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Rosary precedes meeting @ 6:45PM in the Gehl Center.***

Awarded Star Council: 92-93, 94-95, 96-97

Awarded WI Complete Council 96-97, 97-98

Awarded Fr. McGivney Award 18-19

Achieved Columbian Award

**91-92 92-93 95-96 96-97 97-98 98-99
99-00 00-01 08-09 09-10 10-11 11-12
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Father Bob's Corner

This is the month that brings us the Thanksgiving holiday. It is something we should celebrate. To be thankful, to be grateful is a basic, important virtue. Although we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving just once a year, we should express our gratitude every day, many times each day. In these times of the pandemic we might be centered on what we have to do to be safe, and what we can't do. But rather than feeling sorry for ourselves, worrying what our future will be, stop and think of all we have to be thankful for, what God has given us, even as we deem these to be trying times, giving a lot to be anxious about. We begin the month of Nov. with the feast of All Saints. We see in the saints the practice of the virtue of gratitude. One author says his patron saint of gratitude is St. Francis. St. Francis' Cantic of the Sun is a prayer, spiritual song, and poem all-in-one. It offers a powerful meditation on gratitude. (You can find it on your browser. Read it carefully, thoughtfully). St. Bernadette Soubirous, the visionary of Lourdes, is another saint that teaches us gratitude. We think of her as the privileged girl blessed with apparitions of the Immaculate Conception. But she was also blessed with many crosses to bear. Go to "St. Bernadette's-testament-of-gratitude-Catholic Exchange" on your browser to see the many things she was grateful for, many things we probably don't think of being grateful for. Only a person who has faith is able to be grateful for everything. This gratitude will be visible on our face as joy, for everything may be changed into good. "For the ones who love God, all things work for good, even sin" (cf. Rom 8:28). Practice gratefulness!!!

Love & Prayers, Fr. Bob

Grand Knight's Message

November is here, and with it comes cooler and crisper air, Election Day, deer hunting, and Thanksgiving. Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd (the day of our next meeting). Please do your civic duty and prayerfully cast your vote. The Beatification Mass for Fr. Michael McGivney will be held on Saturday, October 31 at 11AM Eastern Time at St Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, CT. I believe Mass will be live-streamed. ([youtube.com/knights of Columbus](https://www.youtube.com/knights_of_Columbus)) Covid-19 cases seem to be surging again in our area. Please continue to stay safe and check in on those who might need a little extra assistance during these trying times. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3. We will be conducting a Combined Degree at 6:30PM, with the meeting to follow. Please join us if you are able and bring a mask. Happy Thanksgiving, safe travels, and safe hunting.

Fraternally, Kenneth Reigh, GK

Wisdom

*It's not **what** happens to you in life that determines how far you will go in life; it is **how** you handle what happens to you.*

Humor

Be careful when reading books about improving your health. You may die of a misprint. ---Mark Twain

Happy Birthday

11/8 Greg Schmitt

11/26 Dcn. Tom Mahoney

Membership

Welcome to Bill Merkley. Bill is transferring his membership to our council. Give him a thumbs up and a friendly welcome when you see him.

New Officers

Joining our officers and duly elected at the October meeting were: Warden, Sergio Heredia, Chancellor, Connor Schlaack, and Advocate, Matt Lemberger. Thanks for stepping up to help lead our council. Now, all we need in a Deputy Grand Knight. Someone step up.....lets get 'er done.

Council Activities in progress**Degree Team**

For the first time in over 40 years, Council 4505 is hosting a Combined Degree on November 3. Due to the Coronavirus we cannot invite all to witness this historic event. In fact due to social distancing we had to limit the degree to 6 candidates. One of the features of the new degree is that wives, friends, and family are encouraged to be in attendance when their "candidate" is receiving his degree. That will have to wait until the virus is under control. Thanks to the presenters: Dan Bins, Fr. Bob Rhyner, Bill Noel, Jim Jacque, Bill Bishop, Ken Reigh, and Dave Tlachac for undertaking this worthy project.

Life Savers for Life

Suggested to be held after 9/15.

Member Awards Potluck

GK to determine.

Metal Art Roses

We have Metal Art Roses at the Cathedral Book Store, and both Save-Half stores. Sales are normally slow this time of the year, but are expected to pick up in spring. Our roses make wonderful gifts. Why not surprise your wife or best girl with a beautiful rose for her birthday, anniversary, or just because you love her?

Food for Families

Letters have gone out to the membership requesting donations for the pantry at SFX Cathedral and Love of Life at St John. Please be generous. A lot of people are hurting. Bill Bishop did the mailing. Thanks, Bill.

Charity Raffle

Bill Bishop is distributing tickets for the charity raffle. It is always held in conjunction with the State Convention, this year on May 1, 2021. The list of 100 prizes consist of: 1st \$50,000 or a Ford F150 pickup, 2nd \$25,000 or a Harley Davidson Cycle, and 3rd -100 \$500. Cost is \$5/ ticket. We earned \$251 from last year's ticket sales.

Coats for Kids

Our council is once again providing warmth to disadvantaged kids through the Coats for Kids program. Grand Knight Ken Reigh and Bill Bishop are heading this Faith in Action program.

Pro-Life Notes

As I walked the sidewalk on Oneida St. during 40 Days for Life I experienced the wrath of a motorist. As she was bringing her auto to a stop for the red light, she rolled down her window and proceeded to spew a litany of vulgarity that would have put a Marine to shame (nothing against the Marines). All I could think of was how a God of love gave her and all women the gift to share in creating and bringing forth life and this was her reaction to someone defending that gift. In my heart it was clear, forgive her Lord, for she knows not what she does.

50-50 Drawing: Winner was Matt Lemberger. Congratulations!!

Attendance drawing: Winner was Dale Ihlenfeldt. Winner must be present at the meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report

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General Fund Acct _____

Charity Acct Chkg _____

Total _____

Bills to pay: _____

Knights Calendar

11/1 All Saints Day
11/1 End of Daylight Savings Time
11/3 Combined Degree 6:30PM before regular meeting. (Candidates arrive 6:15PM)
11/3 Monthly K of C Meeting 7PM in the Knights Room (Rosary @ 6:45PM)
11/3 Election Day (**Be Sure to Vote**)
11/26 Thanksgiving Day
11/29 1st Sunday of Advent

Did You Know?

At the March 1, 1882 meeting Fr. McGivney set forth the financial benefits that were to be available through the infant membership of his organization. A member could choose one of three “grades” of aid in the event of death, regulated by the grade to which he belonged to the Endowment fund. Grade one provided a \$500 death benefit for which a member was assessed 50 cents per month, grade two provided a \$1000 death benefit for an assessment of \$1 per month, and grade three, a \$1500 death benefit for an assessment of \$1.50 per month. Membership also included a sick benefit. A member could draw not more than \$5/ week for 13 weeks. After thirteen weeks the benefit was to be regulated by the council. The ages of admission were from 18 to 50 years of age. In the way Fr. McGivney organized the insurance, nearly anyone could afford coverage. His sick benefit was equivalent to about 63% of the average wage of a man in his 30's or 40's. The \$1500 death payout was about equal to 4 years of earnings and about \$200 more than the average price of a home in the 1880's. On March 29, 1882 the state of Connecticut granted the Knights of Columbus a charter.

Insurance Corner

What does an organization like the Knights of Columbus Supreme do during a pandemic to maintain/improve its standards of performance?

- *Began initiatives to achieve higher levels of professionalism, efficiency, and productivity.*
- *Restructured IT department.*
- *Took action to ensure health and safety of 800 employees.*
- *Adopted a remote work plan.*
- *Restructured an 1100 agent field force.*
- *Continued to grow Asset Advisor program, soon to be available to Brother Knights.*
- *Developed tech solutions enabling every jurisdiction to hold virtual state convention.*
- *Introduced on-line version of new ceremonial for new members.*
- *Developed an emergency church loan program for diocese in financial crisis.*
- *Implemented a multimillion dollar food assistance program.*
- *Launched the “Leave no Neighbor Behind” program.*

This is what they did. Thought you might like to know.

nominations by Dave Tlachac, second Bill Bishop, carried. Thank you, Gentlemen!
Still need a Deputy Grand Knight.

NEW BUSINESS: *Bill Merckly joined us tonight, he has lived in several areas of the country and belonged to different councils, welcome to 4505, Brother Merckly.

*Degree Team is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30, Dave Tlachac is sending out invites to those not yet second and third degree.

*October is Pro-Life month, we asked our parishes if we could do a Home Novena Oct 4-12.

*Bill Bishop is taking on our Food for Family Charity kicking off this month, and he will also help GK Ken Reigh with the Coats for Kids program.

*We will re-visit the RSVP program in Spring.

*Sentiments for Seminarians, we are still waiting for assignment.

*In-person programming is still limited due to Covid.

*Dues: we are still \$25/year for dues for regular members and \$8 for honorary/life members.

After discussion and comparison of dues with some of the other local councils and

the fact that our assessments keep going up a motion was made to increase dues to \$30.00 for 2021. Motion, Bill Bishop, Second Jim Jacque, motion carried.

*A motion was made to raise our Advertising Rates to \$30 per block. Motion, Bill Bishop; Second Sergio Heredia, motion carried.

*Jon Cavil of Esto Vir is organizing a pro-life procession to the BC Courthouse Sunday Oct. 11, this is open to all faiths. Council approved them borrowing our ambo for the event.

DISTRICT DEPUTY: Matt Diedrich brought certificates that would have been awarded at the State Convention

UNDER THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Rick Watermolen, Hogan Family, Willys Carlson, Baker Van Rite

50/50 DRAWING: Matt Limberger **MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:** Dale Ihlenfeldt (sorry you must be present to win)

CLOSING PRAYER: recited by entire council

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Dave Tlachac Second, Bill Bishop
motion carried, meeting ended 8:30

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Nov. 3rd

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Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020, 7:48:26 PM
KOC October 2020 minutes

COUNCIL 4505 MSGR. BASCITE

MEETING 10/6/20 Rosary led By GK Ken Reigh at 6:50 Regular meeting called to order by the GK at 7 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Chaplain Grand Knight x Dep. Grand Knight (open) Chancellor (open) Trustee 3rd yr x
Trustee 2nd yr x Trustee 1st year Lecturer (open) Financial Secretary x
Warden Recorder x Advocate Treasurer x Inside Guard Outside Guard x

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING WERE READ: Motion: Bill Noel Second: Harold Kane
Motion Carried

CHAPLAIN'S SUMMATION: Father Bob absent and excused

GK REPORT: Ken reminded everyone on the importance of voting in this election.

ADMISSIONS: no report, although we were joined tonight by a new attendee, Dr. Dave DeGrave who introduced himself and has just retired from his dental practice.

COMMUNICATIONS: A friend of Dan Bins, Sara Hogan saw his Facebook Post from the frat fry and sent a \$25 donation from Georgia. AuFam sent a letter requesting Money, tabled. Right to Life from Brookfield and Pro-life Wisconsin asked for donations, tabled.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: General Checking: \$2032.86 Charity Checking: \$594.38
Outstanding Checks: Deposits to make: \$251 Charity check from the State Council
Motion to approve: Dan Bins 2nd: Bill Bishop Carried

SERVICE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS: Lack of protocol in officer election discussed. 3 nominations for open positions were offered, other nominations from the floor were asked for three times. Nominees were
Warden: Sergio Heredia; Chancellor: Connor Schlaack; Advocate: Matt Limberger; motion made to accept these

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