



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

NEXT OFFICERS MEETING WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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? There are many opportunities to lend a hand, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ben Pike ([Benjamin.A.Pike@gmail.com](mailto: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 MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up. If these do not work, on demand sessions can be taken on the kofc.org website too. HELP US GROW OUR COUNCIL!
3. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Council** – We are postponing our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration (previously expected April 22) until August as we need more time to prepare and celebrate correctly.
4. **Officer Nominations** – Want to share your leadership skills in the community? We are looking for leadership roles as Deputy Grand Knight and Warden. You get to enact major decisions and share your experiences in helping guide our council in important decision relating to activities, programs, and finances. If you feel called to dedicate more time and build new relationships in the council, please contact Grand Knight Ben Pike at 608-695-7134 for further details before business meeting June 15.

### KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH – KC MEN'S CHOIR



Congratulations to members of the KC Men's Choir for being June's Knights of the Month. The KC Men's Choir recently performed for three special occasions: the KC School Mass April 22, the KC Choir Mass April 23, and the KC State Convention Mass in Chula Vista on May 7 which received raving reviews from all in attendance.

The KC Choir was started around 10 years ago and has between 25-30 Knights on the call list, many of whom are shown in the picture (left).

If you would like to learn more or be added to the choir roster, please contact Paul Wiesler at [pjwiesler@charter.net](mailto:pjwiesler@charter.net) or Don Keller at [dmkeller6344@gmail.com](mailto:dmkeller6344@gmail.com).

## LIFE

- **Continued Prayers to end abortion.**
- **Network for support** – The Bishop gave a foresight of Roe v. Wade being overturned in the near future, and we need to recognize the resources for mothers with troubled pregnancies.
- **Prayers for Dane County Board** – a recent proposal passed for inclusion of abortion services to be included under “health care”

**Women's  
Care Center**



## FAMILY

- **Congratulations 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Students** – Huge congratulations to all the students who received their 1<sup>st</sup> communion over the last few weeks
- **Mother's Day Roses** – Thank you to all who helped with selling roses in the back of church during Mother's Day weekend of May 7/8. Proceeds donated to Women's Care Center (\$1720 total)
- **Graduating Senior Brunch** – Thank you for serving brunch in celebrating the graduating 2022 senior class



## COMMUNITY

- **Facebook** – Are you on the council's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WaunakeeWestport-Knights-of-Columbus-132085603804533>). Our Facebook site can serve as a great tool to communicate. Like & follow us.
- **FlockNote** – If you have not heard of FlockNote, please learn more in the weekly bulletin or go to <http://stjb.org> and follow the link and information how to create an online account and sign in. FlockNote is being used by the Diocese and Parish to communicate various events and needs and communications. Information on the Wednesday Taproom including menus can be found here as well as volunteering to help your neighbors or seeking assistance from these volunteers. Please consider utilizing FlockNote, there is even an APP for that.
- **Developmentally Disabled Fundraiser/ Tootsie Roll Drive** – Thank you for your support and donations in raising money for people with developmental disabilities. The money will be sent to organizations such as Wisconsin Badger Camp, Central Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, and others. We are still totaling donations and will be making our contribution shortly.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Monday** – We are going to give support to Porchlight and the Men's Homeless Shelter with financial contribution on May 30. After coming out of COVID, we will explore more opportunities to be more hands-on with this partnership.
- **St. John's Org Fair** – Please make sure to stop by and check out all the parish organizations in a convenient info gathering setting on Sunday, June 5 just outside St. John's Church. You are already a Knight, but you may find another organization to help support with your time, talent, or money.
- **St. John's Fest** – Let's enjoy the festivities at St. John's on June 17-18. Food, music, art, play houses, and bingo will be available. Sign up opportunities are available by contacting Kim Piazza at the parish office, [kpiazza@stjb.org](mailto:kpiazza@stjb.org). If you have not picked up your (winning) raffle ticket, they are in an envelope in the back of St. John's church.
- **Waunafest 2022: July 28-31.** Please set your calendars as we will need volunteers for the food tent

## 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.
- **Patriotic Rosary** – Put on your calendar this special opportunity to pray for our country on Monday, May 30 at 7pm in the old chapel for Memorial Day. The Patriotic Rosary includes the reading of documents/speeches from some of our founding fathers and other notable historical figures. We also sing patriotic songs between each decade, and every prayer is specific to the roles in government or to respect each of the 50 states.
- **Into the Breach** – if you are interested in deepening your faith, please watch Into the Breach video series available at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>. Each video is only 10 minutes long.
- **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.
- **Hike at Indian Lake** – The Hispanic community rented out the Indian Lake shelter on May 15 for a rosary hike after the 1pm mass and enjoyed socialization afterward (see photo right).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary** – Thank you for joining us at St. John's at 7:30am on Sunday, May 29.



## MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN

**“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”** (Gospel for June 5, Jn 14:15)

Scripture makes it clear that actions speak louder than words. If we truly love Christ, we will act accordingly, living according to his commandments and the moral teachings of his Church. And we will do so remembering his commandment that we “love one another as I love you” (Jn 15:12). My brothers, let us recall that Jesus shows a particular love and care for the poor, the sick and the less fortunate in society, and resolve to do likewise with our actions as a sign of our love for him.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to show your love for Christ by serving the poor and needy in a concrete, tangible way. Second, I challenge you to keep the commandment to love one another by participating in the Faith in Action Global Wheelchair Mission program, Habitat for Humanity program or Helping Hands program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you truly love God? Does this love show in how you live and how you treat others? With family and other loved ones, do your “actions speak louder than words” in revealing your love for them?

## MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT – DENNIS O’CONNELL

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I’d like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family’s future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney’s mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that’s my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus! Dennis L. O’Connell, FICF, MDRT [dennis.oconnell@kofc.org](mailto:dennis.oconnell@kofc.org) (608)795-4287