



March 2018

Our Founder
Venerable
Michael McGivney

The Shamrock

Events for our Council:

RAFFLE TICKET
SALES-
EVERYONE'S
PARTICIPATION IS
NEEDED

March 10th Men of
Christ Conference-
Milwaukee

March 11th Daylight
savings time Starts

March 13th Officers
Meeting

March 15th General
Meeting

March 18th Pancake
Breakfast

April 10th Officers
meeting

April 19th General
meeting

Tootsie Roll Drive
April 20th 21st & 22nd

All meetings are held at St.
James in the rectory
basement.

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Spreading the Light of Christ

We have now halfway thru the season of Lent. How time flies! I hope this season takes on a special meaning to you as it is hard to understand the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for each one of us. As in the past I challenge you to make it to Adoration and to participate in Reconciliation before this Lenten season ends. Make this Lenten season a meaningful one and participate in the many activities that St. James has to offer.

I will continue to put an emphasis on membership. It is very vital to the health of our council and I ask that all members think about the Catholic men you know and ask them to join our council.

We have a little over 50 men in our council and your help is needed for fundraising. It is understandable that one can't make all of our activities for many reasons - family, church, work, other organizational commitments, age and health issues to name a few. As we enter into this busy time of fundraising be sure to set some time aside for volunteering at these events. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any suggestions for our upcoming charity distributions in April please let me know.

A little over 350 tickets have been turned in. Thanks to the 9 members who have retuned your tickets. One of our members (Al Blau) loves to sell and he will most likely total around 450 tickets. Once again here's the **CHALLENGE!** Show him that the remaining 52 members of our council, yes 52 can out do him. IF we each sell our 15 tickets that would be 780 an top of what he does. This is the easiest way for each one of us to put thirty dollars in the charity fund. This is the best fund raiser we do as our council receives several dollars back on each ticket we sell and all you have to do is ask the people around you. "Hey are you interested in a KC charity raffle ticket? "

On March 18th we will have 2nd pancake breakfast. This is very special as it falls close to St. Patrick's Day. We will be serving green pancakes and Irish coffee. Please put it on your calendar not only to help but also to bring your family down and enjoy breakfast.

The Men of Christ Conference coming up and I would encourage everyone to consider attending.

Lastly I ask that everyone set some time aside for the Tootsie Roll Drive in April. This is one of our main activities for the year and I look forward to seeing everyone on that weekend!

As always, we appreciate any time that you can volunteer and look forward to seeing you at a general meeting, the next pancake breakfast, or the Tootsie Roll weekend. Thank you for being Brother Knights!

~As always, faithfully in your service,

Steve Ehr



Our Condolences to the Family of Mike Ballering

Mike was one of our Charter members and a member at St. James for many years. It was a given you would see him at every pancake breakfast as he rolled up hundreds of utensils for each of our breakfasts. He was always there for the tootsie roll weekend, Lions days, and the many activities our council is involved with. Even with the nasty side effects of cancer he would be there and you never saw or heard an oh poor me from him. Outside of our council he was involved in several things but the one he had a huge passion for was the food pantry and spent many hours there. Family was very important to him as he shared many stories about them especially the trips to the cabin. His warm smile and example of service to others will be greatly missed. Please keep Kathy and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Spring Charity Distribution

We are always looking for new recipients for our charity fund. If you have one in mind please forward them to me before the April officers meeting.

Thanks Steve Ehr



March Birthdays

BERNIE MILKIE	March 1
HARVEY FRIESS	March 2
SCOTT THOMSEN	March 3
PHILIP MARKHAM	March 20
DAVID WEIMAN	March 21
JOHN KALUPA	March 22
DAMON TALERICO	March 24

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many of you have already sent your 2018 dues. If you haven't paid your annual membership dues PLEASE get them in ASAP as this makes Tim's job a lot easier.

Thanks, GK Steve Ehr

Life Savers for Life

Our Life Savers for Life weekend raised and amazing \$691. Thanks to all those who made this possible. This is almost twice what we raised last year. I would like to thank Tom Becker for coordinating this once again. Tom has done this for several years now. Waukesha Right to life will be the recipient of this when the check comes from the State. Thanks again Tom!

GK Steve

2018 Men of Christ Conference

Saturday March 10th at the Milwaukee Theater. It would be great to get a group together from our council. If interested please call or E-mail Steve Ehr

Congratulations Ben Corcoran

Gentlemen when you see Ben please introduce yourselves and welcome him as the newest member of our council. Ben took his first degree in December. He and his wife Maggie live in Waukesha and are members here at St. James. A double congratulation is in order as he told me this past week they are expecting their first child.

Honorary Members

Please welcome and congratulate our newest Honorary Members. This is quite an achievement and does not come over night!

Joe Burki, Dick Emmer, Harvey Friess, Gus Ganesmer, Mike Gullotti, and Albert Nienas.

Thanks for your commitment to the Knights of Columbus and we hope to have you all for many years to come.

Tootsie Roll Drive April 20th 21st & 22nd!

The Tootsie Roll Drive is coming up soon. The dates are April 20th 21st and 22nd. Please keep this in mind as it is a big weekend for us to raise money to help individuals with intellectual disabilities. We will be looking for help from all Brother Knights and your families. This is an important weekend to come together and make a difference for those less fortunate. Eric Zunke and Jason Nettesheim will be co-chairs for this event and will be setting up a schedule in the next month.. Please be generous with your time when you are called as this is a big task to cover the weekend.



Pancake Breakfast

March 18th

**In Honor of the Irish we will be going green
for this breakfast!!**

We will once again be serving green pancakes and Irish coffee in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We will be serving from 8 AM to 12 PM. This is coming up this weekend so please call today and volunteer.

Don't wait, please call
David Weiman at #262-820-0543 or
Steve Ehr at 262-894-6341

Jan. 14, Pancake Breakfast

A special thanks to all the members who volunteered for last month's pancake breakfast. It was a great showing of members and as always you are greatly appreciated!

THANKS AGAIN!!!!

David Weiman

Address or Phone Change?

Didn't get a newsletter?

Please notify Steve Ehr
262-251-2426

Interested in Joining the 4th Degree

Dear Brother Knights: A most cordial invitation is extended to every Third Degree Member of our Order to advance to the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree is very proud of its many accomplishments since its founding in February of 1900. The ceremonials of the Fourth Degree were orchestrated and remains so today on the theme of Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship. The Honor Guard, the most visible part of our Order, is extremely proud of its contribution of Patriotism and in the support of our Church. To qualify, a candidate must be a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing. The next 4th degree Exemplification is scheduled for **Saturday, April 7, 2018** at the Holiday Inn 625 West Rolling Meadows Dr. Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Contact Steve Ehr for further details. Additional Information can be found on the State website: [WIKOFC Fourth Degree](#)

How are You doing on those State Charity Raffle Tickets?

To this point a little over 400 tickets have been sold. Not a bad start gentleman but we need to kick it in gear and get more sold so we can hit our goal of 1000. This is the easiest fundraiser we do and with no overhead, no weekends and no calling members to fill a schedule it doesn't get any better than this. Once again I am asking each of you to do what you can so Al Blau does not out sell the membership of our council. Simply carry your tickets with you and in your daily conversations with the people you see each day, simply say, "can I interest you in a Knights of Columbus state charity raffle ticket?" If you get a no or not today just respond with, "not a problem" and move on with your conversation. But more often then not you will get, "what can I win" and most likely a ticket sale will result. We have a goal of 1000 and with 15 tickets per member that gets us to 750, so when you get your first 15 sold please return the stubs and monies and call for more.



Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Michael Exner, FICF, Field Agent
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As a knight our agent is a great benefit.
He is an amazing resource and here to help!
If you have any questions please give Michael
a call 262-719-1310

Prayer for the Sick: Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O' dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant (*use name of person you are praying for*) to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

Amended from KC Council 9710



Armando Arellanes
Gwen Arellanes
The Mike Ballering Family
The Vern and Bonnie Binsack Family
Joe Burki
Pat & Harold Casper
Diane Cowan
Grace Ehr
Gus Gansemeyer
Ron Gerard
Mary Lou Glasl
Aaron Johnson
Kori Kalupa

Please remember that we have a wheel chair, walker, cane and crutches that are available to those in need. Please contact Jim Olsen, Steve Ehr or the Parish office. Thanks!

Members on the Mend

Please keep these people, as well as our deceased Brother Knights, in your prayers. The highlighted names have been recently added. If there is anyone else who could use our prayers, please contact **Jim Olsen at 414-418-2451**.

Bob Meller Sr.
Ken Menske
Father Bob Mueller
Al Nienas
Barb Nienas
Donald Nienas
Robert Nienas
Jim Olsen
Carol Ann Rude
Tony Sedlmeir
Rosemary Tappa
Jane Thill
Joshua Walters
Patrick Wolfe