



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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FATHERS NELLEN COUNCIL # 6371 - PO Box 322 - WAUNAKEE, WI 53597-0322

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/newsletters.asp?CNO=6371>

See what Life, Faith, Family and Community programs the council approved to give funds to as well as highlights from committee and event report outs for these programs.

HELP GROW OUR COUNCIL

1. **YOU** – can you spare one hour a year? Have you volunteered recently for one of the many activities our council participates in? There are many opportunities to lend a hand, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ben Pike (Benjamin.A.Pike@gmail.com); no worries by contacting me you will not get stuck leading a program alone, the goal is to identify many of our 300 plus members to divide the work and promote the old motto of many hands make light work. WE NEED YOU, reminder all we are asking for is 1 hour a year, which is 1 out of 8,760 hours in a year. Of course you are welcome to volunteer for more hours if you wish to.
2. **New members** – do you know a gentleman who would make a great Knight? Joining has never been easier. It is free as well for new members by going to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and entering the code **BlessedMcGivney** when signing up. On demand sessions can be taken on the kofc.org website too. HELP US GROW OUR COUNCIL!
3. **Leadership Positions Available** – Do you have the time, skills, and hunger to be more proactive with the Knights? We are looking for a Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, and Financial Secretary to fill out our officer team. The Deputy Grand Knight will learn how the organization is run with the expectation to take over as Grand Knight in July 2023. The Warden acts as our master of ceremonies and is in charge of some of the KC supplies. The Financial Secretary oversees membership forms and communicates with the Treasurer regarding financial transactions for the council. We are also looking for leaders of Waunafest and the Waunafest Breakfast. Please contact Grand Knight Ben Pike at Benjamin.A.Pike@gmail.com if interested.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH – COUNCIL 6371

Congratulations to Fathers Nellen Council 6371 for attaining 50 Years as a council in the Knights of Columbus!! We held a celebration at Centennial Park with the new 3rd degree exemplification and social. We were able to stay dry, mostly, and felt good to connect again as brothers and family. Thank you to our State Deputy, John Huttenhoff, who was able to attend. If you have other ideas to get men and/or families together in community, please come forward so we can make your dream happen. We must celebrate our joys and join forces in our struggles. For that, the Knights of Columbus will live on with Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Vivat Jesus.

FAMILY

● School Starts!!

- We are partnering with the school for a chalk art event on **Saturday, October 1** for students to decorate the sidewalk outside St. John's School.
- **Punt, Pass, and Kick** is scheduled for **October 2** with the Parish Fall Picnic.
- **Mother Theresa movie, October 3 and 4**



LIFE

● Road to Life Tanzania!!

- Welcome back, Father Paul Fagan, on your long journey from Africa. We are excited to hear your stories, success, and challenges that we can help with while you are here at St. Johns the weekend of September 10-11
- September 11 marks the 21st anniversary since the fall of the Twin Towers. Let us not forget those whose lives were sacrificed



FAITH

- **KnightCast** – You have a new exclusive benefit called KnightCast. It is a professionally produced webcast series specifically designed to help Knights become better Catholics, better men, better husbands, and better fathers. Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a Knight and a man of faith. Sign up today! The one-time registration process is simple, and you can watch live or on-demand. Because this is an exclusive benefit, your membership number will be required. You can find it on your membership card. [Click here to register.](#)
- **Rosary on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm** – a rosary is held in the chapel every Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Please consider joining.
- **FORMED** – If you have not heard of FORMED, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link for information how to create an online account and sign into a plethora of online videos to deepen your faith. There are many different study and reflection programs guaranteed to deepen everyone's faith. Please consider utilizing FORMED, there is even an APP for that.
- **A Moment with Bishop Hying** – Every weekday, Bishop Hying records and posts online a 2-3 minute video reflecting on a timely topic. These are great videos that provide an intimate connection to our Bishop while deepening our faith. You can access the videos many ways
 - Create an account on YouTube and subscribe to the Diocese of Madison (subscribe to STJB Waunakee too)
 - Follow the Diocese of Madison on Facebook
 - Go to <https://madisondiocese.org/bishop> and under "links" will take you to the daily video
- **Relevant Radio (App)** – tune into 1240 and listen to many relevant and timely discussion on our faith and social issues. You also have the ability to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 every day, the family rosary at 7:00. There are also links to several prayers and devotions and daily readings. And yes there is an APP for that too.
- **Thursday Morning Men's Group (That Man Is You)** – Fall program starts Thursday, September 8 in the narthex of the church at 6am (breakfast and coffee included, along with a great video and small group discussion). Also, the group is organizing guest speaker Jesse Manibusan for October 19.
- **Men of Christ Conference** – October 29 at St. Maria Goretti. More info at <https://menofchristmadison.com>.

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT – DENNIS O’CONNELL

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family’s future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don’t understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order’s insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney’s two main reasons for founding the Order was “the need to protect families during sickness and death.” (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney “spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature.” (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an “associate member.” Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today.

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security.

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MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Gospel for Sept. 11, Lk 15:7)

This Gospel reading links the parable of the lost sheep with the parable of the prodigal son. Together these parables remind us that God constantly seeks us whenever we go astray. We are all sinners, and like the prodigal son we must wake up, repent and return to the Father. When we do this, we find that he runs to meet us. My brother Knights, let us create some joy in heaven. Let us recognize that we are sinners in need of repentance and ask the Father for his forgiveness.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Sacramental Life” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series, particularly reflecting on the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there ways you see yourself as a lost sheep, a prodigal son? What concrete steps can you take to overcome sinful habits and avoid temptations? Do you “come home” to the Father to receive his mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation?