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Monthly meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7PM.  
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**

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**91-92 92-93 95-96 96-97 97-98 98-99**

**99-00 00-01 08-09 09-10 10-11 11-12**

**13-14 15-16 16-17**

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## Father Bob's Corner

*The elections are not far off. It is important, but more so now, that everyone votes, votes with an informed conscience, based on our belief in God and in His laws. God cannot be left out of the picture if our country is going to survive. Here is a prayer that we should pray daily.*

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth, as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his apostles and guide us to your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Love & Prayers, Fr. Bob*

## Grand Knight's Message

*Welcome to October! My wife and I need to take our daily walks on the Fox River Trail earlier and earlier every afternoon as the days shorten. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors while they last. We still have a number of positions that are unfilled. Please consider one of these positions: Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, or Advocate. Duties of these positions can be found on the K of C website. If contacted about filling one of these important positions, please ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Having all positions filled ensures the success and stability of our Council in future years. Our Degree team recently held a second practice. We hope to be offering two Exemplification Ceremonies in the near future, one in Nov. and one in Jan. This would be an excellent opportunity to reach Knighthood status. The Benefits Night that was scheduled for the October meeting had to be cancelled. FA Rick Lemke is in quarantine due to the virus. The Agency is planning a Zoom presentation on Oct. 15. Stay (next page)*

tuned for more information. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, October is **Respect Life** month. Let us never cease praying for an end to the scourge of abortion, which has claimed millions upon millions of innocent lives. There are many Pro-Life opportunities available during the month. Please take advantage of these. Our next meeting will be held on Tues. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin at 7PM with Rosary at 6:45PM, so please join us.

Fraternally, Ken Reigh, GK

### **Wisdom**

*The six best Doctors in the world are: Sunlight, Rest, Exercise, Diet, Self-confidence, and Friends. Now go out and get all you can.*

### **Humor**

*We could certainly slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress. — Will Rogers.*

### **Happy Birthday**

10/1 Roger Longsine

10/4 Larry Loberger

10/8 Ervin Psenicka

10/9 Mark Lovat

10/11 Mick Gleason

10/17 Aaron Ciha

10/21 Michael Picard

10/23 Charles Linssen

10/27 Dan Kerrigan

10/31 Terry Phillips

### **REST IN PEACE**

*On September 9, we lost a long-time member. Gerald Watzka, age 87, was a member of the Knights for 61 years. Jerry was one of 10 children and most of his brothers were also Knights. Jerry owned and operated Watzka Trucking, a contract delivery for Sears. After retirement, he became a Blackjack dealer for North Star and Oneida Casinos. Up until a couple years ago, Jerry helped with our Tootsie Roll drive. Even though he was not able to stand, he used his favorite lawn chair to help out. Jerry approached every day with a happy heart, true joy for life, a valuable virtue for all to develop. Rest in peace, Jerry.*

### **Council Activities in progress**

#### **Degree Team**

*We held a Combined Degree practice on Sept. 29. Looks like our first actual degree will be held prior to our November meeting. A check of the roster shows that some 30 members need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree or a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. If this is you, you will be called to attend either the Degree being held in November or another scheduled for January.*

#### **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. Hopefully, sales will pick up.

**Brat Barn**

There will not be a second date for another Brat Barn. Festival has closed the season.

**From Our Arizona Connection**

Dennis Dionne, former member of 4505, current Advocate of Phoenix CN 11809, Requested prayers for the success of the Phoenix Rosary Celebration. This year it will be presented virtually on October 18<sup>th</sup>. It consists of praying the Rosary for prayer intentions submitted in advance, Reconciliation, exposure to the Holy Eucharist, and recorded messages from several Bishops plus much more. You can see it on line at AZRosary.net at 2PM on the above date, or YouTube.com/phoenixdiocese.

**Pro-Life Notes**

Why not support Pro-Life by picking up your “Restore Packer Pride” yard sign at the Green Bay Olive Oil Company, 2605 S. Oneida Street, between Red Robin and Planned Parenthood. And if you can walk the sidewalk between 10AM and 11AM on Thursday mornings or any other time that is convenient for you, your effort and prayers will be appreciated by Our Savior and the babies.

**Pages Six and Seven of this Newsletter contain prayers for Life.**

**50-50 Drawing:** Winner was Harold Kane

**Attendance drawing:** Winner was Jon Brux. Sorry Jon. Winner must be present.

**Financial Secretary’s Report**

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**Knights Calendar**

- 10/6 Monthly K of C Meeting 7PM in the Knights Room (Rosary @ 6:45PM)
- 10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 10/12 Columbus Day
- 10/16 Bosses Day
- 10/18 World Mission Sunday
- 10/22 St. John Paul II
- 10/31 Halloween (Also Blue Full Moon)
- 11/3 Election Day (VOTE)

### ***Did You Know?***

*Due to Fr. McGivney's charismatic nature, 80 men showed at his call for a meeting to find solutions to the problem of sickness and death robbing families of their most valuable asset....the livelihood of the "bread winner." A committee of 12 was appointed to lay the ground work for a new organization of Catholic men, a group that was benevolent, fraternal, and soundly religious. Fortunately, Fr. Michael was elected Secretary. With everyone else procrastinating, Fr. McGivney was the driving force behind moving ideas forward. While developing ideas to lay groundwork for their organization, Fr. McGivney visited Boston to meet with the Catholic Order of Foresters. He returned to New Haven with the idea of simply establishing a branch of the Foresters. One huge problem! The Foresters charter limited operation to the state of Massachusetts only and therefore, could not accept members from CT. as insurance risks. When it came time to name the new organization, the Connecticut Order of Catholic Foresters was flatly turned down. Fr. McGivney suggested Sons of Columbus as the name, since Columbus was hailed as a great and noble man, for he was pious, zealous, a faithful Catholic, an enterprising navigator, and a large hearted sailor. Committee member James Mullen then suggested that Knights of Columbus would be a better name, after all, the world was full of Knights and what man would not want to be called a Knight?*

### ***Insurance Corner***

*People ask me, "How good is Knights of Columbus insurance?" I tell them about the first policy I purchased while attending St. Norbert College. At the time I didn't know where my next tuition dollar was coming from, but some 56 years later I still have that certificate in force. How is it doing? The annual premium for the plan is \$80.30. Last year it provided an annual dividend of \$593.05 and an annual increase in cash value of over \$141.00. I am currently withdrawing the yearly dividend in cash. Past dividends have purchased \$18,600 of paid up insurance for a total death benefit to my beneficiary of \$23,600. Besides, in the last two weeks I have been fishing with the agent who sold me that policy, twice. And that, my Brothers, is as good as it gets!!!*

## Rosary for Life

Almighty God, Our Father, You have given us life and intended us to have it forever, grant us Your blessings. Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in Your image and likeness. Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that life occupies the first place, that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects.

Give us the grace . . .

When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one has the authority to destroy unborn life.

When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, a gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.

When the institution of marriage is abandoned to human selfishness or reduced to a temporary conditional arrangement that can easily be terminated, to stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressure, to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state.

When freedom is used to dominate the weak, to squander natural resources and energy, to deny basic necessities to people, to stand up and reaffirm the demands of justice and social love.

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and demand that society itself give its protection. We ask this in Your name, through the redemptive act of Your Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*(Adapted from Pope John Paul II's Homily, National Mall, October 7, 1979.)*

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# Novena for the Cause of Life

For each day, reflect on the quote from Pope Francis, pray a decade of the rosary and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer.

**1** Sunday, Oct. 4 – “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation ....”

**2** Monday, Oct. 5 – “Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged.”

**3** Tuesday, Oct. 6 – “It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.”

**4** Wednesday, Oct. 7 – “Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ ....”

**5** Thursday, Oct. 8 – “The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. ... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.”

**6** Friday, Oct. 9 – “Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life ....”

**7** Saturday, Oct. 10 – “Equally sacred ... are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly ....”

**8** Sunday, Oct. 11 – “All too often ... people do not accept the ‘Gospel of Life’ but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life ....”

**9** Monday, Oct. 12 – “Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end.”



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

– St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*




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