

# KNIGHT LITES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNINGS COUNCIL 3955

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 2023

1-2<sup>st</sup> OLOL Brat Fry (Festival)  
3<sup>RD</sup> Monthly Meeting 7 pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Easter  
11<sup>th</sup> Dancing For Joy (OLOL) 6pm  
15<sup>h</sup> DePere Christian Outreach 8am  
15-16<sup>th</sup> DePere Music Brat Fry (Festival)  
17<sup>th</sup> Clergy Night (Swan Club)  
20<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Due  
22-23<sup>rd</sup> West DePere Honor Society Brat Fry (Festival)  
28– 30 State Convention (KI Convention Center)  
29<sup>th</sup> De Pere Christian Outreach

### MAY 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting (Nomination of Officers)  
Rosary - **Every Monday**(8pm)rosarygarden.net  
6<sup>th</sup> Walk to Mary– Crossing Controls  
5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Tootsie Roll Festival/Piggly Wiggly  
13<sup>th</sup> Fagan Food Drive  
19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>th</sup> Tootsie Roll Festival/Piggly Wiggly  
20<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Due  
20<sup>th</sup> De Pere Christian Outreach  
26<sup>th</sup> Ascention 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost  
29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

## MARCH KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Chris Steier

## MARCH FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Todd, Michelle and Raelyn Mader

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

### COME FOR DINNER AT OLOL SOCIAL HALL –6:00

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will take place in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Social Hall at 1307 Lourdes Drive. Dinner served at 6pm. Charity and Youth (6:30) and Officers meeting (6:45) will take place prior to the meeting. The Business Meeting will proceed at 7:00. Herb Kocken is prepping sloppy joes sandwiches, chips and soda. Join us for the evening and fraternity. Thanks Herb.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following students were State winners in the annual “**True Meaning of Christmas**” Poster Contest sponsored by the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Winners from Schools covered by the Council are:

Honorable Mention—Andi Christensen (Our Lady of Lourdes School) Grade 1

Honorable Mention— Meraina Lehmann ( Our Lady of Lourdes school )Grade 3

Congratulations for gaining the recognition in the State Contest

## TED FAGAN FOOD DRIVE

Ted Fagan “ Postal Carrier Food Drive—May 13—Pick up donated food on residence front steps or mailbox

May 13 Saturday Morning. Food pick up in the DePere Area . This is an event we were involved with up to 2019. We now have the opportunity to bring the charitable event back to replenish the two food pantries in the De Pere area

Contact John Mueller 920-336-8691 or Chad Fagan 920-562-6700

### Financial Report

Savings:	\$ 67,399.51
Checking:	\$ 7,370.68
Bereavement Account:	\$ 500.00
Columbian Account:	\$ 127,991.33

## DISTRICT/DIOCESE FREETHROW CONTEST

Thank you to all the Knights and family members who volunteered on March 18th at the Free Throw Competitions. Both events went smoothly and the extra help was much appreciated. A special Thank You to Joe Bergner, who stepped in to help run the shooting competition and with set-up/tear down at the High School. We had a grand total of 103 kids who participated in the District and Diocesan level competitions which is one of the largest groups we have had in quite a while. Thank you also to Corey Coonen and James Vosters for helping with the Medal Ceremony and getting State Level Competition info to the 1st and 2nd place winners of the Diocesan Competition. Thank you to Matt Mueller who took photos of the event and John Mueller who was selling raffle tickets and helping out, as John always does. We also want to recognize Scott Eggart and West DePere High School, who continue to be a big supporter of our Council and events such as this each year.

Knights that assisted with the **District event** were: Dale Brown, Frank DeBruin, Michael and Caylee Gerrits, Doug Vanden Langenberg, Ken Nimmer, Eric LeBrun, Mike Donovan, Kevin Smits, Tim Bald, Eric and Elizabeth Lawler, Kevin Brauer, Pat Moran, Randy Vogels, Marty Hemans. The Knights and family that assisted for the **Diocese event** : Andre Jacque, Eric Lawler, Alan Tesoro, Gary Czachor, Bob Whitbeck, Todd Collar, Tony Smith, Todd and Raelyn Mader, Nick Janssen, Dave Diedrick, Tim Stevens, Tony Broullire, Jud Verhagen, Jon Bake, Dale Reuter, Terry Suttner, Dick Schommer, Andrew Motchakan, Randy Hock, Brad and Christian Collard, Dave Wheeler, Emily and Mathew Sharapata, Joe Bergner, Corey Coonen, Doug Van, Chris Steier



## FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND METHOD TO VOLUNTEER

Help at DePere Christian Outreach Store— April 15, 29 th 9-12 each Saturday

Contact John Fink 920-619-2190

Coffee and juice after mass the 3rd weekend of each month from September to May. [Knights of Columbus Council 3955: Coffee and Juice at OLOL \(signupgenius.com\)](#) or Mark Gerrits 920-227-7203

State Convention—Multiple persons required for staffing a registration desk April 28-29

State Convention—Set up an 24 hour Adoration Chapel 3 persons required April 28

Contact John Mueller 920-562-3937 or

Clergy Appreciation Night (Swan Club) April 17

Contact Herb Kocken 920-336-5808

Knight Appreciation Dinner (Swan Club) April 21

Contact Pat Lennon 920-680-9272 or signup genius CLICK [Abbot Pennings 3955 Knights of Columbus: Knight Appreciation Banquet \(April 21\) \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Tootsie Roll May 6/7 and May 20/21

Matt Mueller 920-819-0938 (Festival)

Eric LeBrun 920-621-1708 (Piggly Wiggly)

Brat Barns at Festival Foods (All Staffed at this time)

April 1/2 Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Ministries

April 15/16 De Pere Music Boosters

April 22/23 West De Pere National Honor Society

Walk to Mary May 6 approx. 40 Intersection Guidance

May 6 Contact Pat Lennon or Signup genius click [Knights of Columbus Council 3955: Walk To Mary \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

“Ted Fagan “ Postal Carrier Food Drive—May 13—Drive around and pick up donated food on residence front steps or mailbox

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION



**May 20, 2023**

Brother Knights, I am writing to you on behalf of the 4th degree St. Jude Assembly. On May 20th there will be a 4th degree exemplification in Beaver Dam. The 4th degree is the final of the four parts of our order, Patriotism. We are also the Honor Guard. The Bishop is wanting us, the Honor Guard, to be present at masses at the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and Our Lady of Good Help. It would be nice to have more members in the Honor Guard for Bishop Ricken as he a great supporter of the KofC and the work that we do. I am not asking you to do more; I'm asking you to do different. The assembly will pay for half of the exemplification and \$100 toward the purchase of the Honor Guard uniform if you so choose to be a part of the Honor Guard. If you have any questions or would like to join the 4th degree please call me at 920.360.5926 I will be happy to answer them for you. - Faithful Navigator Matt Diederich.

## CLERGY NIGHT



**CLERGY NIGHT April 17, 2023**

The 32nd annual Clergy Night will be held on April 17 at the Swan Club In De Pere. All of the Council 3955 are encouraged to attend. The Evening features a Swan Club Chicken Dinner (cost of \$10/person). The Clergy from across the entire Green Bay Diocese are invited. Scholarships for Fraters and Novices are awarded to help them in their preparation for their vocation. Reservations can be finalized by contacting Herb Kocken at 920-334-5808 or Pat Lennon 920-680-9272.

## WALK TO MARY

### Walk to Mary Intersection Aid

May 6, 2023 the Council is suppling crossing assistance for 40 intersections along the Walk to Mary route. The route covers between the Shrine to St. Joseph De Pere to Our lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. This is a route of 21 miles. We have about 1/2 of the intersections in need of crossing assistance.

This is a good method of participation for any who cannot complete the 21 mile pilgrimage. The signup lists the time you need to be at the corner you have been assigned and wait until the pilgrims have passed. In the early intersections that is about 1.5 hours. Later in the pilgrimage time for passing a corner is 2.5 hours due to the differences in pilgrims pace. Bring a hat, bring a chair, bring a favorite water bottle.



Click on link to enter a SignupGenius or Contact Pat Lennon at 920-680-9272

[Knights of Columbus Council 3955: Walk To Mary \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

## STATE RAFFLE



Wisconsin State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
**CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

# RAFFLE

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$50,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$25,000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 100<sup>th</sup> Prizes.....\$500 each**

You received 8 tickets in the mail. Please return the filled out stubs and payment of \$5 each to Ron Van Dyck. If you need more tickets and many of you have a need for more tickets contact Ron at 920-609-0869 or red-birds65@sbcglobal.net .

## 2023 PRO-LIFE WALK

Ten Knights and Family members participated in a Pro-Life walk on March 11. Those who braved the cold and represented for Life were: John and Carol Mueller, Dar Smet, Steve Cribben, Darrel Hettmann, Len Stadtmueller, Sue Gerrits, Dave Buchberger, Kevin Lezotte, Richard Porior, and special thanks to Scott Crevier for leading five wind blown rosaries. God Bless and Vote for Supreme Court Justice Dan Kelly on April 4. **God Bless Life**



## KNIGHT APPRECIATION BANQUET—APRIL 21

Mark your calendar for April 21 (Friday) for the annual Appreciation Banquet. Contact Pat Lennon 920-680-9272 or signup genius [CLICK Abbot Pennings 3955 Knights of Columbus: Knight Appreciation Banquet \(April 21\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) ([signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)) to save your spot.

**Location:** Swan Club, 875 Heritage Rd, De Pere WI 54115

Check-In and drinks from 5:00 to 6:00

Invocation at 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm + Door Prizes

Awards 6:45 pm Knight of the year, Family of the Year, Grants to OLOL and ND Schools

Attendance is Free with RSVP



## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The March Charity Donations were:

Notre Dame School	\$	2000
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$	2000
De Pere Baseball	\$	450
De Pere Girls Softball	\$	500
Walk to Mary (Columbian)	\$	2000

Just a reminder that if you have a charity request, please email it to [kofc3955charity@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3955charity@gmail.com)

## DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

After a slow start, perhaps due to the previous day's St. Pat's celebration, March Madness kicked in and the Knights had their hands full processing the donations that were received at the DePere Christian Outreach Thrift Store on Saturday, March 18th. Like the State Champion DePere Redbirds, we were perfect in getting the job done.

John Fink, Pete Nordeen, Steve Cribben, Dave Kwiatkowski, Mike Lee, Darrel Hettmann

You have two opportunities to help at DPCO in April. The Knights will be there on the Saturdays of the 15th and 29th. We work from 9 - 12. Contact John Fink at 920-619-2190 to volunteer.

## MEMBERSHIP

**WELCOME** to Bernard James Joseph Brodeur a new transfer to the council from Rhode Island to the De Pere area and to the Norbertine Abby.

**WELCOME** Rich Oastler Transfer to 3955

If you know of a good candidate for becoming a Knight, please Contact - Steve Cribben 920-606-4700.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Seth Baeten, Tom Bast, Joe Bergner, Jim Brick, Rick Cerney, Gordy Chevalier, John Coppens, Dale De Villers, Tony Dunham, Chad Fagan, Norm Goral, Cary Hendricks, Charlie Jonas, Jeff Jorgensen, Bill Kempen, Charlie Laehn, Jeff Le Mieux, Kevin Lezotte, Mike Malchow, Kevin Mc Donough, Andrew Motchakan, Pete Nordeen, Peter Renard, Frank Rozek, Jim Scharine, Tony Smith, Dick Suslick, Brian Tomac, Larry Van Alstine, John Van Deurzen, Larry Van Dyck, Randy Wagner, Jeff Willems

## DUES PAYMENT

We have all received invoices for our yearly dues. The payment through PayPal or via Check. Please send questions to : Wayne Van Asten , [kofc3955fs@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3955fs@gmail.com) or mail to Abbot Pennings Council No. 3955, 1241 Drews Drive, De Pere, WI 54115

## DIOCESE KNOWLEGE CONTEST

2023 Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest were diocesan contest was held at West DePere High School on March 18. 68 students participated in 5,6,7 and 8<sup>th</sup> Math and Spelling testing. Two highest scores in all eight categories were recommended to the State competition. Council 3955 provided five volunteers for the contest. They were: Dave Buchberger, Gary Wieseckel, Jeff Jindra, Pat Lennon to aid James Vosters the Diocese Programs Director. Many Thanks to the West DePere HS Scott Eggert for the facility. Thank You Knights—Pat Lennon



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## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 2021-2022

### OFFICERS

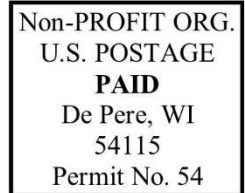
Chaplain.....	Fr. Xavier Amirtham	413-0165
Grand Knight.....	Pat Lennon	680-9272
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Mark Gerrits	227-7203
Chancellor .....	Scott Baeten	660-2300
Advocate .....	Bob Lex	338-9366
Warden .....	Jeff LeMeiux	399-1306
Recorder.....	Matt Diederich	360-5926
Treasurer.....	John Wilmet	336-3074
Financial Secretary .....	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961
Inside Guard .....	Dennis Leiterman	336-0364
Outside Guard .....	Doug Vanden Langenberg	468-0102
Lecturer .....	Drew Weisse	770-7111

### COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Program	Mark Gerrits	227-7203
Membership	Steve Cribben	606-4700
Faith	Chris Thelen	401-1040
Community	Chris Steier	619-4369
Family	Drew Weisse	770-7111
Life & Vocations	Richard Porior	339-9376
Promotion	Matt Mueller	339-1190
Historian	John Mueller	336-8691
Wake Services	Scott Baeten	660-2300
ID Program	Eric LeBrun	621-1708
Resch Center	Matt Mueller	339-1190
	Mark Gerrits	227-7203

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c/o Wayne Van Asten  
1241 Drews Drive  
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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**



### TRUSTEES

Matt Mueller	339-1190
Pete Nordeen	915-7410
Ron Van Dyck	609-0869

### COLUMBIAN INC – DIRECTORS

President	Steve Cribben	606-4700
Vice President	Scott Baeten	660-2300
Director	Tom Wiers	337-2189
Director	Eric Le Brun	621-1708
Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Van Asten	983-2961

### MEETING NIGHTS (August-June)

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. (Usually)  
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Officers and Charity meetings are 30 minutes before regular meeting. All meetings are held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center (at the end of Lourdes Ave.)

### ROUND TABLES

Our Lady of Lourdes	John Mueller	336-8691
St. Francis	Larry Vande Hei	370-8160
St. Mary's	Phil Wittman	336-6450
St. Mary's Glenmore/Stark		

### CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Scott Baeten	Chairman	660-2300
Pete Nordeen		915-7410
Matt Mueller		390-1190
Pat Lennon		336-4381
Wayne Van Asten		983-2961
Mark Gerrits		227-7203

### INSURANCE