

KNIGHT LITES



OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ABBOT PENNINGS COUNCIL 3955

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2022

1st Monthly Meeting 7:00 OLOL Center
1st Scott Crevier Rosary (8pm)rosarygarden.net
14th KC Family Picnic @ Bay Beach 11:30 am
15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
17th to 21st County Fair Parking
20th DePere Christian Outreach
20th Newsletter Info Due

September 2022

Rosary - **Every Monday**(8pm)rosarygarden.net
12th Monthly Meeting 7:00pm OLOL Center
9th-10th Festival Brat Barn, West DePere NHS
12th Dances for Joy (Green Isle Park) 6 pm
12th Blessed Fr. Mc Givney Birthday
13th Blessed Michael McGivney Feast day
17th DePere Christian Outreach
20th Newsletter Info Due
24th Council Punt/Pass/Kick (Jim Martin Park)
28th 40 Days for Life Begins
TBD Resch Center Event

JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mike Donovan

JULY FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Gerry and Chris Berner

Financial Report

Savings:	\$ 45,665.80
Checking:	\$ 7,459.37
Bereavement Account:	\$ 500.00
Columbian Account:	\$ 127,906.16

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday August 1st. It will take place in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center at 7 pm. Lecturer Drew Weisse will provide refreshments after the meeting. Charity and Youth (6:30) and officers meeting (6:45) will take place prior to the meeting.

KC FAMILY PICNIC

August 14—Pizza, Drinks and the Zippen Pippen. Look to the Signup Genius for detail and reservations. Questions contact Pete Nordeen at 920-915-7410 ptnordeen@gmail.com or Pat Lennon at 920-680-9272 Lennon_pat@icloud.com. It is Free for the family for rides and food.

If Roller coasters are not your thing Pete Nordeen loves the Boats. John Fink loves the Train Ride



[Knights of Columbus Council 3955: KC Family Picnic \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Knights of Columbus Council 3955: KC Family Picnic (signupgenius.com))

FIELD AGENT REPORT

Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising to 9.1% in June and the downward cycle of the financial markets, many have been wondering how much more they can withstand before their monthly expenses for essential goods exceeds their income. The rising costs of housing, food, and fuel are the biggest contributors to the discomfort many families feel in their household budget since a dollar doesn't purchase as much as it did a year ago. For those who are on more of a fixed income, the recent downward trend of the financial markets can make the future very stressful.

Develop an Effective Strategy. Now that we have arrived at this current reality of high inflation, it is important to develop an effective strategy to combat inflation and market downturns. The discomfort of rising costs for goods is real, but when equipped with the knowledge of how much of a true impact the rising costs are having on cash flows, households are in a better position to make necessary adjustments and quell their fears. In what follows are some practical steps that can be taken to relieve some of the pressure that is experienced with rising costs of necessary goods.

One of the most important steps to be taken in times of uncertainty is to have an implementable plan in place that can be adjusted as needed. The truth is, unless every dollar earned and dollar saved is told what to do, the economic challenges we are currently facing can seem like treading water in a deep dark ocean without a life preserver.

Budget and Cash Flow Are Necessary. One practical step that should be taken is to develop a budget and monthly cash flow statement, so you know where you stand monthly. Perhaps you are spending more in one area than you realized. What's more, maybe you are spending more than you should in another. For this reason alone, a budget and monthly cash-flow statement is worth the time and effort, not to mention it is good stewardship to do so.

[MIT's Living Wage Calculator](#) is a great resource to double check the estimated cost of living in every state, county, city, and metro area in the United States. The calculator not only allows the user to know how much they should be earning within their job class, but it is also informative about how much should be expected to go towards essential goods, like housing, food, fuel, medical, etc. If you haven't ever developed a budget and monthly cash-flow statement, you should start with checking out the calculator to compare MIT's data with your own expenditures.

Track Everything. With that covered, it is time to develop a budget and a monthly cash-flow statement. We have a user-friendly calculator that some colleagues of mine created when working with their clients. Using a [budget and monthly cash-flow statement calculator](#), can help the user keep track of every dollar that is saved and spent in all of the major categories. For some, our economic reality is an inconvenience because there is enough cash flow to absorb the rapid changes of prices and rates of return. On the other hand, for others it may require an honest evaluation of prioritizing needs over wants.

Prioritize Risk Management and Guarantees, Not Just Rates of Return. In economic times like these with inflation as high as it is, and with the financial markets oscillating like an EKG, now may be the time to seek the safe harbor of guarantees for your portfolio. As important as rates of return and building a portfolio are for accomplishing long-term financial goals, it is just as important to properly manage the many risks that eventually expose the weaknesses within your portfolio. The longer you live, the greater the risks of outliving your resources are, for example. Longevity risk is the risk that multiplies all other risks, especially as you are preparing to retire and beyond. Perhaps at this point in your life, your earnings potential is greater than your capital assets. Protecting your earnings potential from an untimely death is important to cover so that your survivors can continue to enjoy the same lifestyle after you are gone. Lifehappens.org has a great [human life calculator](#) that can make the point of managing this risk very clear.

Finally, no portfolio is complete without considering the end stages of your life that leaves you in control of where and how you receive custodial and long-term care. The potential for a long-term care event that will require a lot of capital to provide you with the quality of care that you deserve, can make our current economic environment look like calm waters, since the [cost of custodial and long-term care services typically rises every year](#).

Seek the Help of a Qualified Insurance and Financial Professional. Now is the time to speak to your insurance and financial professional to see how you can prioritize risk management and to build more [guarantees](#) into your portfolio.

Links used: [Living Wage Calculator \(mit.edu\)](#), [The Knights of Columbus Guarantees | KofC.org](#), [Human Life Value Calculator – Life Happens](#), [Increase in Long-Term Care Costs in Wisconsin Mirror National Trends; Labor Market Shifts and Continued COVID-19 Pressure Affect Future Costs | Business Wire](#)

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Just a reminder that if you have a charity request, please email it to kofc3955charity@gmail.com

DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

With the battle cry "Gott mit uns!" the following Knights and their family members bolstered the ranks of volunteers at DPCO and helped defeat the throng of donations that were presented to us. Thank you for helping us on Saturday, July 16th:

Mike Eikenberry, Jeff Buckmaster, Ron Coenen, Dave Kwiatkowski, John & Lynn Fink

We will gather again and next at the store on Saturday, August 20th. If you are interested in helping us or have questions about this opportunity, please contact John Fink, 920-619-2190



WDHS 7 on 7 CONCESSIONS

July 9 - West DePere 7 on 7 Football Tournament at the West DePere Football stadium. The concession stand generated \$ 647 including tips and Chris Greisen will identify three charities to donate an added \$500 through the KofC Charities Fund. The 21 persons representing the KofC were: John Fink, Matt Mueller, Gerry and Chris Berner, John and Carol Mueller, Rick Johnson, Todd Mader Chris Landwehr, Mike Donovan, Bob Lex, Scout Lex, John Van Deurzen, Vaughn Gerrits, Dan and Jeanne Van Rite, Brett Healy, Jim Thompson, Andre Jacque and lead by Steve Vermeulen.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new member of the Council:

Please join me in welcoming Issac Erickson a new transfer into our Council 3955. Please join me in welcoming Issac as a new members from the last month.

Honorary Life Members:

Patrick Byrne, Thomas Bast, and Paul Kramer.

Congratulations brother knights

If you know of a good candidate for being a Knight, please inform them of what the Knights of Columbus are about and how it could impact their life by joining the Knights of Columbus. Contact - Steve Cribben 920-606-4700

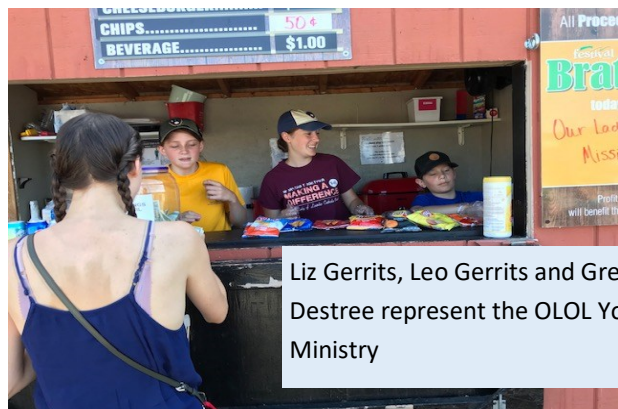
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dick Baeten, Scott Baeten, Caleb Baeten, Nick Baudhuin, Dave Bolle, Dan Brick, Kyle Brittnacher, Dale Brown, David Buchberger, Justin Coonen, Dave Diedrick, Richard Farrell, Don Forgette, Jerry Fritsch, Bill Govek, Dennis Graham, Greg Hill, Dave Keyser, John Kubalak, Dave Landwehr, Pat Lennon, Joe Maar, Gene Micke, Dave Mileski, Bob Novak, Chad Opicka, Dick Piontek, Bryan Rottier, John Schmidt, Jim Smits, Mike Stangel, Ron Van Dyck, Larry Vande Hei, Mike Vieau, Travis Volmert, David Wheeler, Larry Willems, Drew Zellner

COMMUNITY— BRAT BARN

July 9, 10 –OLOL Youth Mission Trip Brat Sale generated \$1894 in profits including tips.

18 Knights provided a Brat Barn support. They were: Paul Leahy, Jim Scharine, Dan Hilbert, Jim Pokladowski, Mark Kralovec, Doug Stangel, Erich Lennon, Pat Moran, Mark Gerrits, Brian Maes, Randy Hock, Matt Wauters, Tom Stansfield, Tom Diedrich, Mike Stangel, Jim Smits, Jeff Jindra and Pat Lennon



Liz Gerrits, Leo Gerrits and Greta Destree represent the OLOL Youth Ministry

KNIGHT LITES



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

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 c/o Wayne Van Asten
 1241 Drews Drive
 De Pere, WI 54115

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Non-PROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID De Pere, WI 54115 Permit No. 54

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)

1st 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	Pat Phillips	819-6677

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

Chris Thelen (920) 401-1040