



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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DEPUTY G. K.

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CHANCELLOR

Robert Kempczynski

RECORDER

Frank Simanton

TREASURER

PGK Art Stanley

WARDEN

George Patterson

ADVOCATE**LECTURER**

(YOUR Name?)

GUARDS

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Fr. Thelen Hall Phone (Bingo)

Permanently disconnected

COLUMBIAN CLUB OF WATERVLIET officers: Bruce Meyers Glen Giannetti Art Stanley Robert Herman

Trustees: Rick Hubona Ryan Ott Joe Giapa

SICK OR IN DISTRESS--- Al Nilson Fran Young Robert Kempczynski Harold White

Pete Mannino Pauline Palgen Fr. Don Wieber REC Frank and Teresa Simanton
Robert Ott

INPUT SOUGHT---A decision about how donations to the council in memory of

Brother Ron Ostrowski was not made during the September or October General Membership Meetings. Given Ron's propensity to fix, renew and reorganize things, a suggestion was proposed to use these donations to repair the main entry way in to the club. What do you think?

POSTAL RATES RISING---If you receive this newsletter through the United States Postal Service **AND** have the ability to receive this newsletter via e-mail, would you consider giving the editor your e-mail address? I do not pass email addresses on to any other source.

I know many of you do not have this capability, so I will continue to print and send newsletters to keep you informed about council events, activities and donations. Printing costs to the council have decreased since I purchased a new printer, which also saves a trip to Benton Harbor for me.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

During the weekend of October 8-10, 2021, twenty-eight members and 5 wives of members collected over \$5500 from the citizens of Coloma, Hartford and Watervliet. Many of these Knights and ladies of Knights did multiple shifts and as chairman I THANK them from the bottom of my heart. GK Mike Duffy has verified that the 7 usual charities are still in the business helping people and families, so the paperwork will be sent in soon.

2021 Coucil/Parish Picnic---Over 100 people attended this year's picnic at the club. The council has received numerous verbal thanks for putting the picnic on. THANKS again to all the brother knights that jumped in and did a great job and to the Columbian Club for providing the space for the event. A 50-50 Raffle was held, where Brothers Ray Warmoth, Ken Pica, and Pete Mannino do most of the work and netted the council \$145.

2021 HOLY CROSS SERVICES DONATIONS (article taken from Oct. 21 Michigan Columbian)

Please keep in mind that the holidays are soon approaching and that we[KofC] will be collecting for Holy Cross services and other organizations. Again we are collecting sweatshirts, bath baskets, twin sheets, scarves and hats, Gift cards, and small hotel shampoos and conditioners.

The council will purchase 20 gift cards and place boxes in the church narthex for donations. Our boxes will be out after Senator LaSatta's coat drive is over and end at Thanksgiving Weekend. Gift cards should be given directly to a Council Officer. Please wrap and label the College Logo sweatshirts for Christmas giving. Our suggestion is that all gifts should be new and in original packaging and/or in waterproof bags. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

UPDATE PHONE LIST---I have recently tried to contact members to volunteer for the Tootsie Roll drive. The first thing I found out is that the council's phone directory is seriously out of date.

I AM ASKING THAT MEMBERS SEND ME THEIR PHONE NUMBERS!!!

1. If I reached you, do not bother with this request
 2. If you did not receive a call from me and are under 90 years old and live within 25 miles of Coloma, please contact me through email, my home phone (269)468-8540, which has an answering machine, or my cell which has voice messaging.
- IF I, or another officer, CONTACTS YOU AND YOU CAN NOT OR WILL NOT WORK ON A PROJECT **JUST LET US KNOW!!!** This eliminates multiple calls and contacts. (Officers know that other things happen in your life and dates may conflict)
 - **YOU** are a member of a Roman Catholic Men's Organization whose FIRST principal is CHARITY. A chairman of an event for this organization assumes that YOU will want to participate at least once-in-a-while.
 - To the knight who blocked my 2nd call, I ask that you consider the promise you made when you became a member of this K of C council and, if necessary, request in writing to drop your membership.

BINGO---Since no one has taken my suggestion of taking my office of Bingo Chairman, bingo will start after the first of the year IF the covid rates in Berrien and Van Buren counties warrant a safe opening. (I will not get Covid again)
This council has met its financial responsibilities to the parish and community for the past year because of the profit Bingo has generated in the past.

The council will elect Bingo Chairmen at the November meeting. This vote has not happened in years and is precipitated by the deaths of Brothers Ron Ostrowski, PGK Tom Powers, and the retirement of 2 other chairmen. If you are interested, please contact GK Mike Duffy.

MEMORIAL MASS AND CORPORATE COMMUNION OCTOBER 31, 2021 at ST. JOSEPH'S

This 5th Sunday is near ALL SAINTS DAY. Traditionally, our council has met for a short roll call ceremony and a rosary. AFTER the 8:30 mass, please gather in the pews toward the front of the church on the St. Joseph side. We will announce the names of some past Grand Knights and our most recent departed brothers and then recite a rosary for the souls of all of our deceased brothers.

K of C INSURANCE---Brother Rob Reibelung attended the council's October meeting to introduce himself to the council. Rob mentioned that he is very interested in meeting with Associate members under 55 years old to discuss insurance with them. (Note: I purchased K of C policies for myself and my daughters years ago and have been very happy with the rates and service since)

Rob also said that any Knight can contact him about their K of C insurance and financial needs. The K of C offers a long list of financial services that are very competitive to commercial carriers and the K of C Insurance has held a high ranking in the insurance industry for years.

MOTION---A motion was made and passed to allow the purchase of a set of shelves for the storage room in the club (real old HR room). The cabinet that held the old ceremonial robes has been eliminated as have the old robes.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOVEMBER 6-7--- The council will be holding this drive in Fr. Thelen Hall after all masses. Our goal is to interest the younger men (families) of the parish to get involved with the K of C activities and parish activities.

When I moved to this area in 1974, I drove back to the Grand Rapids area every weekend to attend mass at the parish I belonged to at that time. After I married, I stopped that practice and joined St. Josephs but did not do anything in the parish until I was asked to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Being active with the K of C opened doors to become more active in the parish also. The members of Fr. RG Thelen Council are still the only viable men's group in the parish. As such, we should be a cooperative, driving force within the parish. PLEASE become involved in getting young men, who are practical Catholics, interested in the K of C.