

# Knight News

Mother of Hope Council 1957

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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.

Second notices for dues have been sent out for the next fraternal year. Please consider paying to your membership current.

Thank you to those that have returned their dues notices and payments.



## Grand Knights Corner

In this month of June we continue to experience challenges like many have not seen in their lifetimes. As we close our fraternal year we are reminded that the Knights through our "Leave No Neighbor Behind" programming it has called for the Knights to continue to promote our values while at the same time adapting to the restrictions on our lives and meetings that this pandemic has created.

Our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J McGivney has founded our order on this simple premise of Charity in the times of challenge. We are proud to also announce that at May 27th at noon, the Vatican [announced](#) the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, the Venerable Father Michael McGivney; with this announcement, a papal Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled!

Continue to support the Father McGivney Guild to support this journey as it moves forward.

Thank you so much for your support during the past 2 years, and let's welcome our new Grand Knight Ray as we continue our works of Charity into the new Fraternal Year, when we install our new slate of officers in July!

We will announce the officers for the incoming fraternal year in our next newsletter in July 2020.

Lastly congratulations to all of the members of this council. Due to your efforts and activities you will be a Star Council for the Knights of Columbus this year! You represent a select few councils in the order and are truly worthy of the recognition.

Together we do great things even in these challenging times, and together we grow in our faith.

Please continue to pray the Novena for Protection in Time of Pandemic or Coronavirus Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe; St. Joseph, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,

Mike

## Faith

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This past Thursday, Bishop Ricken announced Phase 2 of Returning to Mass, which will allow us to be able to start having Mass on weekends with certain stipulations. If the Diocesan committee for the Return to Mass, along with the pastor/pastoral leaders agree that the city and county health numbers of Covid-19 are at a certain safe level, we can begin to return to Mass starting the weekend of June 13-14 with the following conditions:

- 25% capacity (which is about 200 for our church) - we will have a weekly signup
- Temperature checks be taken at the door
- Face masks encouraged
- Safe social distance practices in place
- No Precious Blood at communion
- No congregating before and after Mass

We are planning as though we will start on June 13-14; however, that could change at any moment if there is a spike in Covid-19 numbers locally. I will be recording the 4pm Mass weekly and going on Facebook Live and our Website. While we are doing our best to return to Mass as close to normal, there will be some changes. To ease into Mass and for safety reasons, we will have the staff and clergy be servers, lectors, greeters for the month of June. Starting in the first weekend of July, the 4th and 5th, we will schedule certain liturgical ministries.

As I said before, Mass won't quite look the same as it used to for the time being. All these measures are put in place for your safety, as well as ours. That being said, these procedures have created a need for two new ministries:

- **HEALTH & SAFETY:** We need people to take temperatures of everyone walking into the church, as well as offer a mask if they do not have one. The diocese has asked to have one entrance into church, so we will be asking everyone to enter in the Mishicot Road entrance and come through those doors. We will have two doors be entrances and one door be the exit. These are no-contact thermometers, and take a second to record the temperature. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided.
- **CLEANING CREW:** Following each Mass, we need people to clean the church after Mass - wiping down every surface that could be touched, every pew, door handle, table. All items in the pews (bibles, prayer cards, pencils, envelopes) have been removed already. We have tons of disinfectant cleaner and one-use rags available. This is a large task, especially between the 8am and 10am Masses, but if we have a good number of volunteers, I believe we can get it done quickly.

**If you are comfortable and willing to be an USHER, HEALTH & SAFETY member, or part of the CLEANING CREW, please get Sheila your blackout dates for the months of June, July, and August. You can email her at [sheilab@spfc.org](mailto:sheilab@spfc.org) or call her at the parish office, 920-793-4531. Let me remind everyone that the dispensation from Mass and Holy Communion remains in place during this pandemic, and anyone who does not feel safe or has underlying health issues that make you more vulnerable to covid-19 are encouraged to stay home.**

Maybe the council develops a cleaning team that can handle that task following a mass, thoughts?

Father Dave Pleier, Priest Celebrant of Saint Peter the Fisherman (SPF) Catholic Parish, called me today with his blessing and gratitude in response to our order-wide exemplification of catholic life and outreach to the domestic church during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

Deacon Paul Gleichner, SPF Pastoral Leader and our Worthy Council Spiritual Advisor, also expressed his gratitude in speaking with WDGK Ray Seegers last Saturday. emailing me today that SPF Parish could use help with the sanitization process after each weekend mass. Ultimately, he'd like to have 'teams' who wipe everything down after each mass is complete. We could

form our own "Mother of Good Hope Cleaning Team," if we can organize this parish Return to Mass support by the weekend of June 13-14th. If you are comfortable with this and willing to be a part it, please let me or WFD Marv Krall know soonest.

Also continue to pray your rosary each day. We as Knights have been given this to pray each day and in the stillness of our hearts took the vow to do so during our exemplification. Now more than ever our prayer can provide comfort to ourselves and help to others.

If anyone would like to volunteer to lead the next Fifth Sunday Rosary in the SPF Church at 9:30 a.m. on SUN, August 30th; let, please let me or WDGK Ray know.

## Family

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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.

WPGK William R. Ahearn passed away May 26th at Wysteria House, after 81 years service as a Knight of Columbus and a few weeks short of his 102nd birthday. Brother Bill's family planned a very small Memorial Service, followed by interment, and is planning a full funeral mass in Memoriam; please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to the family of Edward and Noreen Vander Bloomen Jr., who were selected as the April FoM for the Diocese of Green Bay!

May KoM: Hartley Arsta

May FoM: Tony Sachse

We will publish a synopsis of all 12 Families of the Month (FoMs) from this Calendar Year in the December 2020 Knight News, in order to determine a Council Family of the Year for submission to the Green Bay Diocese next year.

## Community

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Worthy Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman (WTRDC) Jeff Thompson has received responses to letters he hand-delivered last week to Piggly Wiggly, Pick n Save and Kwik Trip, concerning the conduct of our Tootsie Roll Drive this year, which he now proposes for 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on FRI, July 10th and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on SAT, July 11th. 2 of the 3 retail outlets are willing to schedule already and, although the third retailer and SPF Parish currently cannot support our request, the July 10-12th dates and masses may be a possibility. WTRDC Jeff is coordinating procedures to hand out tootsie rolls at distancing of greater than 6 feet, while wearing masks and gloves. If you'd like to sign up for a 2-hour time slot during this proposed drive, please let me or WTRDC Jeff know.

As noted earlier, the committee of the Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament made the tough choice to cancel the balance of the tournament due to the coronavirus pandemic and the stay at home orders currently in place. Thank you to WI State Bowling Tournament (WSBT) 2020 Chair Ed Knutson, WSBT 2020 Committee Treasurer Dan Tegen and WSBT 2020 Committee Secretary Ed Vander Bloomen as well as all of the brother knights and family members that assisted in conducting the tournament. The tourney raffle was conducted April 5<sup>th</sup> and posted via a Facebook Live event to the tournaments page, the winner of the grand prize, an Ariens snow-blower was from Two Rivers.

We wish to recognize the generous membership support that we've received during Tourney weekends since the February 8th Tournament Opening to the conclusion of the tournament. We will have more information soon on the final results of the tournament. Well Done!

WMD Jeff Thompson announced that our council, along with the other councils of District 12, hosted an online fraternal benefits night on Tuesday, May 19th, presented by our new KC Insurance General Agent Tim Nowak and Field Agent James Patz; WFS Tony also facilitated an online Admissions Degree for District 12 following this informational ZOOM meeting.

Bar Manager Dan Tegen reports that the Ladies Auxiliary has decided to discontinue serving the Friday Fish Fry until the restrictions are reduced on the number of persons that can occupy our space.

Also please be thinking of ideas for fundraisers for the council's charitable works this year as the pandemic will likely affect attendance of the events we are part of this summer assuming they continue as planned. We look forward to any ideas that you might be able to provide. Also keep an eye on the calendar as well as many of these events may be rescheduled to later in the summer. The Two Rivers Car Show has already been moved to August 14-15<sup>th</sup>.

## Life

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WLD Marv Krall also reminded us that the baby bottle campaign is in progress until Fathers Day, June 21st. Money can be dropped off at the church office or electronically on the SPF Parish website, [www.spfcp.org](http://www.spfcp.org), and also on the SPF Parish Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stpeterfisherman](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterfisherman)

WLD Marv Krall reports our council's success in of support for the State Culture of Life Standings; we raised \$545.00 or 117% of our goal!

## Fourth Degree

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Our council continues its online membership drive and Father Francis B. Simono Assembly will conduct an online 4th Degree Exemplification on SAT, June 6th. At present we have five gentlemen who will be joining the membership of the Fourth Degree.

We have completed our elections for upcoming Fraternal year and we will welcome Faithful Navigator Ed VanderBloomen, Jr. to the helm of the Fourth Degree. We will begin our meetings again in the fall of this year.

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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!

In light of the current pandemic we will not be having in person meetings until the Safer at Home orders have been lifted by both the state and federal governments. All business of the council will be conducted by Zoom teleconference meetings. An invitation with instructions on how to call in for our next meeting is attached to the email in which this newsletter is distributed.

Continue to check in with your brother Knights, physical distancing doesn't always mean social distancing. A phone call, text, email, or social media message is always appreciated during this time.

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