

Knight News

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IMPORTANT INFO!

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.

Dues as well as Charity Raffle tickets have been sent out for the next fraternal year. Please consider paying early and selling your raffle tickets to family and friends



Grand Knights Corner

As the calendar turns to a new year and a new decade we enter a busy time of year for the Knights of Mother of Hope Council 1957. We also enter a new decade in a time of change for Knights as well.

Locally the turn of the calendar brings us that much closer to the Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament that we are co-hosting with Council 710 from Manitowoc. As you will see later we will need a lot of help from the men and families of the council to make this event a success.

We also see programs such as our Knowledge contests, Valentine's Party and Membership Drives on the horizon as our council continues to stay vital and active in the community. As it nears the end of the month I remind you to please complete and return our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), dues statement and Charity Raffle Tickets to our Council NLT the end of JAN 2020; don't forget PKD!

The change of the decade brings a change in the way the degrees of our order are presented as well. Gone is the secrecy of the degree process as we are encouraged to perform our degrees in public spaces of faith. Also gone is the long and slow process of advancing in our order. Men interested in joining our order now have the opportunity to join and advance to the 3rd degree of our order within the same ceremony.

The reasons for this are many. First, one of the more common reasons given for not joining is not being able to involve the family in the process. By doing this in the sanctity of the church we allow the family to be involved. Also by combining the degrees of the order we provide interested men the chance to become full members of the Knights and truly understand what our order is all about.

We plan to welcome a new member of the Knights at our next council meeting January 15th. We will be using the newest degree format. For those Knights that are not 3rd degree members of our order but are interested in advancing we'd ask that you attend this meeting. By observing this degree you will then advance to the higher levels of our order. This will not only provide you with a true understanding of all of our order but also allow you to fill vital leadership roles within our order if you so choose.

Together we do great things, and together we grow in our faith.

Yours in Christ,

Mike

Faith

Thank you to Brother Knights: Tom Boutwell, Dave Abts, Rick Wondrash, Jim Schulz, Hartley Arsta, and Tony Sachse, who distributed prayer cards celebrating the Consecration of the Holy Family prior to all Masses at Saint Peter the Fisherman (SPF) Parish on DEC 28-29, 2019. Also thank you for the Knights who also helped to participate in the Fifth Sunday Rosary that the Knights led in the parish that morning as well.

WC Robert Kleckner has announced the date for the SPF Vocations Pizza Party for high school students to get to know priests, deacons, sisters, novices and postulants and help discern vocations: during LIFE TEEN classes after 10:00 a.m. Mass on February 16, 2020.

The next vocations committee meeting is scheduled for this MON, JAN 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in our Columbian Home dining area. If you are interested in getting involved in this committee, please talk to our Worthy Chancellor.

Family

This January, the council will be working with the staff of the Two Rivers Public Schools to complete our council level Math and Spelling contests. We will be looking for assistance in correcting these tests. Local winners will have the chance to compete at the Diocesan level contest the end of February.

Thank you to those Knights and families who supported our Keep Christ in Christmas program this holiday season.

There continues to be changes to our local insurance support. They have assigned a new general agent to this region and we will pass his information along shortly. James Patz, our insurance field agent is available to assist you're your insurance needs. We will be adding contact information to James on the website shortly.

Please keep in your prayers all of the sick, widowed, and suffering in our council and our communities that they may find healing and piece during this time of year.

December Knight of the Month: Jeffrey Thompson

December Family of the Month: Thomas Rabideau

Community

WPGKs and State Bowling Tournament 2020 Committee Officers Ed Knutson, Dan Tegen and Ed Vander Bloomen are circulating a sign-up roster for the 10-12 members per shift with Manitowoc Council 710 members at Meadow Lanes North required for the following weekends (SAT-SUN) in 2020: FEB 8-9th and every weekend from FEB 22nd to Palm Sunday, APR 5, 2020.

This has the potential to be a great fundraiser for our council and we will need your help to make it happen!

WBC Ron Gordon has announced that our Mother of Good Hope Council has two teams bowling in this State Tournament the weekend of March 14-15, 2020.

Please email Tony Sachse or myself with any available weekends you might have during this window to help. Family members, spouses, and friends are all welcome to help make this event successful. It will require a lot of work from all of us to make this successful, but it has the potential to be a great event that the committee has spent a lot of time in making happen!

With the conclusion of the Christmas season the council will need members to help take down and retire our Nativity from Central Park in Two Rivers. Members of the group will be meeting this coming Saturday, January 11th, 2020 at 9:00 in the park to get this work done.

Life

WLD Marv Krall announces the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. is FRI, JAN 17, 2020, with plans being made for local marches in Madison and Chicago. Please see Brother Marv for information on bus trips to these events; you may also contact our WMD Jeff Thompson for more information on our local efforts in support of the Prayerful Walkers of Manitowoc County.

Fourth Degree

Our Fourth Degree assembly continues to meet monthly. Our next exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be in April 2020. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Fourth Degree please let an officer know. We can help you to join our ranks.

The fourth degree assembly will be hosting our Ash Wednesday Fish Fry coming up in February. More information to come on pricing, times we will serve and what you can do to help.

We pray for all of the members of the council and their loved ones that may be facing health concerns or any other personal challenges! Venerable Father Michael McGivney, pray for us!

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Also check out the new council website at: tworiversknights1957.com