



Knight Letter

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES COUNCIL 4527

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4527 DATEBOOK

* We would like to have members attend our meetings in person at the CMC. If you would like to participate in the meeting by zoom. See Council Officers for the link and password or check the weekly announcements.

KC CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 KC Ladies Lunch and game day see page 3
- 2/3 & 2/4 Membership Drive at St Thomas Aquinas
- 2/8 Soup & salad dinner plus euchre see page 3
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
- 2/15 ROMEO'S See page 3
- 2/22 Business Meeting rosary at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:PM at the CMC and Zoom

MARCH

- 3/7 KC Ladies Mass and Lunch see page 3
- 3/14 Social Night possible 7 PM
- 3/21 ROMEO'S 1 PM—3PM
- 3/21 Business Meeting with rosary at 6:30 pm
and Meeting at 7pm meeting available on
Zoom.* Because of Holy Thursday on 3/28
- 3/28 Holy Thursday
- 3/29 Good Friday
- 3/31 Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 4/18 Kc Ladies Anniversary Lunch see page 3

NOTICE:

If you are on the Email list and would like a hard copy of the Knight Letter please call our phone number 1 (608) 320-1703.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As we continue to bask from the joy of the Christmas season within the church, my heart swells with gratitude for every one of you and the invaluable service we collectively undertake. In this spirit of celebration and reflection, I am deeply grateful to be called your Grand Knight. Being part of a community of selfless Knights, who generously share their time and talents, is truly a blessing.

Every year, as we complete our annual fraternal survey, I am amazed at the positive impact our Knights have on countless lives. Whether it's supporting Seminarians, assisting parishes, schools, or helping the Intellectually Disabled and homeless, our endeavors in the spirit of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism continue to make a significant difference.

As we embrace the fresh beginnings of the year ahead, there's an air of excitement and joy just around the corner. I invite you to join me in spreading the word about our cause. Feel free to bring potential Knights and their spouses to any of our upcoming functions. Joining us is a simple three-step process on a computer or smartphone:

1. Visit kofc.org/joinus.
 2. Each candidate will receive an email within 24 hours, and they need to click to verify their desire to join.
 3. Help schedule them for one of the upcoming Exemplifications.
- Let's continue our mission of goodwill and extend the invitation to others to become part of our noble and impactful journey.

God Bless,

John M Fox
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus #4527

BIRTHDAY BOYS

FEBRUARY

John Mallon	2/2	Paul Steinmetz	2/10
Rev Terrence Connors	2/11	James Shunk	2/13
Dale Hejnricks	2/14	John Jonas	2/16
Jim Flad	2/17	Kyle Friedow	2/19
David Shaw	2/21	William Kelly	2/26

MARCH

Richard Goedjen	3/4	Jeffery Kingston	3/11
Daniel Kelly	3/13	Patrick Bergen	3/15
Brian Elliott	3/17	Tim Muldowney	3/17
Francis Murphy	3/21	Joel Galang	3/24
Jerome Rather	3/30		

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prays go out to the family and friends on the death of the following brother knights :

James Devine	11/21/2023
PGK Fritz Halverson	12/22/2023
Kyle Friedow	1/19/2024

FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Please include in your daily prayers the following Brother Knights, spouses and family members.

Gary Emerson	Hank Curran
Eleanor Watson	Linda Gorman
Dave Ryan	Jerry Thompson
Wilbert Ferry	Bernard Gorman
Mary Buchholz	Ron Buchholz
Michael Woodson	Ginny Honer
Isabelle Stohr	Betty Blumer

Contact Dan Kelly at 608 213 3693 with additions and/or deletions to this list. Thank you.

INSURANCE FIELD AGENT MESSAGE

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me

First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable.

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day... but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction.

I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step.

I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book. You get the idea. The resolution has to be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family Appropriately protected.

Vivat Jesus!

STATE RAFFLE

The Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a statewide charity raffle. The proceeds from this raffle are used to help support your brother knights and other members of our community to alleviate sorrow, ease financial burdens and restore hope to victims and families of accidents and illness.

The State Council advises us that Postal regulations will not allow the council to mail raffle tickets nor receive stubs and checks. Therefore, watch the Grand Knights weekly announcements via Email showing when we will be able to issue or sell tickets after Masses at QP and St. Thomas sometime between January 20th to April 10th

Total prizes will be paid out to eighty-two winners with \$50,000 going to the first-place winner, \$25,000 to the second-place winner and 80 winners of \$500 each. Last year, the KC’s sold approximately 122,188 tickets, meaning that the odds of winning are certainly much better than in the State Lottery and the use of the net income is for some very worthy causes. Also, our Council received about \$900 from the sale of tickets last year. We used our Council’s share to support three seminarians of our Diocese. Finally, a member of our council won \$500 last year.

Also, we will be selling and distributing the tickets at all Council events during the above period. If you would like to take the tickets home, you may drop the ticket stubs and check or cash at the CMC mailbox located by the shed, or in the old mail slot located on the garage door located on the north side of the building. Remember each ticket costs \$5.00. Since the drawing will take place during the State Convention, I

The tickets stub along with cash or check made payable to “Knights of Columbus Council 4527” can be dropped off at the locations listed above. The stubs need your name, address, and phone number. “Return address” stickers are acceptable.

Thank you for your contribution and remember charity is a virtue that gladdens the heart of the giver. Questions or extra tickets call Dan Kelly at 608 213 3693 .

Romeo Luncheon
Details: Please call 608 320 1703 if interested in attending this event
Date: The third Thursday of the month
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: CMC West 5256 Verona Rd, Madison, WI 53711

KC LADIES

Hopefully you had a wonderful Christmas Season and enjoyed a quiet January. Thank you for coming up with more ideas for our monthly gatherings in 2024!

Plan to join us on Thursday, February 1st, for our annual lunch and game day in the back room of the Clubhouse. Unfortunately our kitty is almost depleted, but we will still order sub sandwiches like in previous years, and ask you to pay for your sandwich on February 1st. Please bring your own beverage, and also a favorite board/card game to share. Reservations are needed before Friday, January 26th, by contacting Alice at 608-271-4056 or rosaryalice@gmail.

On Thursday, March 7th, we will gather for our annual Lenten Mass at the Bishop O’Connor Center, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Since Mass begins at 12 Noon, please meet us in the lobby before 11:45 am to check in, so we can confirm the final number with the restaurant. Reservation deadline is March 1st, by contacting Ginny at 608-833-0311.

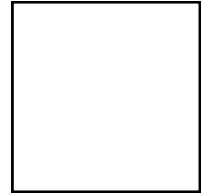
Then mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18th when we will celebrate our 23rd anniversary as the KC Ladies. The lunch will be held at the Nakoma County Club at 11:30 am. (Please note this is the 3rd Thursday of April.) Thanks to Dottie for making these arrangements. Alice is taking reservations for this event. Please contact her before Friday, April 12th, at 608-271-4056 or rosary alice@gmail.com

A big thank you to Joan for organizing another wonderful Christmas Salad Potluck in December. It was a wonderful gathering with so many delicious dishes to share. We also appreciate all your ideas in planning our annual calendar.

Remember that all wives, or widows, of KC members are encouraged to participate in our activities at any time. We do not charge dues nor have an official membership roster. We just gather to enjoy each other’s company and try new

EUCHRE SOUP & SALAD DINNER
DATE: FEBRUARY 8TH
SOCIAL 5:30 PM DINNER 6:PM EUCHRE 7:PM
DINNER NO CHARGE EUCHRE \$3.00
PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th TO JOHN AT
608 628 8385 SO WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH FOOD.

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