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Affiliated with St. Francis Xavier Cathedral & St. John.
Monthly meetings held 1st Tuesday of the month.
Officer meeting at 6PM, Rosary at 6:45PM, Reg Mtg at 7PM,
All above in the Knights Room of the Faith Formation Ctr.
Round Table includes St. Mary's & St. Philip

Awarded Star Council: 92-93, 94-95, 96-97, 24-25
Awarded WI Complete Council 96-97, 97-98
Awarded Fr. McGivney Award 18-19, 24-25

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
13-14	15-16	16-17	20-21	21-22	22-23
23-24	24-25				

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Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen!

I hope these recent holy days have filled your heart with hope and your families with joy. As we continue to live out the path of Christian knighthood, we follow Christ, in whom we place our hope, which as Scripture says, does not disappoint. Far from a sentimental optimism, hope is belief in God's promises. With hope in our King, we Knights can move forward with boldness in the demands of charity. Hope of heaven includes the fulfillment of unity and fraternity: the communion of saints. As the Easter season begins, let us be filled with hope and serve faithfully as Knights: virtuous men for others.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Connor D. Schlaack, GK 4505

Message from Pope Leo XIV (Quotes from Pope Leo XIV)

“If you want to change the world, begin by letting God change you.”

“Jesus takes nothing away, and gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive far more than we could ever imagine.”

“Remember, AI can never replace the unique gift that you are to the world.”

“What greater gift can you offer the world than the gift of eternal life in Christ? What greater cause could you dedicate your life to than the Gospel?”

“As you go closer to Jesus, do not fear what He might ask of you. He challenges you to make changes in your life, it's always because he wants to give you greater joy, greater freedom. God is never outdone in generosity.”

Wisdom

Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of a lifelong attempt to acquire it.

Humor

Old age comes at a bad time. Just when you lived long enough to know it all, you have trouble remembering any of it.

Happy Birthday

4/2 Bill Burrows
4/5 Jeff Fischer
4/7 Jim Jacque
4/7 Bill Leisgang
4/11 Jim Brunette
4/17 Nicholas Tischer
4/19 Michael Aschinger
4/23 John Gunville
4/27 Mark Lampereur
4/28 Jim Nejedlo

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Rosary Program

A reminder that our rosary program is held the second Wednesday of each month. Members of our council take turns leading the rosary at 7PM during adoration at SFX. The Rosary's intention is for vocations and peace. The next Rosary will be **4/8/26**.

Metal Art Roses

I received a check from Lautenbach's for \$112 (4 roses) which covers sales through 2/28/26. This and That is good and I brought back the display to My Cozy Home on 4/1.

Pro-life Essay Contest

I picked up the essays from Holy Cross on 4/1. Eight 7th graders wrote essays. John Paul II did not participate and I am still waiting to hear from St. Bernard.

Sentiments for Seminarians

Total collected this year, \$415.

Life-savers for Life

Donations will be requested for Lifesavers, the weekend of April 11-12, and at St Mary April 18-19. Funds support Pro-life causes.

Marriage Prayer

The Marriage Prayer was recited at St. Mary's midst a 65th wedding anniversary. Very inspirational!

Memorial Mass for Deceased

The Mass was held at St. Mary's at 4PM on March 14th.

State Raffle (correction)

The date of the raffle drawing was misstated as being 4/16. It is 5/16/26.

Forty Days for Life

The spring segment of 40 Days for Life concluded with our march on March 26. Thanks to Bill Bishop and Mark DeBaker who kept me company on the sidewalk on Oneida St. by Planned Parenthood. The going was a little tough on March 19th due to the blizzard of 3/16 that dropped 26+” of snow on NE Wisconsin. We just might have changed some minds and hearts of the passers by that day. (photo p.5)

Longevity Awards Night

Congrats to Jeff Fischer, John Gunville, Dale Ihlenfeldt, and Mark Vanden Plas who qualified for longevity awards. Dale Ihlenfeldt gave a stirring discourse about the credibility of the Knights of Columbus after receiving his plaque for 70 years of service. The potluck meal was excellent. Thanks to all who brought a dish to pass and to Ken Reigh for arranging for the meat and celebratory cake. All awards have been delivered. (photo p.6)

Last Month's 50/50 Drawing: Mark DeBaker

\$25 Attendance Drawing: Brian Haanen

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Annual Charity Raffle

Total prizes paid out to 100 winners will be \$124,000 with \$50,000 going to the first place winner, \$25,000 going to the second place winner and \$500 to 98 third place winners. This is the largest raffle in the state of Wisconsin for the \$5.00 ticket price. The drawing will take place during the State Convention on May 16, of 2026. To date 116 raffle tickets were sold.

Did You Know?

Where there's a need, there is a Knight. Charity is our first principle, guiding our mission for more than 140 years. Knights total more than 2 million members in over 17,000 councils worldwide. Last year, Knights donated \$193,000,000 and volunteered 47.5 million hours to uphold the dignity of human life as they serve their parishes and communities.

Pro-life News

20 years ago, Students for Life of America began with a mission to equip young people to stand up for life on their college campuses with the mission to abolish abortion in our lifetime. Today they are the largest pro-life youth organization in the nation, with more than 1,635 campus groups and a reach to every corner of America. A key to its success is the dedicated donors that have stuck with its president, Kristin Hawkins year after year. Kristin proudly proclaims that this January they trained their 250,000th student. “The late nights, the hostile campus administrators, the threats, they never quit,” reports Hawkins, “and because of that millions of lives will be saved.” Because of the National Pro-life Summit and the National Pro-life March, “These events remind everyone that we’re not going anywhere. In fact, we’re only getting bigger, bolder, and more determined.” After a young woman chooses life, Students for Life continue to support her and her baby. In the past year, SFL donated nearly a half million diapers. Research shows that 60% of women who had abortions wouldn’t have had the abortion if she had more support. Students for Life become friends with the birth mothers and hold baby showers. When the baby arrives, the mom has everything she needs. If this item encourages you to donate, you can send a check to Students for Life, a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax deductible. Mail to: **Students for Life, 1000 Winchester St., Suite 301, Fredricksburg, VA 22401**

Knights Calendar

- 4/2 Holy Thursday
- 4/3 Good Friday
- 4/4 Holy Saturday
- 4/5 Easter Sunday
- 4/7 Officer Meeting 6PM, Rosary 6:45PM, Regular Meeting 7PM
- 4/7 Election day (**Be sure to vote**)
- 4/8 Rosary @ SFX 7PM
- 4/11-12 & 4/18-19 Life Savers for Life weekends
- 4/15 Income tax filing due
- 4/22 Earth Day



Forty Days for Life

Forty Days for Life sidewalk, 3 days post blizzard. Vince & Amy Michalski are between heaps of snow from the 2nd highest total snowfall in Green Bay history.



Longevity Awards Night

Dale Ihlenfeldt is pictured holding his plaque for 70 years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Dave Tlachac, Emcee for the program, is assisting GK Connor Schlaack, right, with the presentation of the celebratory cake honoring the four recipients who received awards. All qualified for their award in calendar year 2025.

Happy Easter!

**May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly
in the coming year and forever.**

Knights of Columbus Meeting Minutes 3/3/26

Officer's Meeting 6:00, Rosary Recital 6:30, General Meeting 7:00

Roll Call: Chaplain, A; Grand Knight, P; DGK, P; Chancellor, P; Recorder, P; Financial Secretary, P; Lecturer, O; Advocate, P; Warden, P; Inside Guard, P; Outside Guard, A; Trustee 3yr., A; 2yr., P; 1 yr., P.

Minutes: Sent by email. Motion to approve, Joe Norman, 2nd Trevor Uitenbroeck, approved.

Grand Knight's Report: State Convention May 15-17 in Madison. Connor Schlaack and Ken Reigh are delegates, alternates are Trevor Uitenbroeck and Dan Bins

Financial Secretary's Report: General Fund, \$4956.94; Charity Fund \$235.17 Deposits: \$223.25 to Gen'l (dues) \$225.00 to Charity (Seminarian fund). Bills: Bill Noel \$124.38 (Stamps and Website Domain). Ken Reigh \$98.08 (Food for Longevity Awards) .

New Business: Walk to Mary is May 2nd. Dan Bins, Mark DeBaker, Bill Noel and Connor Schlaack have volunteered to help with traffic control/intersection crossings.

Longevity Awards, Pins, Rosaries and Honorary Cards issued.

Jeff Fisher: 10 years

John Gunville: 30 years

Mark Vanden Plas: 40 years

Dale Ihlenfeldt: 70 years (Dale was in attendance with his wife and daughter)

All members brought a tasty side dish/hors d'oeuvres to share, Ken Reigh arranged for main course. No one left hungry!

Under the good of the Order: Peace in the Middle East/Iran conflict.

50/50 Raffle: Mark DeBaker **Membership Drawing:** Brian Haanen (need to be present)

Adjourned, 8:30

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