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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

Have you ever thought about why grooms often wear black at their weddings? February is here and that means 2 things. St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are coming up fast. In recent years they have been on the same day. Are you ready for both? One aspect of love many miss these days is the great solemnity, the great seriousness, the great gravitas of love. To love means to die to one self and give one self to the other. That is why Christians show their love in love to the point of death for Christ and His beloved. Maybe this is why grooms wear black: "no greater love has any man than this: to lay down ones life for a friend." We men give our lives for what matters most. To the husbands out there: be great: die to yourselves and love your wives. It will be the greatest thing you have ever done and she will love you for it. Gentlemen, take your bride's hands, place them together, and wrap your own hands around them. pray these words together: "**Lord help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us. Let's work that love into practical things so that nothing can divide us. We ask for words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive. Dear Lord, we put our marriage in your hands. Amen**

Vivat Jesus, Brother Connor D. Schlaack, GK 4505

Message from Pope Leo XIV

I send warm greetings to those of you participating in the 2026 March for Life. I likewise express heartfelt assurance of my spiritual closeness as you gather for this eloquent public witness to affirm the "protection of the right to life constitutes the indispensable foundation of every other human right. Indeed, "a society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it." In this regard, I would encourage you, especially the young people, to continue striving to ensure that life is respected in all its stages through appropriate efforts at every level of society, including dialog with civil and political leaders. May Jesus who promised to be with us always, accompany you today as you courageously and peacefully march on behalf of unborn children. By advocating for them, please know that you are fulfilling the Lord's command to serve him in the least of our brothers and sisters. With these sentiments I entrust all of you, as well as those who support you with their prayers and sacrifices, to the intercession of Mary Immaculate Patroness of the United States of America, and I gladly impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abundant heavenly graces....Pope Leo XIV

Wisdom

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it...Henry David Thoreau

Humor

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are....Will Ferrell

Happy Birthday

2/7 Bill Bishop
2/7 Harold Kane
2/10 Dcn. Conrad Kieltyka
2/20 Bill Heinrich
2/23 Daniel Albert
2/27 Connor Schlaack
2/28 Jean-Marcel Soulier

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 **2/11/26**.

Car Wash Fundraiser

We need someone to step up to chair this project. It makes no sense to get approval from the Fire Dept. for a stair lift if there is no one to head the project.

Metal Art Roses

We received a check for \$196 for 7 roses sold through the 31st of December of last year. I restocked "This and That." They now have 5 roses in their display. Soon as the weather warms, we'll start on the next lot of 10 roses.

Novena for Life

Between 6 and 9 people attended our Novena for Life each night. Presenters were GK Connor Schlaack, Ken Reigh, and Dave Tlachac. Many facets of abortion, IVF, and new legislation were discussed after the USCCB prayers were recited. All present seemed to feel that it was a worthwhile program. Next year we will order warmer weather.

Pro-life Essay Contest

We are getting no support from the state for this project. In fact they haven't come out with a theme for this year's contest. I revised the information sheet for students and put it in the hands of 4 principals in charge of 5 schools. I will follow up shortly to see who will participate.

Marriage Prayer

Scheduled for St. John and SFX 2/12-16.

Sentiments for Seminarians
Will be held in February.

Last Month's 50/50 Drawing
Dan Bins's name was drawn. Congrats to Dan.

\$25 Attendance Drawing
Dan Bins's name was drawn. First time ever for a double winner!

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 in late April of 2026. To date 101 raffle tickets were sold.

Pro-life News

At first glance, IVF, In Vitro Fertilization sounds like the perfect answer to a childless couple wanting a child/children to love. It is anything but that! IVF is not pro-life. It places the act of creating and destroying life in the hands of parents and doctors. It is also an affront to human dignity by reducing human life to a scientific experiment. Consider the following:

1. About 57-87% of the children conceived in this manner die in the process of IVF or during the pregnancy which ensues.
2. If more than one of the transferred embryos implant, selective abortion is often practiced.
3. Couples can select embryos for implantation based on genetics such as sex.
4. Some embryos are frozen indefinitely if the parents end up with too many fertilized eggs.
5. Often embryos are donated to science and are used in scientific experiments.

Still think IVF is a good idea? It's estimated that 4 million humans were created through IVF in 2023. Of these it is estimated that 1.9 million died before making it to the implantation or freezing stage. That's 1.9 million IVF deaths compared to 1.04 million deaths due to abortion....Pro Life Wisconsin

Did You Know?

Following is a list of the benefits you have as a member of the Knights of Columbus:

Columbia Magazine

Knights of Columbus Rosary

Daily Mass Remembrance

Insurance – Life insurance, Long Term Care, Disability, Annuities

Family Fraternal Benefit—Death of child & guaranteed Issue*

Orphan Benefit—Monthly benefit and scholarship*

Member/Spouse –Accidental Death *

Widow Benefits*

Scholarships—Available to members & their families.

Leadership Development

Fourth Degree

Honorary Life Membership—Age 70 with 25 years of service

Membership Card

Activities—By members and for members & families

* Conditions apply

Knights Calendar

2/26 Presentation of the Lord

2/26 Ground hog Day

2/14 Valentine's Day

2/14-16 Marriage Prayer @ St. John and SFX

2/16 President's Day

2/18 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

Month of February Sentiments for Seminarians

Member's Passing

Kenneth F. Stoey passed away December 26, 2025 due to pancreatic cancer. Ken joined Council 4505 recently and was awarded his Honorary and Honorary Life Memberships, having served 25 years as a Knight and reached age 70+. Ken was a teacher, a business man, and an insurance agent. He spent several years serving as a field agent in the Tlachac Agency for the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife Mary and two daughters, Lori and Shelly. Rest in peace, Ken!

Knights of Columbus 4505 Meeting minutes 1/6/26

Officer Meeting 6:00, Rosary 6:45, Regular Meeting 7:00

Roll Call: Chaplain, A; Grand Knight, P; Chancellor, P; Recorder, P; Financial Sec., P; Treasurer, P; Lecturer, O; Advocate, P; Warden, P; Inside Guard, A; Outside Guard, A; Trustees, 3yr, A, 2yr, P, 1 year, P

Minutes: emailed, corrections to minutes brought up by Bill Noel: Insurance Company is "Lockton Affinity"; winner of membership drawing was Tony Simons, no: Andy. Motion to approve, Austin Bevers, 2nd Dave Albers, passed.

Grand Knight's Report: We still have liability insurance, the coverage dates will be changing.

Financial Secretary's Report: General Fund: \$3842.18. Charity Fund: \$776.68. Deposits: \$38.65 dues (plus \$653.70 in dues 12/29); Christmas Magnets \$148.00. Bills: Dave Tlachac will be submitting a bill for a respirator used for painting Metal roses. Bill Noel reported that the Metal Art Roses have brought the Council \$18,339.30 in profits since 2016. Motion to approve, Trevor Uitenbroeck, 2nd, Austin Bevers, approved.

Old Business: COR, no update. Metal Art, Dave Tlachac reported we still have 7 roses left in stock at Lautenbach's, Dave has 19 new roses in process. Parish Council, Trevor Uitenbroeck reported SFX meeting is next week. Rosary program, Mark DeBaker has slots to fill, will be passing a sign up sheet around. No updates on chair lift or Car Wash fund raiser, Austin Bevers is working on a Fraternal outing, a personal defense seminar, details are being worked on, thoughts are it will be in February and last 1-2 hours in the evening. 25 Keep Christ in Christmas were sold raising \$148.00. Consecration to the Holy Family was held Dec. 30th at SFX Cathedral.

New Business: Dave Tlachac is hosting Culture of Life Novena at his home, 1/16 through 1/24 at 2727 Allouez Avenue, starts at 6 P.M. Pro Life Essay, Dave Tlachac and Dan Bins are trying to coordinate a Culture of Life essay with the GRACE Schools principals. Marriage Prayer scheduled for Feb. 14-15 at St. John the Evangelist and SFX. Dan Bins will contact Worship Committee at St. Mary of the Angels for a date. We will be collecting money and gift cards for the Sentiments for Seminarians campaign. Our new warden is Austin Bevers. We have a new Council Jewels cabinet built courtesy of Dave Tlachac which is on display in our meeting room. We will be using our Jewels during meetings and outside official functions going forward.

Insurance Agent Report: see email

Under the Good of the Order: fellow Brother Knight Ken Stoey passed away in

December. 50/50 Raffle: Dan Bins Membership Drawing: Dan Bins Adjourned 7:45

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