

Knight News

Mother of Good 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.

Dues notices and charity raffle tickets are included with this mailing. Please address them as soon as you receive them.



Grand Knights Corner

Brother Knights,

I wish you all a Blessed Advent and Christmas season. In this spirit and in the spirit of **Charity** (our first principle), at last month's council meeting we donated \$500 to TREP (the Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry) to help those in need of food. We will also be providing challenge coins or necklaces to the Two Rivers police department in appreciation of the work they provide to the community. We supported St. Lawrence Seminary with a \$500 contribution. St. Lawrence Seminary has 150+ high school seminarians. If you would like to hear about some of the student stories or listen to their choir, you can click on the following links.

www.StLawrenceSeminary.org/Seniors.

www.StLawrenceSeminary.org/Choir.

Thanks to those knights who attended the November fifth Sunday **Rosary** led by the Knights of Columbus. A special thank you to Steve Bacalzo for leading the prayer. Thanks to the Knights who helped set up the **nativity scene** downtown. With many volunteers, it only took about a half an hour.



Newest Members - At our November council meeting, we held an exemplification for three new 3rd degree Knights. Please extend your welcome

to our newest Brother Knights John (Jack) Spring, Mike Desroches, and Kelly Hilliker.

Would you like to help increase the **membership** to the Knights of Columbus and earn some Christmas money as well? For every New Member who joins ONLINE by December 31st, our State Council will give \$10 to the Proposer – no limits.

✓ The MCGIVNEY2020 promo code continues until December 31st, allowing prospects to join the Knights for FREE. Here is the link: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

The Supreme Council has issued new guidelines on conducting council meetings. We will be implementing those guidelines starting at the December council meeting. Some changes may help to streamline things.

For December, we support the **Keep Christ in Christmas** campaign. Yard signs and car magnets are available that convey this message. Please also continue your efforts to **Leave No Neighbor Behind** during this Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Ray Seegers

Faith

A continued reminder and Thanks to the “Mother of Good Hope Cleaning Team,” at the parish. You can reach out to any of the current members including Brothers: Tom Boutwell, Jeff Thompson, Ray Seegers, Thomas Mittnacht and Mike Wojta to volunteer your assistance.

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.

Family

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an upcoming Sunday supper events at the parish hall. The men of the third degree council will sponsor one on December 13. Please consider volunteering.

Congratulations Dan & Collette Tegen for being named diocesan **family of the month** (FOM). This is the second diocesan FOM award in a row from our council. Well done and well deserved. I would like to thank Dan for coordinating the upcoming Knights of Columbus **Sunday Supper** for December. Seen below is Dan and Collette with their certificate and award for being named Diocesan family of the month for October.



Congratulations to Deacon Paul and Laura Gleichner for being named **family of the month** and to Jeff Thompson for being named **knight of the month** at our last council meeting. Well done.

November KoM: Jeff Thompson

November FoM: Deacon Paul and Laura Gleichner

We will publish a synopsis of all 12 Families of the Month (FoMs) from this Calendar Year in the January 2021 Knight News, in order to determine a Council Family of the Year for submission to the Green Bay Diocese next year.

Community

Congratulations to Jeff Thompson who helped to organize the Diaper and wipes drive at the church in support of the Crossing. Through his work over 1000 diapers were donated to the crisis pregnancy center for their clients to use.

Members of the council voted to contribute \$500.00 to support TREP during the holiday season through the Food for Families program. Additionally, the council through the Coats for Kids program voted to provide 72 winter coats to be distributed through families that use TREP this winter. Seen below is Brothers Jeff Thompson and Ed VanderBloomen presenting the check to Lynne Skarvan, director of TREP.



Charity Raffle tickets are being included with this newsletter. Please consider either purchasing them yourself or selling them to friends and family. A portion of these sales comes back to the council for our charitable works and also helps to support the State Council in their grant programs for major needs.

Please send your ticket stubs and money (check payable to Knights of Columbus Council 1957) to Brother Jim Schulz our raffle chairmen. His address is listed below.

Jim Schulz
2932 40th Street
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Additionally, included in this newsletter is a form to report charitable service hours for the year. Each year the council must report these hours, so please take a moment and note all of the good work you have done throughout the year. You can return this with your dues payment.

In pursuit of the Star Council award this year we are focusing on programs each month of the Fraternal year. For the month of December, we plan to focus on:

Keep Christ in Christmas- Yard Signs and Car Magnets available

Consecration to the Holy Family- Prayer cards to distribute at mass on the Feast of the Holy Family.

Leave no Neighbor behind- reach out to those around you shut in or less fortunate this holiday season to see what you can do to help them.

The Wisconsin State Council has made the decision to suspend the State Council bowling tournament for the 2021 year. The organizing committee for this year's tournament we co-hosted with Manitowoc Council 710 met with the State Bowling Committee and wrapped up everything from our shortened tournament earlier this year.

Through the efforts of both of our councils we were able to raise over \$24,000 after all bills were paid. This will be split 50/50 between the two councils. This money will be added to our charity fund and used for the charitable works of the council. Thank you for all of those you that assisted this great event.

Life

Due to the ongoing effects of the COVID 19 pandemic as well as the restrictions currently in place at the parish the council made the decision to not hold our Lifesavers for Life drive this year. Instead the council will donate to the Crossing Crisis Pregnancy center from some of the proceeds of the State Council bowling tournament. We hope to be able to return to sales of the Lifesavers this coming year.

Thank you to those members of the council that supported the 40 days March in Manitowoc.

Fourth Degree

The Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree are planning a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification on January 16th, 2021 at 1:00pm in the afternoon. If you are interested in advancing to the Fourth Degree please reach out to Sir Knights Ed Vanderbloomen or Sir Knight Tony Sachse. We will be glad to help you advance to this next level in the Knights of Columbus. We continue to meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We hope to see all of you there.

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