

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph C Carroll Council 5390

P.O. Box 1051, Marion, Iowa 52302



December 2024 Knight Light

Council Web Site: www.kofc5390.org

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- Dec 1 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Dec 3 New Member Exemplification – at St Pius X at 7:00 PM in the church
- Dec 3 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – at St Pius X
- Dec 8 Skating Party Super Skate 4 - 6 pm
- Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 15 Christmas Supper / Party at St Pius X church – 5 – 8pm
- Dec 17 Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – at St Pius’ church
- Dec 17 Donation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – at St Pius church
- Dec 20 Deadline for the January 2025 newsletter
- Dec 25 Christmas – Remember to keep Christ in Christmas

- Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God, New Year’s Day
- Jan 5 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Jan 7 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – at St Pius’ church, Rosary at 7:00 in the church
- Jan 21 Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – at St Pius’ church
- Jan 21 Donation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – at St Pius church
- Jan 24 Deadline for the February 2025 newsletter

- Feb 2 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am, St Pius X Church
- Feb 2 NO BREAKFAST IN FEBRUARY- SUPPORT THE SCOUTS BREAKFAST**
- Feb 4 Business Meeting 7:30 PM – at St Pius’ church, Rosary at 7:00 in the church
- Feb 18 Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – at St Pius’ church
- Feb 18 Donation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – at St Pius church
- Feb 21 Deadline for the March 2025 newsletter

Deadline for the January 2025 issue of the *Knight Light* is: Friday, December 20

December 3 Business meeting St Pius X Church
Rosary at 7:00 PM in the church, Meeting at 7:30 PM

Our council is sponsoring two seminarians. You can contact them at:	Jackson Miller Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Ave Mundelein, IL 60060-1174	Peter Binder Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Ave Mundelein, IL 60060-1174
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BREAKFAST WORKERS: If you have a conflict with your scheduled time, please find a substitute and then notify Steve Pasker: swpasker@outlook.com.

LEADS AND COOKS SHOW BY 7:00 - ALL OTHERS SHOW BY 7:30, SERVING 8:30-10:30, CLEAN-UP AFTER.

December 1, 2024

Powers, Stephen - Lead	Chubb, Brian	Ginther, Francis	Holtz, William
Trotta, John - Lead	Ernst, Earl	Greenwood, Kim	Lukes, Mark
Chizek, Donald - Cook	Evers, Kevin	Hamer, Mark	Makinster, Richard
Conrad, Scott - Cook	Fetzer, Gerald	Hellmann, Alan	Meyer, Christopher
Chaisson, James	Geers, Francis	Hogan, Thomas	Ryan, Michael

January 5, 2025

Matias, John - Lead	Hooper, Matthew	Leier, Terrence	O'Shea, John
Schiffer, Howard - Lead	Irlbeck, Scott	Leonhart, Donald	Peterson, Jesse
Lauderdale, Christopher - Cook	Kern, Gerald	Mc Donald, Sean	Ries, Louis
Van Gorp, Gregory - Cook	Lauderdale, Dalton	Mineart, Joseph	Schmidt, Raphael
Gaeta, Nick	Lavorata, Anthony	Murphy, Michael	Van Gorp, Wayne

February 2, 2025

**NO KC BREAKFAST IN FEBRUARY
SUPPORT THE SCOUTS BREAKFAST**

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

There will be a new member exemplification before the business meeting this month. Come and help welcome our new members and stay for the meeting.

See the rose drive results in an article in this newsletter.

Every year we have a skating party for the kids. This year we are going to add a Christmas party for the adults. It will occur on Sunday December 15th from 5-8pm. See the article in this issue of the newsletter. Hope to see you all there.

The minutes from the previous business meeting will be published in the newsletter so members can read what was discussed/processed/approved.

Going forward, proposed donation requests to be voted on at the upcoming business meeting will appear in the newsletter under the title of **“Donations Requests to be Voted On”**. Please review before attending the business meeting so you are prepared to discuss and vote on them.

Thank you to everyone because our council success is only possible due to your generous hard work.

Please keep in your hearts and actions - Faith, Family, Community and Life.

God bless you and your family,

Chuck Dayton, Grand Knight

CHRISTMAS SUPPER / PARTY

The council will be holding a Christmas Supper / Party on December 15th from 5-8pm for you and your spouse or guest. Chicken / roast beef / party potatoes and drinks will be provided. If you attend, please provide a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your favorite card or board game for entertainment after supper.

Please respond with number attending to Steve Pasker by December 8th. swpasker@outlook.com, 319-431-4781

Hope to see you there!

Chuck Dayton

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Ray Schmidt
FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Greg and Pamala Van Gorp**

STAFF MEETINGS TIME CHANGE

Until further notice, all Staff Meetings will be held at 6 PM

UPCOMING MEETING'S LOCATIONS

All meetings from September 2024 thru November 2025 will be at St. Pius due to construction at St Joe's.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

If your phone number, mailing address or email address has changed, please contact Financial Secretary Lonnie Curry. His contact information is on the first page of the newsletter. Alternatively, you can notify the Council by sending a notification to Council 5390, PO Box 1051, Marion, IA.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST HELP

New Volunteers are needed for Pancake Breakfasts. The Food and people are wonderful and the Schedules are flexible. Please consider joining the team of volunteers by contacting Steve Pasker (swasker@outlook.com or 319-431- 4781).

EXEMPLIFICATION TO THIRD DEGREE

If you have only been exemplified to the First (Charity) or Second (Unity), this Exemplification is also for you. Family and friends are welcome to witness the ceremony. Please contact Chuck Dayton (cwdayton13@gmail.com) if you wish to become a third-degree member.

ROSE DRIVE RESULTS

The following amounts were collected for birthright at St. Joseph (\$814), St.Pius (\$734) and St Isidore (\$169) for a total of \$1,717.

DUES FOR 2025

Annual Membership Dues should be paid any time before 1/15/2025 and for as many years as you wish. If you are migrating, please take care of it before you go. First notice will be emailed mid-December for those with email, else in the postal mail. Options for payment are in-person, Venmo (@Marion-Knights), or mailed to 140 Woodland Circle, Robins, IA 52328.

Lonnie Curry, Financial Secretary

ANNUAL FRATERNAL ACTIVITY SURVEY

It is time for our Annual Fraternal Activity Survey. Thank you for all you do! Look for an email mid-December and hard copies are available at the January Business Meeting. Please respond to me by 1/15/2025 in-person, email LVCURRY@GMAIL.COM, or mail to 140 Woodland Circle, Robins, IA 52328.

Lonnie Curry, Financial Secretary

COUNCIL AUDIT

The council's **July-December Semiannual Audit** will occur following February Business Meeting. Grand Knight and Trustees are required to sign. Everyone else is welcome.

Lonnie Curry, Financial Secretary

COUNCIL APPAREL ON SALE

Our new council sweatshirts have arrived (XL and 2XL) along with dress and polo shirts. Since we don't purchase based on a profit margin, you would be getting a new item at our cost! All items are subject to availability. Some apparel items will be available at the pancake breakfasts and Business Meetings. See the bottom of this newsletter for pictures. For more information, contact Dave Albee at: 319-270-9307 or davidalbee54@hotmail.com

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORDER TO HELP UKRAINIANS

Knights of Columbus around the world are called to respond to their neighbors' needs, by assisting refugees of war and providing relief to those affected by natural disasters.

To help provide relief to displaced people in Ukraine and refugees who have fled to Poland, the Knights of Columbus has forged key partnerships with organizations such as the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Caritas, and has received vital support from various individuals and groups, including U.S.-based Goya Foods.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme secure web site is:

WWW.KOFC.ORG/SECURE/EN/DONATE/UKRAINE.HTML

DONATIONS REQUESTS TO BE VOTED ON

Note: The following requests have been approved by the Donation Committee and they recommend a "yes" vote for all organizations listed below. The council will vote on these at the December 3rd business meeting.

Four Food Banks in the CR Metro Area – \$500 each [Family]

- St. Vincent de Paul,
- Metro Catholic Outreach,
- Churches of Marion Food Pantry, and
- HACAP

Our Council #5390 has provided support to these pantries for several years. They are well known, stable and consistent in their support of families.

Retrieving Freedom - \$500 [Community]

This non-profit organization in Waverly, Iowa is dedicated to changing lives through the training and placement of Service Dogs for Veterans with disabilities and children with autism.



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Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SKATING PARTY

Sunday, December 8
4:00 – 6:00 PM
Super Skate
5100 Northland Ave NE
Cedar Rapids



Skating and Skate Rental Provided
No Outside Food or Beverage Allowed

SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:45

RSVP is required to Ron Detweiler:

Text or Call 319-270-6326

Email ron.detweiler@basepointtax.com

CALMING THE STORMS

At times, life can become difficult or challenging with periods of peaks and valleys. Life can be going well and we ride the peak of happiness, but on the other side there is a valley. Regardless of how hard or difficult these challenges are to manage, they create turmoil in our lives. These trials and tribulations can be caused by many things: job challenges, separation in families, arguments, temptations, illness, accidents, death. In other words the 'Storms of Life'. The stress brought on with the holiday season can be difficult to manage.

St. Paul's wrote in his Letter to the Corinthians, "*that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated*" (2 COR 12:7). Scripture scholars and theologians have debated on what Paul meant by this thorn. It could be interpreted as a sickness or physical disability, a temptation, or a handicap connected with his apostolic activity. Or he may be referring to opponents of his. Suffice to say that Paul was battling his own storms.

What are the thorns in your life...that drag you down...that weigh heavily on you?

It is during difficult times that God may be testing us. But realize He does not give us more than we can manage. If the storm has been caused by someone who has wronged you, is an act of forgiveness needed? To forgive someone for the wrong they have done can be difficult but to do so can resolve conflict and calm strife. On the other hand, when the other person may not be willing to forgive, we thus are tested.

When the challenges of life (the 'storms') inevitably occur, rely on the strength of faith. How can we increase our trust and confidence in God, thereby strengthening our faith? God promised His help and His aid to those who persevere in prayer. So, pray always, pray unceasingly especially during difficult times. With confidence and trust, surrender yourself to God, give up your trouble and worries, knowing that He will calm the storm.

Bishop Barron advises that by "Being rooted in God at the level of your heart, you will be following the intentions and commands of God, and you can withstand anything". He suggests praying Psalm 130: "*Out of the depths I call to you, Lord; Lord, hear my cry!*".

This is a prayer we can offer always, but especially at the darkest times of life, when we find ourselves desperate and lost in "*the shadow of death*" (the Canticle of Zechariah). The Storms of Life are calmed by an inner strength that comes through prayer and our spiritual life...a strength which is greater than our own—a stillness from deep within!

Deacon Ken Bauer

MINUTES OF COUNCIL #5390 BUSINESS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Grand Knight Chuck Dayton. The meeting began by saying an Our Father and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: (roll call not performed)

Acting Chaplain – Deacon Ken Bauer
Grand Knight – Chuck Dayton
Deputy Grand Knight – Shawn Moors
Chancellor – George Schulte
Recorder – Jim Chaisson
Financial Secretary – Lonnie Curry
Treasurer – Steve Pasker
Advocate – Tom Spartz
Warden – Jeff Alt
Inside Guard – Tom Cottrell
3 Year Trustee – Dave Albee

Grand Knight Report:

- Knight of the Month: Roger Bonlander
- Family of the Month: Dick and Wilma Makinster

Acting Chaplains Report:

- Deacon Ken Bauer related to the council some thoughts on this week's Gospel (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time) reading about our Lord's response when asked which Commandment is the greatest. He challenged us to examine ourselves in this light.

Treasurer Report:

- Checking Balance = \$12,643.01 total (\$3,000 reserved for council expenses and \$9643.01 available for donations).
- Saving Balance = \$16,956.04 total (\$15,270.70 reserved for PID, \$1,548 reserved for Rose Drive = \$137.34 balance)

Old Business:

- **Sale of the Hall:** The process is being resumed. \$14,508.19 in MCC account as of Nov 4.
- **Breakfast Report:** There was a great turnout at this month's breakfast. 181 customers and 20 workers were served. Total receipts was \$909, with ~\$470 expenses, netting ~\$435. \$160 was collected for Discovery Living.

New Business:

- **Tootsie Rolls:** After adding in receipts for the pancake breakfast, the result so far is \$15,430.70.
- **The Rose Drive** donations are as follows: St. Joe's \$814, St. Pius \$734, St. Isidore \$169 = \$1,717 total.
- Our **Recruitment** efforts have officially yielded 2 new prospective members, with 4-5 others showing interest.
- There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree exemplifications at the December business meeting.

Other Reports:

Eight donation requests were voted on and approved:

- Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (\$500);
- Sisters of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (\$500);
- Honor and Respect (\$250);
- Iowa Concerns for Police Survivors (\$250);
- Freedom Foundation (\$500);
- Focus Team at Loras College (\$500);
- Sisters of St. Francis (\$500);
- St. Joseph's "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Winners (\$250).

A Hail Mary and Glory Be were said. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Jim Chaisson, Recorder

COUNCIL #5390 NEW APPAREL SALE



Short Sleeve T-Shirt-Front and Back Emblems



Short Sleeve Polo-Front and Back Emblems



Short and Long Sleeve Shirts-Front Emblem



K of C Logo Cap

New Apparel Prices:

- Gray Tee-Shirt for Utility Activities: \$27.00
- Short Sleeve Polo for Utility or Dress: \$40.00
- Shirt for Dress for Dress Activities: \$25.00
- Low Profile Adjustable Cap: \$15.00

For more information, contact Dave Albee at 319- 270-9307 or davidalbee54@hotmail.com