



Fathers Nellen Council 6371 Waunakee/Westport

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

- Feb 1-28** Piggly Wiggly Roundup
- Feb 13** Roller Skating
- Feb 16** Patriotic Rosary
- Feb 17** Bingo Saint Mary Lake
- Feb 19** Council Meeting
- Feb 24-29** Sacred Heart Icon

Faith

February

This month we will be participating in a State-wide Knight of Columbus faith event. The Sacred Heart of Jesus icon will be traveling from council to council across Wisconsin, with our parish hosting it from February 24 to March 2. The calendar on the left indicates Feb 24-29 because it is during this time that the ICON will be with our Waunakee Westport Council. Feb 29-Mar 2 it will be with the Lodi Council. If you are

interested in helping to create a meaningful event for our church and school, please contact Ben Pike at 608-695-7134. Ben is currently communicating with Father Anthony on possibilities for the time we have it. He would welcome some assistance.

Speaking of Ben, he is also leading up the Patriotic Rosary for this coming Presidents Day. Thank you to the team of Knights that are involved in this as well as the Fourth Degree representation. If you haven't attended a Patriotic Rosary, or if it's been a while, I would strongly encourage you to carve out a few hours on your Monday. You won't regret it.

Knight of the Month

Rick Raemisch

Congratulations to Rick for being our January Knight of the Month. Rick has continued to show his dedication to the Knights of Columbus through his participation in most of the events we have going on. This past month he pulled a double shift for the Pancake Breakfast, he was part of the Welcome Dinner in November, represented the KCs at the Holiday Lights in Village Park, and I hear he's a pretty good usher at church. Thank you Rick for everything that you do and for leading by example.

WELCOME

To our two new Knights: Kirk Booher (transferring in from a council in Illinois) and Don Dettor (a brand new Knight). We look forward to getting to know each of you better in the months ahead.

Activities

- FEBRUARY'S COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. This is due to Wednesday the 18th being Ash Wednesday.
- This past January 25 we held our annual pancake breakfast for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to our leaders, Dennis Hampton and Ed Gilkes, and everyone who volunteered for the event. The numbers look pretty good from it, though we are still finalizing them. Thank you also to Curt Dresen for facilitating the kids Free Throw Contest on the same day.
- February kicks off the annual Charity Raffle. Please help support this as our council receives funds from this to help support individuals in need within our community.
- Thank you all for helping to support the Holiday Raffle this year. Due to the St John School Capital Campaign we had an abbreviated raffle window. Our numbers were slightly down, but overall we were happy with the results. FYI – the Capital Campaign hit their goals too.

From the Desk of ...

Dennis O'Connell, Field Agent

Brothers, do you have goals in mind for this year? It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health. You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage. Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working. It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? It's not too late to set goals for 2026. Thank you.

Birthdays

Month of February

1 Tom Dorn	11 Mark Andrewjeski	17 Jim Costanzo
1 Curt Dresen	11 John Bisser	20 Jim Tillman
1 John Koga	12 Shaun Endres	21 Alirio Pardo
3 Dennis Helt	13 Ken Diericks	23 Richard Greffin
6 Larry Huisman	13 Anisberto Dominguez Brito	24 Kyle Barber
7 John Cherf	13 Tim Kiefer	24 John Iverson
7 John Roessler	14 William Baures	25 Petr Kolarsky
8 James Brown	17 Scott Adler	28 Brian Keenan
8 Edward Pattarozzi	17 Nolan Anderson	29 Richard Jozwiak