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IMPORTANT INFO!

A quick reminder to return your dues payment if appropriate along with the two surveys that were included with the dues notice. Please try to return this information to Tony Sachse, Financial Secretary as soon as possible.

If you know of other members of the council who might not be receiving this newsletter, please pass their email information along to Tony Sachse as well so we can add them to the mailing list.

Please continue selling your Charity Raffle tickets. Return to stubs and money to Jim Schulz as noted in the newsletter. He can assist if you need more tickets to sell.



Grand Knights Corner

As the snow begins to melt away and signs of spring begin to bust forth we call to mind the suffering that Jesus endured for our salvation and rebirth during this Lenten and Easter season. May be ever mindful of the love that Christ has for each of us and work to continue to mold ourselves in his image. ! Viva Jesus!

This past month saw several opportunities for growth and advancement. The council completed its Membership Drive and informational night with the assistance of our Worthy General Agent Jerome Pickett. We did confer the 1st degree to **Brother Larry Sleger** as well and we welcome him to our council.

Additionally we connected with several past Knights that would like to rejoin the Council as well as several interested candidates for the 1st degree later this year.

Congratulations to **Brother Lee Sleger** for his advancement to the 2nd and 3rd degree this month. Also as you will see below our 4th degree Assembly will welcome 5 new members this year at their upcoming exemplification.

Also at our last meeting the council voted to not amend the bylaws regarding the Financial Secretary's compensation. Discussion was had that our current practice is within the guidelines established by the Supreme Council regarding this practice. Additionally it was felt that if needed motions could be passed which would address higher compensation if felt needed for the Financial Secretary in light of the additional service he provides to the order.

WC Ray Seegers and I will attend the State Convention in Appleton on April 27-28th. Brother Bill Ahearn and his family will also attend the Awards Presentation and Procession of Councils during the Civic Opening on Saturday morning; the State Council sent Brother Bill a special invitation and will recognize him for 80 Years of service to our Order! **Congratulations to Brother Bill Ahearn for his record 80 years of service to the Knights and to this council!!!**

Our Council first received its charter on April 27, 1919, so we will celebrate a Century of Columbianism in Two Rivers on Sunday afternoon, May 5, 2019 at the Lighthouse Inn in Two Rivers; all Knights and their Families are Welcome! Invitations will be mailed to all members with specifics of the day and a request for RSVP by May 2nd.

Our Worthy Chaplain, Father Tom as well as other members of the Pastoral Team will celebrate our Centennial Consular Blessing Mass at 2:00 p.m.; with a subsequent Banquet Dinner and Program ending approximately 6:30 p.m. WSD Jack Wrbanich and his wife Lisa will be the featured guest that evening.

Seeking to grow our membership and reach to all levels of Catholic Gentlemen Our District 12 is planning to support the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus (KC-WI) High School Recruitment Initiative (WIKofCHSRI) for 2018-9, aimed at recruiting local Catholic High School Seniors from Roncalli to join our Order. More information to come!

Faithfully yours,

-Mike

Faith

WPGK Rick Wondrash is chairing our in house Alpha Program of faith development. This is based on the model used in the parish as recommended by our Worthy Chaplain Father Tom Reynebeau. Classes will begin after the first of year at the Columbian home more to come!

SPF Parish requires that all Knights who wish to directly participate in parish activities that require interaction with children and teens to complete VIRTUS training. Please let the Grand Knight or any member of the leadership team if you are interested in getting this training.

WC Ray Seegers reports that our Council provided \$171.42 in pizza, popcorn and soft drinks, while participating in the annual Vocations Pizza Party during LIFETEEN classes in the SPF Marian Hall following 10:00 Mass on Sunday, March 24th. 40 local High School students met for several hours with our Worthy Chaplain - Father Tom Reynebeau, our Diocesan Vocations Director - Father Mark Mleziva, SPF Youth Ministry Coordinator - Deacon Tom Tomaszewski and Sister Georgellen Vissers with 3 Novices & Postulants from the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. The goal of this event was to help promote the religious vocations and in addition it generated a great deal of conversation with the Worthy Chancellor about membership in the Knights of Columbus and the benefits of membership. Well done!!!!

WLD Marvin Krall reports that our Council will hand out baby bottles and Novena for Life Prayer Cards at all Masses at SPF Parish on Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12th, as part of the Faith in Action required programs. We look forward to supporting this and many other programs focused on promoting a culture for Life! We will be looking for fellow Knights to help with distributing these items before and after masses that weekend. If you are interested please reach out to Marv to offer your assistance.

Family

Good of the order for the Month of March:

Knight of the Month March: Brother Larry Sleger

Family of the Month March: Worthy Chancellor Ray Seegers

Community

WPD Tony Sachse reports that we handed out 89 participation and placement certificates for our annual Spelling and Math Contests, which were held on February 1st with the 5th-8th grade students at L.B. Clarke Middle School.

Congratulations to 6th Grader Marissa Truman who placed 3rd in the Math Competition at the Diocesan Level Competition held at West DePere High School on February 23rd!

Our Council will co-host with Council 710 of Manitowoc the 2020 Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament at Meadow Lanes North in the March-April of 2020; we will need help in many different areas to make this a success!

WPGK Ed Vander Bloomen, along with fellow WPGKs Ed Knutson and Dan Tegen, reports that their committee met with the State Bowling Commission the first weekend of March at the opening of the 2019 Bowling Tournament in Green Bay to finalize agreements and present our 2020 Tournament Banner. So far we have invested \$500.00 Earnest Money and \$500.00 start up monies, to include \$312.50 for a full-page ad in this year's Tournament Guide and Supplement Book.

Our Council this year will send two teams of Knights to bag some strikes for the Mother of Good Hope Council, April 6-7th! The teams include Brother Knights: Ron Gordon, Jeff Sachse, Tony Sachse, Marvin Krall, Thomas Clarkson, Wayne Schleis, Ed Knutson, and Paul Francisco.

Don Kumbalek has volunteered to help Chairman Claude Vogel with recruiting our members for service at Kwik Trip, our two local grocery stores and after SPF Parish Masses on May 3-5, 2019, in support of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the intellectually disabled; 8 cases of Tootsie Rolls are due in to District 12 by early April.

Please remember to either purchase or sell your charity raffle tickets included with last month's newsletter. A portion of the funds from each ticket stays in the community for our own council needs. Please send your money and ticket stubs ASAP to:

James Schulz/2932 40th Street/Two Rivers, WI 54241.

End date for the raffle is April 26th!

Life

We also pray for all of the members of the council and their loved ones that may be facing health concerns or any other personal challenges.

We keep in our prayers Brothers: **Daniel Scherer, Roger Klein, Dr. John Nilles, Thomas Finley** and recently departed Brother **Marvin Juedes** who have passed on to their eternal reward over this last year. Venerable Father Michael J McGivney please keep them and all the members of the Knights in your memory.

4th Degree

The Fourth Degree held their Ash Wednesday Fish Fry March 6th. Members of the Assembly were able to serve over 100 plates that night with the proceeds of the night going to support the works of the 4th degree. Thanks to the many members who assisted in preparation, clean up, and working that event.

Members for the 4th Degree prepare to welcome Brothers: **Jim LaFond, Sid Kemp, Steve Bacalzo, Lee Sleger, and Hartley Arsta** to the 4th degree at our upcoming exemplification April 6th in Appleton. We are excited to welcome these fine Brothers to our assembly.

April and May mark the end of our fraternal year. Our end of the year banquet will be May 8th at Gills in Whitelaw. Cocktails will begin around 5, with the meeting and meal to begin at 6:00. Faithful Navigator Gerry Neuser will be reaching out to all of the members of the Assembly to see if they want to attend. Please let know if you are interested and I can pass your information to the Worthy Faithful Navigator.

Upcoming Events

April 6th 4th Degree Exemplification, Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

April 26-27th, Wisconsin State Council Annual State Convention, Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

May 5th, Mother of Hope Council 1957 Centennial Celebration and Mass, 2:00, Lighthouse Inn, Two Rivers. **Invitations coming in the mail.**
