



# Knights of Columbus

## *Council 4458 – Derby*

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**Be cautious and safe during this time of the Covid-19 crisis!**

*May 2020*

Thank you to:

- Dean Pater for his heading the Grounds and Maintenance Committee and for keeping the lawn mowers in good working order. Bruce Luehring, John and Bob Stuhlsatz and Scott Stewart for mowing and tree trimming. The Knights and parish are taking over the upkeep of the parish grounds for this year to save money during this crisis. Dean will be contacting others who volunteered to help in the coming weeks as the need presents itself.
- To the anonymous donor of a second Country Clipper lawn mower for our parish grounds. The new mower arrived last week and is similar to the new one that was purchased last year except it runs on two handles instead of a joystick.
- Tom Schmeidler for working with Fr. Joe on the plans for a storage unit to house the mowers. Tom is getting plans drawn up, costs finalized, and working with the city commission on the approval of the structure. And for his election as Supreme Delegate at the State Convention. And for all his work in preparation for the State Convention. And for his work as Regional Membership Chairman.
- Bruce Luehring for his two years of service as State Warden and his work on the State Convention Program. Bruce has been an invaluable asset to our council because of his involvement at the state level.
- John Betzen for sending out our communications via emails. If the stay at home order is lifted, the plan will be to have an officer's meeting in May and we will print and mail the June newsletter. **This month's business meeting is cancelled but we will conduct the election of officers this month via email.**

### **Faith in Action**

While it is tragic not being able to nourish our body and soul with reception of the Eucharist nor interact with our parish family on a face-to face basis, the covid-19 crisis does present other means for practicing the spiritual and corporeal works of mercy. Supreme has initiated a program called Leave No Neighbor Behind to encourage councils to find ways to help those effected by the crisis, especially in their local communities. To this end, our council will make a donation to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry in the amount of \$500 in May. We were exempted from having to pay per capita dues to Supreme along with Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life dues. This saved our council over \$1000 and the officers decided to donate to worthy causes. We plan to make other donations until the \$1000 is used up!

### **Welcome to our New Members**

On April 16, a national online exemplification was held. Thanks to our recruitment/retention chairman, Bob Stuhlsatz, who coordinated recruitment locally, we added 4 new members and additional 8 members moving from 1<sup>st</sup> degree to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 moving from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Another 14 members of our council observed the exemplification to support the candidates. New members are Thomas Murty, Frank Basgall, Brandon Barger and Jason Fager. Those who advanced to third degree include Brandon Pulcher, Matthew Smith, Brad Stuhlsatz, Rocky Cornejo, Mearl "Duke" Schiefelbein, Michael Watson, Eric Gustafson, John Hastings, and Jonathan Craft. Another exemplification was held a week later and Dr. Ed Lind advanced from 1<sup>st</sup> degree to 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next online exemplification will be held on Thursday, May 7 and there are 4 times available to observe the 30-minute ceremony. The times are 6 AM, 3, 8 and 11 PM so a candidate or observer can choose a time that best suits his schedule. Anyone interested in joining the Knights, moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree membership or just

observing the new degree can register by obtaining a PDF invitation. Simply contact Grand Knight John Kennedy at his email address above and he will forward the invitation to you.

### **State Convention Information**

On Saturday, May 2, the State Knight of Columbus held a phone call meeting to conduct the official business of the organization. Here are some noteworthy results pertinent to our council. Brother Bill Weilert was selected as the Kansas State Knight of the Year! Open the PDF file above. This is a great and well-deserved honor for Bill and our council. Also, our council placed first in the Division 10 Commitment to Humanities, aka. Tootsie Roll Drive thanks to the leadership of Deputy Grand Knight James Ramsey and his team of Chuck Pawloski, Bruce Luehring and John Betzen. Also, thanks to Chuck for organizing the Pro-Life Dinner/Casino as the event was entered in the Culture of Life Program. Our council received the Supreme Council Service Award in this category.

### **Council Elections**

May is the normal month to conduct the annual council elections. The trustees are nominating the following:

Grand Knight: John Kennedy

Deputy Grand Knight: James Ramsey

Treasurer: Joe Betzen

Recorder: Patrick Butler

Advocate: Scott Stewart

Warden: Dan Dinkle

Outside Guard: Glen Kramer

Inside Guard: Jim Lang

Trustee(2<sup>nd</sup> year): Gerard Landwehr

Elections will be held via email in a couple of weeks. If any Brother Knight is interested in being nominated for an office, he needs to contact one of the trustees: Tom Schmeidler(776-9747), Kent Lund(788-6031) or Bill Weilert(776-9856), no later than May 10.

### **Upcoming Events (Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities)**

The only event on the calendar that has not been cancelled or postponed is the annual Parish Golf Tournament. Currently, it is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at Sierra Hills. We will determine whether to go ahead with the event when the parish is able resume normal activities.

Holy Family Camp has been cancelled and so we will not be preparing breakfast for them in June this year.

### **Personal Note from the Grand Knight**

I want to express my thanks to my brother Knights for thoughts and prayers for the repose of the soul of our son and Brother Knight Patrick and for the consolation of my family. He passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, April 28. Patrick had been on anti-seizure medication since he was in high school. It may be that he had a seizure in his sleep and just did not survive. His funeral Mass will be live streamed on St. Mary Parish Facebook page just like the Sunday Masses. It will begin at 10 am on Wednesday, May 6.

### **For the Good of the Order - Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Jim Coffey family(Jim passed in April), Patrick Kennedy family, Harry Murphy, Richard Jones, Andy Wojcik, Tony Wojcik, Kyle Straub, Ron Mahoney, Harold Lux, Tony & Sylvia Duran, Dick Hopper, Susan Shearrer, wife of Paul, Davi Stuhlsatz, wife of Bob, Jim Hagmeier, Charlie Smith, Gene Kleman, Robert Riedmiller, Cal Wilbert, Ralph Veach, Rita Metler, wife of Brian, Tara Maxwell, wife of Jeff and daughter-in-law of Jim, Ken Bruggeman, and our military Brother Knights.

#### **Knight of the Month**

Tom Schmeidler

#### **Family of the Month**

Kevin and Kathy Barker

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