

Knight News

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Grand Knights Corner

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 being sent out this week. Please return them as well as the volunteer survey as soon as possible.

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2022. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas season.

Recent events: Thanks to the volunteers in the last month. Activities included handing out prayer cards for the **Consecration of the Holy Family** at St. Peter the Fisherman Church. Many volunteers made short work of taking down the **Nativity scene** at central park. If you want to test your strength, stop by where the nativity had been set up and see if you can remove the wire bracket for the Keep Christ in Christmas sign (it froze into the ground)☺.

Jeff Thompson reported at the last council meeting that 57 gift cards were collected in the **sentiments for seminarians**' campaign in which the gift cards are distributed to seminarians. A **Novena for Persecuted Christians** was recently completed.

I attended the Diocesan meeting for the Knights of Columbus in December. It was run by our State officers. Bishop David Ricken was a keynote speaker. Our council was awarded a **complete council award** for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Congratulations to all our members as this is a council wide award. Thanks to all. The award recognizes the star council achievements as well as such things as our support of the culture of life.

On Going/upcoming Events: I understand we have two teams signed up for the **annual bowling tournament** to be held in Sun Prairie in 2022. There is still room for teams to sign up for the KC run **cornhole tournament** on February 5 to be held at the Hamilton Community House. Contact Kelly Hilliker if interested. **Knowledge contests** are also upcoming.

At the January Council meeting (January 19 at 7 p.m.) we will be **voting on our Family of the Year** from the families that had been awarded the families of the month in 2021. Please note that the family of the year must be a Knights of Columbus. See the nominees later in the newsletter.

Please remember to return your **membership renewals** along with the **annual survey of fraternal activities**. These can be mailed or dropped off at our council meeting on January 19. Be sure to include the volunteer hours of not only Knights, but also ladies, family, parishioners, and prospects working on KC sponsored/operated programs. The survey is used to tally volunteer hours that are used in maintaining the charitable status of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight Ray Seegers



Faith

St. Peter the Fisherman Church is still **in need of volunteers** for various supporting roles for weekend masses. Please consider volunteering to help demonstrate that the Knights of Columbus can be counted on as the strong right arm of the Church. To volunteer, contact Kelly Scheuer.

At December's council meeting we approved **\$500 to support Brother Joseph C. Hilliker in his seminarian studies through the RSVP program.**

We will be leading the **Rosary** on Sunday January 30 (the fifth Sunday) at St. Peter the Fisherman Church at 9:30 a.m. If anyone wishes to volunteer to lead the rosary, please contact me at (920) 793-8140.

Thanks to the Knights who responded to St. Peter the Fisherman's call for help to **remove the large tree** that fell near the rosary garden from the heavy wind storm. A few chain saws, a small dump truck, and a pickup truck made for quick work.





Family

At this upcoming January council meeting we will vote on our council Family of the Year. Below are summaries of all of our families of the month for the past year. As the Family of the Year can only be a Knight of Columbus for the months of the non-members only their names will be noted.

January – Dan and Denise Gesch

February – **Marvin and Robyn Krall** – Marvin Krall has been a Knight since 1990. In that time, he has served in the following offices: Warden, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and twice as Grand Knight. Marvin chairs our Faith Committee, our annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, and the annual Life Savers for Life Drive; he bowls annually and led the Advertisement Drive to gain Sponsors for the 2020 Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament jointly conducted by the Two Rivers and Manitowoc Councils here on the Lake Michigan shoreline. Marvin is a 4th Degree Knight and has served on the Honor Guard; he and wife Robyn are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP), where they both have served since last June on the Health & Safety Team, taking temperatures, and providing hand-made masks before weekend Masses. Marvin serves on the Parish Council and was a Little League coach. Robyn is a member of the Ladies of SPFCP, performs quilting for charitable donation, serves as a Communion Distributor during Mass, also takes Communion to the home-bound, and served as a Girl Scout Leader for over 20 years. They are both involved with 4H programs and have been Foster Parents for almost 40 years, working with the Manitowoc County Respite program.

March – Stacey and Sheila Bialek

April – Brad and Tracy Yaggie

May – Jim and Kaye Schulz – James and Kaye Schulz are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) in Two Rivers, where they both serve as greeters for Sunday Mass and have assisted with marriage enrichment programs. James has served for 3 years on the SPFCP Council, and Kaye is a member of the SPFCP Ladies Association, working to support their annual Holiday Bazaar and in support of parish funeral dinners in the parish hall. James has been a Council 1957 member since 2007 and a Fourth Degree Assembly 1220 member, having served on the Honor Guard. He is a past Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Chancellor, and has served on the Columbian Home Committee, donating many service hours in fundraising and volunteering at the parish for social functions and Sunday Suppers, and at the council for Tootsie Roll and Life Savers for Life drives, and prayer walking for 40 Days for Life. James has served as Adjutant for the American Legion Post 165 for 4 years and is currently the council chairman for our Order's annual State Charity Raffle drive for over 5 years, having recently eclipsed all prior annual sales with 594 tickets sold and raising \$2970.00!

June – Dan and Collette Tegen – Dan Tegen has been a member of Council 1957 since February of 1993; he is a past Grand Knight and volunteered to be the treasurer of the 2020 Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament Committee. Dan also currently serves as the Manager of our council's Columbian Home and has served as Council Recruitment / Membership Chairman. He is also a past Faithful Navigator and current Scribe of the 4th Degree Assembly 1220. Dan regularly serves as Fund Raising Chairman for several of our annual projects, most recently the Lakeshore Car Show Grilled Food Tent in June 2021, and as Sunday Supper Chairman; he volunteers to work at many functions at the Columbian Home and for the council, having helped with the annual Christmas Party for the Developmentally Disabled, free throw contests, the Tootsie Roll drive, the annual Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance and BINGO fund raisers. Dan and Collette are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) in Two Rivers, where Dan chairs the Worship Environment Committee and serves Mass regularly; he is past president of the parish men's group. Collette is a past SPFCP Council Chairperson, serves as a Lector and belongs to the parish ladies' group. Both Dan and Collette are SPFCP Eucharistic Ministers, serve as Liturgical Audio/Visual Operators, and have helped with the Marriage Preparation Program; both are past Presidents of the parish Home School Association, have been involved with the parish R.C.I.A. Program and work multiple Sunday Suppers at the parish annually. Dan and Collette have been married for 48 years, and all 3 of their children attended Catholic Grade School and High School.

July – Steve and Lauri Bacalzo – Steve Bacalzo has been a member of Council 1957 since January of 2015 and is currently a 4th degree Assembly 1220 member. He served on the Roncalli Catholic High School (RCHS) Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors for The Crossing of Manitowoc County (Christian-based, pregnancy advocacy), the Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) Worship Committee, the SPFCP School Building and Grounds Committee, as an assistant SPFCP grade school basketball coach, and as a SPFCP LIFETEEN Core Member (high school catechist). Steve actively volunteers for SPFCP as an alter server, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound, as a Rosary/Prayer Leader, and for our council fundraisers and programs for the Knights of Columbus. Steve and his wife, Lauri, have been married for 29 years. They provided long-term, in-home care for Lauri's mother who suffers from dementia. Their son, Brandon, is a graduate of SPFCP grade school, RCHS, and is currently pursuing a Medical Doctorate degree at the Carver School of Medicine, University of Iowa. Brandon, Lauri, and Steve differ in their faith systems, with Brandon professing philosophical deism and Lauri professing non-denominational Christianity. They actively discuss their perspectives, learning and growing in a familial faith journey.

August – Stanley and Clarice Snyder – Stan Snyder is a member of our council since 2001 and serves currently as Inside Guard; he is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly 1220 since 2002. Stan is a past member of the Columbian Home Association Board of Directors and has played a major role in the cleaning and upkeep of the building and grounds, to include deep-cleaning of the kitchen, bar, and dining areas as part of the post-COVID, public reopening for Friday Night Fish Fries next month. He volunteered to help with the conduct of the 2020 KC State Bowling Tournament, multiple annual local Sunday Suppers, the annual Lakeshore Car Show fund-raiser, council pancake breakfasts and the Kites over Lake Michigan Festival fund-raiser. Stan has worked in the past for our annual Steak Fry and Dance, helps in the kitchen for our annual Smelt Fry on Ash Wednesday and helps with our Council Recruitment Drives and distribution of Knights of Columbus informational material. Stanley and Clarice are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish in Two Rivers, where Clarice has served as a Eucharistic Minister. Stanley and their sons have served together at the alter at Mass.

September – Steven and Suzette Becker – Steve Becker recently joined our Council and volunteered this past summer for the Lakeshore Car Show fundraiser. Steve and Sue Becker attend Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) in Two Rivers and have volunteered many hours over the years for their local parish. Steve served on the Parish Council and Finance

Council, and on the diocesan level, Steve and Sue volunteered as a Couple Team, along with 4 other couples, to present The Nine Tasks of Marriage early in the 2000s, an all-day program for Engaged Couples. Steve is a current Board Member of Global Outreach, the Diocesan International Student Exchange Program. Steve and Sue have served as Host Parents for 6 Global Outreach Students that all attended Roncalli Catholic High School (RCHS). Steve served for many years as the Food Chairman of the RCHS Fundraising Auction and coached a Special Olympics Team from Manitowoc for 4-5 years; Sue helped with both functions. Steve is currently an Alter Server (monthly on Sundays with son Matt, weekdays, and funerals), an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and an Audio/Visual Operator for Liturgies, as well as the FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) Facilitator for Engaged Couples, often teamed with Sue, all at SPFCP. Steve and Sue are long-time members of the Two Rivers Ecumenical Ministry, and Sue was a Board Member of the Two Rivers Food Pantry. The Becker family currently hosts a young lady in the Philippines through UNBOUND. Son Matt was adopted from Wisconsin as special needs, and son Jon from South Korea as medical special needs, both at 6 months of age. Their Extended Family is very close, especially Steve's siblings and their spouses, and they believe in the Power of Prayer.

October – David and Sandy Abts – Dave Abts has been a member of Council 1957 for 7 years and has chaired several of our fundraisers. He is a 4th Degree Knight, who serves on the Assembly 1220 Reverend Francis B. Simono Honor Guard. Dave is an Elks member for 26 years and is a past Exalted Ruler of Two Rivers Lodge 1380 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dave and Sandy are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) in Two Rivers, and they sell Script at SPFCP in the Gathering Space after Masses. Dave belongs to the Men of SPFCP and has served as a Greeter in the Gathering Space prior to Masses, as a Head Usher, as a Eucharistic Minister, and as a member of the SPFCP Finance Council. Dave and Sandy also help to prepare and deliver Meals on Wheels weekly and volunteer at the Two Rivers Senior Center. Dave and Sandy have 7 Grandchildren and enjoy playing several different card games and spending time with family & friends.

November – Brad and Bree Boettner – Brad Boettner joined Council 1957 with his father-in-law, Joe Monson, last August; his father, Jeff Boettner, is also a Knight. His family recently moved to Wisconsin from Michigan, where they were members of Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Parish (SJACP) in Saint Clair Shores, MI. There, Jeff contributed to annual fundraising efforts for the SJACP School and assisted with Welcoming Hall preparation for SJACP liturgical seasons. Brad and his wife, Bree Boettner, are current members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish in Two Rivers and recently welcomed their second child into their family in October and into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on December 5th, 2021. Brad serves his local and regional communities as a Wisconsin State Trooper and also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Police. Recently, Brad and Bree have begun assisting on the weekends with our Friday Fish Fries and the ensuing, weekly clean up at our Columbian Home. Brad and Bree have two children and enjoy exploring their new home of Wisconsin in their free time.

December – Gary and Patricia Clark – Gary Clark has been a member of Council 1957 since July 7, 2008. Gary and Patricia are members of Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Parish (SPFCP) in Two Rivers and they both have served on the SPFCP Council. They both have volunteered for fundraisers for Council 1957 and SPFCP, where Patricia serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Gary is a member of the Men of SPFCP and served as an Usher for over 50 years. Gary and Patricia also are the SPFCP coordinators for volunteers at Hope House, a Manitowoc County homeless shelter, for 20 years and regularly volunteer for shifts there. Gary also helps with the SPFCP grounds crew. Gary and Patricia also volunteer to help with Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, Sunday Suppers, and Meals on Wheels. Gary and Patricia have 2 grandchildren.

Congratulations the winners of our council's Knight of the Month and Family of the Month selections from this December's council meeting.

Knight of the Month: Larry Sleger

Family of the Month: Gary and Patricia Clark

Community

At the last council meeting we voted to send **\$2,000 to the victims of the Kentucky tornado**. We also donated **\$75 to Badger camp** which is a camp for those with disabilities. It is our fund raisers throughout the year that make these donations possible.

Two checks (\$831.36 each) for intellectual disabilities from the **Tootsie Roll** drive arrived. The first check was presented to Ascend (see picture below), and the second check will go to the Manitowoc Miracles.



The proceeds from the pancake breakfast were also delivered to the **Hope House**.

Life

As a reminder, **March for Life** events take place in Washington DC and Chicago in January. There will be a **Novena for Life** from January 19 – 27, 2022 - see the attached link for more information. Please join in praying the Novena for the protection of human life.

Link to the Novena For Life:

[22-9-days-novena-print.pdf \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/22-9-days-novena-print.pdf)

Fourth Degree

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. Our annual Ash Wednesday fundraiser is coming up soon, keep an eye out and support it if you can.

If you are interested in advancing to the Fourth Degree, please let Faithful Navigator Ed Vanderbloomen know!

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