



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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PGK William Ott

CHANCELLOR

Robert Kempczynski

RECORDER

Frank Simanton

TREASURER

PGK Art Stanley

WARDEN

George Patterson

ADVOCATE

Ron Ostrowski

LECTURER

(YOUR Name?)

GUARDS

Bob Herman Don Young

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COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WATERVLIET officers: Bruce Meyers Glen Giannetti Art Stanley Robert Herman
Rick Hubona Ryan Ott Joe Giapa

SICK OR IN DISTRESS---

Ron Ostrowski George Wood Laura Hagenbarth
Scott Hutchins (son of Dan Hutchins) Harold White Pete Mannino
REC Frank and Teresa Simanton Robert Ott Don & Fran Young
Rick Lara's wife and his daughter

CONDOLENCES---

In October, the council lost Brother Dan Hutchins to cancer. Dan had been an active member of the Columbian Club and council for many years as well as his public service to the township of Watervliet. Please remember him and his family in your prayers

Also, Brother Bob Bayman lost his wife in October. Please pray for her soul and for Bob.

SWEATSHIRTS 2020---

Knights across Michigan are still collecting sweatshirts for Children that are being served by the Holy Cross Services. As you know, we would like to collect College-Logo, hooded Sweatshirts for males and females in x-large and xx-large sizes. Please wrap them for Christmas and label the box. We realize that these shirts are expensive, so perhaps a couple of knights could go together to purchase one. Also, \$10 gift cards to Walmart and Meijer are still good gifts. Please have the shirts in the boxes at the entrances of St. Joseph's by Thanksgiving and give the cards to GK Mike Duffy or FS Paul Nickels

COLUMBIAN CLUB OFFICER ELECTION---

The Columbian Club will elect its 2021 officers during its December Meeting. Some refreshments will be served. However, social distancing, State limited attendance will be followed if it is in effect and mask wearing strongly suggested.

MEMORIAL SERVICE---

Grand Knight Mike Duffy would like to thank all of the members that stayed after the 8:30 mass on November 1, 2020 for the short ceremony and rosary in honor of the souls of our departed brothers.

BINGO--This is a State of Michigan regulated event that will not happen until the State of Michigan indicates that Bingo will happen. Even though we have lost the major source of our income, there is enough funds set aside to continue our 20-21 Fraternal year budget.

SAINTHOOD--In case you missed it, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr Michael J McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020. The Supreme Council has videos of some to the events on its website.

Repeat of a REPEAT ARTICLE = MEMBERSHIP

We are now a council of just over 100 Catholic gentlemen.

- We have 10 members less than 50 years old
- Our median age is 70 (the quartiles are very narrow)
- Our oldest member celebrated his 97th birthday this year.(Fantastic Tom)

Obviously, the council needs more and younger members to continue.

Those new members will decide the direction this council takes

HAVE YOU ASKED A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC TO BE A MEMBER LATELY?

Becoming a member of the K of C has become a MUCH shorter, easier process that can be done almost anywhere, including after mass (with our priest's permission of course)

BIRTHRITE OF ST. JOSEPH--Every December the council has collected donations for this organization to add to the council's budgeted \$200 donation. If you would like to donate, please get the Donation to FS Paul Nickels, DGK Bill Ott, or another officer before the December 14, 2020 meeting. Remember, this organization offers mothers counseling and real help to keep their babies.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE--On December 17, 2020, the council and club are offering their location on Paw Paw Ave in Watervliet to the American Red Cross for a blood drive. The hours will be from Noon until 6pm. PGK Art Stanley is our contact with the organization. His number is 468-6865 if you have any questions. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Red Cross has asked that you schedule a time to donate before you show up to the donation site. On a computer go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

PLEASE

- STAY SAFE
- HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING
- ENJOY THE START OF ADVENT

DUES NOTICES FOR 2021 WILL BE MAILED OUT AROUND DECEMBER 1, 2020