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Hello Brother Knights and Families.

Thank you for all that you do and for being a part of our council. As I was preparing for this newsletter, I reminded myself about the basis for the word Christmas, derived from the combination of Christ and Mass; it is the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second in the liturgical calendar only to Easter, Christmas is celebrated by many as though it is the most important of Christian feasts. In study of the celebration of Christmas, I have to refer back to an article and will try to summarize it for you. To give you a short synopsis of this article; the most important thing that we can do for Christmas isn't necessarily the giving of presents, because they are received and forgotten in time. We do work hard to earn the money to purchase gifts for family and friends; but for many, each penny comes and goes without much thought- money is replaceable. The most valuable and irreplaceable gift we can give is our time. It can only be given once, and it cannot be taken back. The time we spend with a *loved one, or a person who is sick, dying or grieving* is one of the most beautiful gifts we can give at Christmas or anytime through the year.

As a Catholic man, I realize that the pace of life seems to be more and more chaotic today with the pandemic on everyone's minds. I have to personally stress that I should not be too busy to spend time with someone in need, either family or friends. During the season of advent, I will have to refocus on giving my family and friends the gift of my presence. To do this I will need to block out other life worries such as work and my cell phone to give my time to others; it will take a lot of focus on my part. I stress to my family that I do not need presents from them; I'd rather receive the most precious gift they can give me: their time to spend with me.

The next issue that is on my mind is that Seminarians are the future of our church. In past years, the month of November was when the council would hold a pie sale for the seminarians. We are all painfully aware that this year we were unable to do this. With your help we will still support our seminarians via a 'Go Fund Me' page setup by Rick Raulin. We have a goal to raise \$3000 dollars to match prior year fundraising. As of this writing, we have accumulated \$520 of our goal. I'm asking for your help, if you haven't contributed to this noble cause, please do. There is a link to the 'Go Fund Me' page in an article inside this newsletter. If the use of the webpage is not something you feel comfortable with, please consider mailing a check to Ted Kelly. We will be running this fundraiser until Christmas. The money goes directly to the seminarians that St. Dennis has identified for our council. I would like to think that we create a ripple effect with our actions and that we can change the world a little at a time, let's start with our future priests.

This is the first year that the council will not be having a Christmas party. It is hard to not get together in person, but I don't want to focus on what we can't do. Let's focus on what we can do. There is a possibility of holding a virtual party if there is enough interest. What we would be able to do is the rosary, see friends that we haven't seen for months, and wish each other a Merry Christmas. Please let me or one of the other officers know if you are interested. I do want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all you do. God bless you and your families. Vivat Jesus!

Paul Pierce

Happy December Birthdays!

John Tuten, Robert Lawrence, Laverne Berrinkott, Joseph Gillitzer, David Showers, Tom Nguyen, William Bates, Dennis Boland, Daniel Nytes, Tomas Thomas, Richard Raulin

Electronic version available at <http://www.stdennisparish.org/community/organizations/> scroll to KOC listing

Please pray for our seminarians Luis Reyes, Matthew Hanstad and David Drefcinski

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." Pope John Paul II.

DONT MISS EVENTS

SOCIAL MEETINGS

Canceled for the foreseeable future

1. Keep the people listed in the Good of the Order in your prayers.
2. Give a phone call or send a card to fellow members and families

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Your continued prayers are asked for Father Kent Schmitt, Father Dave Johannes, Dan Remick, Roseann Rodwell (Mark's mother), Ann McCarthy, Robert Tormey, Fr Mike Radowitz, Robert Theisen, Bill Donohue, Travis & Holly Ganser, Joan and Jim Gillitzer, Jennifer Sonder, Lyle Hassenberg, Wayne Pickarts, Delores Zeeh, Melissa Welch, Sarah Lipski, Norb and Mary Saba, Linda Huttenhoff, Kim Tomsyck, Sharon Stevenson, Shirley Feit, Warren Kleinfeldt, Len Hoffman, Richard Thrasher, Rachel Sodehaf, Thomas DuPlayee, Raven Clarke, Carol Melo, Christi Stutz, Aaron Grant, Jerry Thompson, Richard Connell, Tom Wildenborg, Allan and Betty Christianson, Dee Nicolai, Ellen Richter, Sylvia Schmitz, Fran Salvato, MaryAnn Vincent, Angela Kleinfeldt Hoffman, Carson Wood, Rita Hocking, Barb Arbagey, Jonah Mergen, Jack Mussey, Bailey Zuehle, Susan Jacunski, Linda Rylander, Gene Schwerdtfeger, Suzy Kelly, Chris Schlegel, Kathryn Raulin, Jim and Marge Sloane, Marinetta Chell, Greg Badger. Please pray for victims of the COVID 19 virus, both those physically impacted and those economically impacted. **May the healing power of the Lord be upon them!**

RAFFLE TICKETS

KOC annual Raffle Ticket Sales are coming up. There will be challenges to promoting our raffle ticket sales this year. Since we cannot mail out tickets, and in person distribution at masses, fundraisers and social meetings will be limited. If you are interested in helping out with ticket distribution, Please contact John Holler at j.c.holler@charter.net

NEW FIELD AGENT INTRODUCTION

Steve Rammer grew up on his family farm in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, eventually earning a BS-Agricultural & Applied Economics from The University of Wisconsin-Madison. Steve and his wife Melinda have been married since 2001 and have two boys, Gabriel & Ozric, in elementary school. Steve joined the Knights in 2002 in Sauk City and has served as Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight, organized the Christmas Poster Contest for many years and helped with the knowledge & free throw contests as well as many other volunteer opportunities. Following 24 years managing transportation programs for local school districts, Steve began a new career with the Knights of Columbus as a Field Agent in September, 2020 and is excited to help brother Knights protect their families.

Steve serves District 47, including Madison Council #531, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #4527 (Fitchburg), St. Joseph Council #4586 (Madison), UW Catholic Center Council #6568 (Madison), St. Bernard of Madison Council #9082, Our Lady of the Green Scapular Council #16863 (Monona)

PROGRAM & ACTIVITY CODES *

MM = Membership Meeting CH = Church Program
CM = Community Program CL = Council Program
F = Family Program FR = Fund Raiser Program
PL = Pro-Life M = Membership Program Y = Youth Program

DECEMBER

8th	Feast of Immaculate Conception	CH
15th	Social Meeting – TBA	MM
20th	Decorate for Christmas	CH
22nd	Business Meeting	MM
25th	Nativity of the Lord	CH

JANUARY

6th	Epiphany	CH
21st	Business Meeting	MM

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEMINARIAN GO FUND ME EFFORT

We still need to provide support to those young men working hard to become the priests of the future, and we ask your help to do so. Our Council is using a **“Go Fund Me”** page to solicit and collect funds for our seminarians. Use the following link. [Fundraiser by Rick Raulin : Seminarian Support by KC Council 4586 \(gofundme.com\)](#). We will run the **“Go Fund Me”** page through the end of the year. We ask you to give generously if you can – these men are the future of our Church and they need our support and especially our prayers. Thank you for your kind attention and your support over the years – we are truly blessed to receive it and grateful for your prayers and help.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The [“Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest](#) gives children the opportunity to engage their creative talents and imaginations while demonstrating their understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. It is open to all youth, Kindergarten through 5th grade.

The [Basketball Free Throw Championship](#) is open to boys and girls age 9 to 14. In the past we have done this during noon lunch time, with Covid-19, we might need to make changes. **If you can help or have any questions please contact Mark Rodwell** by email Mark.30338@yahoo.com or by phone/text 630-487-6342.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy.

Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the age.

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge DECEMBER 2020

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Gospel for Dec. 20, Lk 1:38)

Mary's fiat, her "yes" to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, models perfect discipleship. It was a total acceptance of and submission to the will of God. What faith and trust our Blessed Mother exemplified! Because Mary unreservedly said yes to God, Jesus became man in order to redeem the world from sin. God worked wonders in her life and the world through her trust in him. May each of us strive to place our unconditional trust in the will of God, so that he may work wonders in our own lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you set up a Nativity scene in your home, pray before it and meditate on Mary's fiat. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program to help your parishes and communities celebrate the Son of God and Son of Mary.



Questions for Reflection:

Looking back over your life, are there things that happened that you didn't understand at the time, but later saw that God was at work? Are there currently things in your life God is asking you to answer fiat to? How can the life of Mary help you to better understand how to submit your will to God's?

The Knight of the Month for November is Chuck Chvala Jr

Chuck has been great and very active Brother of the Knights of Columbus since joining our Council 4586. As with his work career, he is very active as a member of the KC's, serving as an Inside Guard Officer during 2019 and moving up to Chancellor in 2020. During this tenure he has served on the Sunday, Fellowship committee as the chief Doughnut cutter as his experience as former baker really helps. Most recently, he helped in the October Knights Brat sale by wrapping Brats and Hotdogs. He is a trusted and valuable member of the Knights of Columbus.

Thank You Chuck for all you do!



The Family of the Month for November Grayson and Lisa Harms

Grayson just joined our council 2018 but he and **Lisa** accomplish a great deal at **St Dennis**. **Grayson** used his agriculture & turf management skills to help save the parish money by doing our own lawn maintenance and upkeep of the mowers themselves. He has put his organizing and carpentry skills to work to help parishioners with building projects. He's pretty busy with the kids when **Lisa** is doing catechetical work, but he has also been a catechist in the past.

Lisa is the **K-8 Faith Formation Coordinator** for **St Dennis**. She's been a catechist since high school. She has worked tirelessly getting the Belize school financed, built and supported. The **Vacation Bible School** she organizes uses middle-school kids as counselors, trained by **Lisa**; they truly connect with the younger kids like no adult can.

We are truly blessed to have such a dynamic couple as **Grayson & Lisa Harms** and their active family into our Knights Family. **Thank you, Grayson & Lisa for all you do!**

HISTORY CORNER

400 years ago (1620):

Dec 21, William Bradford and the Mayflower Pilgrims landed at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, establishing the Plymouth Colony.

200 years ago (1820):

Dec 26, Moses Austin meets with Spanish authorities in San Antonio to ask permission for 300 Anglo-American families to settle in Texas.

100 years ago (1920):

Dec 11, In retaliation for a recent IRA ambush, British forces burn and loot numerous buildings in Cork city. Many civilians report being beaten, shot at, robbed and verbally abused by British forces.

75 years ago (1945):

Dec 23, Pope Pius XII issues decree establishing the Diocese of Madison from parts of Milwaukee & LaCrosse dioceses effective Jan 9, 1946.

50 years ago (1970):

Dec 2, The United States Environmental Protection Agency begins operations.

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Recruitment

**What's the best way to recruit a new member into the Knights of Columbus?
Ask a Catholic man!**