspects of our mission. We are looking forward to a bright future.

God bless you.

Fraternally,

Ludger J. Borger

GA, Wausau, Wisconsin