



Knights of Columbus

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We will hold our regular business meeting this month. You are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

January 2021

Thank you to:

- Bob Stuhlsatz for organizing our annual food drive to benefit the Derby Operation Holiday program. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate \$4260 and over 500 lbs. of food to help those in our local community. The activity meets the requirements for the Food for Families program, a Supreme recommended program under the Faith in Action Model.
- Kevin Barker, Pat Loney, Pete Leidich, Jim Daniels, Mike Price, Dean Pater, Bill Weilert, and Bruce Luehring for replacing the lights in the church.
- Eric Gustafson, Norm McGeeney, Bob Stuhlsatz, Pat Loney, Dean Pater, and Bruce Luehring for putting up the insulation in the new shed and Dean, Pat, and Bruce for putting up the metal walls, and Dean and Bruce for power washing the inside in preparation for painting. Once the painting is done by Keith Roussillon, Ed Smith will finish the electrical work. The shed looks great!
- Dean Pater, Bruce Luehring, and Pat Loney for clearing off the New Year's morning snow for the convenience and safety of our parishioners who attended the 9 am Mass.
- Bill Weilert, John Stuhlsatz, John Hastings, Ernie Knipp, Gerard Landwehr, and Pete Leidich for selling tootsie rolls after the weekend Masses on December 12 and 13 and again on December 19 and 20. We still have lots of tootsie rolls left and the deadline for sending in the report for the campaign is not until February. We will continue to sell boxes of 50 for a \$20 donation. Call John Kennedy at 788-5829 if you want a box or know someone who does. Presently we have raised about \$3800 for persons with intellectual disabilities.
- Chuck Pawloski, Tony Hug, Jerry Pennington, Bill Weilert, and Ernie Knipp for putting out the Holy Family prayer cards at the Masses on December 26 and 27. This was the second year our council has participated in the Consecration to the Holy Family event. Thanks also to Frs. Michael Brungardt and Wayne Schmid who emphasized the importance of the family and expressing the fact the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced many of the struggles that faced any family in the first century.

Faith in Action

Insanity was once defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. At the beginning of a new year, many people make a New Year's resolution or two in hopes of changing a result by changing a habit. In the Act of Contrition, we "firmly resolve to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin". The secular world once a year acknowledges the need to make improvements while the Catholic Church offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation all year long. During this rich liturgical time, we acknowledge our need for a Savior and then joyfully welcome His coming and dwelling among us. Jesus, in his humanity, shows us how to live and, in his mercy, forgives us when we sin. Perhaps a good resolution for all of us this year would be to frequent the sacrament of God's infinite love and mercy as a family.

Membership Milestones

The following are being recognized for reaching Honorary status in the Knights organization for 25 or more years of service and age 65. Years as a Knight is parenthesis. David Clark (27), Louis Mans (28), Richard Montgomery (25), Norm McGeeney (29), David Niederee (31), Jeff Skinner (26), Kurt Van Boening (29), John Stuhlsatz (47) and David Wurdeman (26). Honorary Life Members must be age 70 with 25 or more years as a Knight. They are John Betzen (40), David Dixon (30), William Gessler (25), Dennis Huggins (36), Edward Michel (36), and Robert Sommerhauser (26). Thank you all for your commitment and service to the Knights of Columbus.

Upcoming Events (Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities)

Our council will host the annual Free Throw Championship in the parish gym on January 20 from 4 to 5 pm. John Washburn will be asking for several volunteers to help and you can sign up at the January business meeting or by calling John at 250-1884. There will be several changes to registration and operation of the event to protect the health of the volunteers and participants. Principal, Richard Montgomery is assisting with the safety protocols.

Ray Kennedy Memorial Religious Vocation Fund Raffle

Ray Kennedy, a lifetime honorary member of our council, Past Grand Knight, and Past District Deputy, passed away last February. Several members expressed a desire to recognize his contribution to our council and, thus, we are initiating a fund-raising raffle that will commence in January. Council members will be asked to sell 300 raffle tickets at \$20 per ticket by the end of February. John Washburn will distribute the raffle tickets. Then beginning at our business meeting in March, three tickets will be drawn for each of the first three months of 2021. Each of the nine winning ticket is worth \$100 cash and we will continue drawing 3 tickets each month for the remainder of the year. Each ticket that is drawn throughout the year will be removed from any further drawings. The payout of \$3600 will leave a profit of \$2400 if every raffle ticket is sold. This amount will be distributed to 4 or 5 local individuals studying at a seminary or convent.

Calendar

Jan. 11 Monday Rosary at 7 pm followed by our monthly business meeting.

Jan. 20 Wednesday Free Throw Championship in the parish gym from 4 to 5 pm.

Jan. 25 Monday Officer's meeting in the Knights Hall at 7 pm.

Feb. 8 Monday Degree Exemplification at 6:30 pm with business meeting at 7:30 pm.

Feb. 17 Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Feb. 22 Monday Officer's Meeting at 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

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

Melvin Moore, Harry Murphy, Richard Jones, Andy Wojcik, Tony Wojcik, Vic and Patti Straub, Kyle Straub, Ron Mahoney, Harold Lux, Tony & Sylvia Duran, Dick Hopper, Jack Hagmeier, Gene Kleman, Robert Riedmiller, Cal Wilbert, Ernie Knipp, Ken Bruggeman, and our military Brother Knights.

Knight of the Month

Steve Shavlik

Family of the Month

Ed and Kim Smith



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