## **ALLOUEZ ABSTRACTS**

#### ALLOUEZ COUNCIL 658, K OF C Published Monthly www.kofc658.org <u>AUGUS</u>T 2020 ROCK ISLAND, IL VOL MMXX, NO. 08 **NEW ADDRESS:** Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 6575 Rock Island, Il. 61204 AUGUST Upcoming Events (Subject to Change; See Online Calendar) Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 3 6:30 pm **CANCELLED** Bi-State Assembly Steak Fry CANCELLED 6 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm 13 15 Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 4 to 7:30 pm 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up] 9 to 11:30 am 22 Bishop Tylka, St. Pius X (Request for only two 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights from each Assembly in Vicariate) 4 PM 29/30 Care Link Collection After All St. Pius Masses 30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights, Families & Friends

There comes a time in every Grand Knights tenor that he is at a loss for words. This is one of those times. Just not much going on. We did elect the officers for the 2020-2021 year. There was only one newcomer elected, that is Tom Lawrence, he will be taking Dean Lackeys place. Thank you Tom.

At the last general meeting we had a rather robust discussion about the upcoming fish fry on Aug. 15th. It was debated as to whether or not to hold it because of still lingering COVID-19 concerns. After much debate I issued a challenge to the membership. Instead of talking about all the reasons we should not have the fry and let's put our collective heads together and come up with a way to have it. Low and behold in about a week's time someone brought me an Idea. Yes folks, we will be hosting a Drive by Fish Fry on Aug. 15th. I think the idea originated on a golf course somewhere. So let's lend all the support we can to Lance Johnson and his committee to make sur this first project of the year a success.

Are meeting this month will be held on the regular schedule. The first Monday (7-3) at 6:30 and the second Thursday (7-13) at 7:00. Come early on the 13th for a small dinner say around 6 to 6:30.

- Upcoming events for 2020: • Aug. 15th Fish fry
  - Oct.5th Blood Drive

Oct. 11th Columbus Day Banquette

Remember, let Jesus be your model & let the Holy Spirit be your guide!

Chuck Gibbs Chuck Gibbs Vivat Jesus!

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**DRIVE BY FISH FRY** 





To order, please drive up to the double doors so the driver's side is along the building.

### Money raised for charity.

Volunteer Sign Up Link or call Andy 563-484-4256

Please bring plastic grocery bags for carry out to the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting or that Saturday.

Sat., August 15, 2020 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

### **\$6 Dinner:**

- 2 Baked OR 2 Fried Cod Fish
- Green Bean Casserole, French Fries AND Mac & Cheese.

### \$4 Kid's Meal:

- 4 Fish Sticks OR 1 Baked OR 1 Fried Cod Fish
- French Fries AND Mac & Cheese.

### **Drinks NOT Included.**

Ketchup & Tartar Sauce Packets Available Upon Request.

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### **QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:**

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Oct. 17th Trivia Night

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### ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the eleven couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

SHAWN & KAREN MANNING JOHN & LUANN SWAN VERNON & LOMA WEGERER ANDREW & MELINDA OLSON REX & SHARON SCRANTON PATRICK & RUTH KERNAN RAYMOND & JOYCE SAELENS LANCE & SHELLY JOHNSON DENNIS & JILL CARLSON WILLIAM & BEVERLY BUCKLEY MICHAEL & EMMIE TARPEY 8/4/1984 8/9/1975 8/10/1963 8/12/1995 8/14/1954 8/17/1957 8/17/1957 8/18/1979 8/21/1971 8/28/1971 8/31/1997

We want to recognize all of our married couples, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Call F.S. Dick Hunt so he can put it in our records or correct our records.

### **PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY** SICK OR IN DISTRESS

We pray for our Brother Knights who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. We can only mention those of whom we are aware. Let us know if you wish to be included. We remember the following members in our prayers:

BEV CASEY	AT HOME	
JIM CECIL	AT HOME	
SAMUEL S. COLLINS	AT HOME	
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME	
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME	
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME	
MARY GREEN		
MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS	AT HOME	
LARRY HINZMAN	FRIENDSHIP MANOR	
CHARLES HOOD	ΑΤΗΟΜΕ	
LEO KELLER		
PAT KUKLA	AT SILVER CROSS	
DEAN LACKEY	AT HOME	1
MARGARET & JESSIE LOPE		
LOUIE MACK		
NORMA MANNING		
DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO	AT POSEWOOD	
SUE SCHAECHER	AT HOME	
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME	
BETTY VANDEVOORDE	AT HOME	
DAVID VALIQUETTE	TEXAS	
KATHY YORDY	AT HOME	

We pray, O God, that You look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain & comfort their loneliness. Give them the grace to bear this cross patiently with You in Christian reparation. We ask this through Your Son,

Jesus Christ, Our Lord. 



30 brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want & never want as long as they live!

DANIEL VERSCHOORE RMR. RUSSELL SWIM BRIAN BECKER JOSEPH TERRONEZ PAUL JOHNSON PATRICK WEST MICHAEL EGAN MARK LIOEN DANIEL MCKAY DAVID EMERICK JR. KEVIN HUGHES FRANCIS SCHRADEYA JAY BROOKS BRANDON FOBERT JULIUS PEARSON DR. ROBERT WELLS THOMAS KILBRIDE REF. TED HOCHSTATTER DR. PATRICK CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM WARLOP DAVID SULLIVAN ANTHONY LANGDON ANDREW DENTON STEVEN FRELS RMR FRANK RANDAZZO DANA KEIMIG REV. JOHN UWIGABA THEODORE LADOWSKI CLARENCE DARROW GARY NOWAK

Please call F.S. Dick Hunt if our records need updated.



### SAVE THE DATE



### **Contact Louie with questions:**

alongilouiev@gmail.com or (309) 786-9625. Let us get "100" for Fred Luckenbill !!! Thank you.



### **VOCATION RAFFLE REPORT**

Thank you all who quickly responded to the vocation raffle mailing. As of the 24th of July we have received over seventy books returned.

So I am feeling optimistic for the overall response for this year. Because of the Covid 19 virus we have been limited in our council activities so maybe buying raffle tickets is an easy way to respond and be a part of Knightly activities. So please find those raffle books and get them back to me.

Please continue to prayer for an increase in vocations and for those who have already started the discernment process, especially the three young men we support Nick Conner, Ben Schoonmaker, and Luke Olson. God Bless You All,

Jim Wieland, Chairman Vocation Committee



### **DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

### See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions. What is the Proper Way to Receive the Blessed Sacrament?

In addressing this question to you, faithful and practical Catholics, I do not intend to offend anyone. Rather, it is my hope that these few comments will be a reminder of some things we may not think about often.

Before talking about how to receive physically, it is important that we consider how we receive spiritually. St. Paul reminds us to be in a state of grace before approaching the Eucharist. If needed, the sacrament of Reconciliation should be approached first.

There are two critical dispositions that we should have. The first is 'faith'. We must believe or at least be striving to believe with our whole being that we are approaching a miracle. That is, what we perceive as bread and wine are the body, blood, soul, and divinity of the Son of God. This is not a symbol but it is the Real Presence of Jesus.

The second critical disposition is reverence. We are the created approaching the creator. He deserves for us all to be on our knees. I recently read the following, "I think it was one of the French revolutionaries who said, "If I truly believed what the Church wants me to believe, that Christ truly becomes present on the altar at the moment of consecration, I would not walk to the communion rail—I would crawl on my belly. That is how deep my faith and my humility would be.""

No one is expecting us to crawl but our soul should be bowed down reflecting the humility we feel in approaching divinity. It is appropriate and a good spiritual act to nod one's head as we approach the Eucharist. This also indicates the reverence we feel for our Lord. When the minister proclaims to you 'The Body of Christ', the response of 'Amen' announces that you believe.

Catholics may receive on the tongue or on the hand. If done correctly, reception can be made in a very reverent manner. When receiving on the tongue, open your mouth and stick your tongue out of your mouth. Your head should be erect and tilted slightly back. This allows the minister to carefully place the host on your tongue minimizing the risk of dropping it on the floor or the minister actually touching your tongue or lips.

When receiving on the hand, extend your nondominant hand forward in a flat manner. Place your dominant hand under it forming what might be thought of as a 'throne'. Do not cup your hands or attempt to take the host from the hand of the minister. The minister will gently, reverently, lay the Eucharist on your hand. Take a couple of steps to the side, face the altar, and place the host in your mouth.

One thing I have seen more often lately should never be done. That is reaching for the Eucharist and taking it from the minister. The Divine Gift should never be grasped. It should always be received.

On returning to the pew, make an act of thanksgiving for this beautiful gift you have received. With the proper reverence, humility, and faith. We can do much to foster an increase in the belief in the Real Presence.



Feel free to drop me a question for this column. Questions may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or sent via email to Deacon Russ Swim, Assistant Chaplain, <u>rpswim@mchsi.com</u>, phone 786-3097.



### PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

"Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist, white woman."

No, this sentence was not penned by some pro-life activist, pushing back against the whitewashing of the legacy of Margaret Sanger by Planned Parenthood. Astonishingly, it appears in a statement signed by hundreds of current Planned Parenthood employees and supporters.

The statement was issued last month to raise concerns about the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY), Laura McQuade (who has since been fired). In the statement, the employees expressed a litany of grievances against McQuade. But one of the charges is deeply ironic in light of the efforts Planned Parenthood has been making recently to show its support for the Black Lives Matter movement – namely that there existed a culture of "racism and anti-Blackness" at PPGNY under McQuade's leadership.

The employees' oddly forthright admission of Planned Parenthood's racist history comes in the context of their complaints about an alleged lack of racial equity within the organization. After pointing out that Sanger was racist, the statement adds, "That is a part of history that cannot be changed. While efforts have been made to undo some of the harm from institutional racism, many of these issues have worsened under McQuade's tenure."

The statement is extraordinary in light of the enormous amount of energy Planned Parenthood and its shills in the mainstream media have put over the years into discrediting claims by the pro-life movement that Sanger was racist, and that her racism still permeates the organization. What the statement suggests is that even many within the organization know full well that this is simply propaganda.

In recent days and weeks, progressive protesters around the country – and indeed the world – have been tearing down statues, ostensibly motivated by the Black Lives Matter movement and the belief that the individuals depicted in the statues had some connection or another to slavery, racism, or bigotry,

This fit of iconoclasm is so indiscriminate that the rage of protesters has settled on just about any statue, so long as it depicts a white male who at some point possessed any sort of position of prominence or power. Late last month, for instance, Catholics watched with dismay as protesters in California toppled statues depicting St. Junipero Serra, and even removal of dozens of statues across our nation of our name sake, Christopher Columbus, who brought the wheel to the Americas (referred to as Columbia) back then. He also brought Christianity to the western hemisphere stopping thousands of human sacrifices every year. Meanwhile, progressive activists are now targeting a famous statue of St. Louis, the holy medieval king, in the city of that name, demanding that it be removed.

History is complicated, and being declared a saint does not mean that a person's life was perfect, or that every decision he made was the right one. But history is quite clear that all three of these saintly men ardently defended the rights of the weak, downtrodden and the exploited, often in direct opposition to the prejudices of their age.

As the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis pointed out in a recent statement, St. Louis instituted political reforms designed to protect the vulnerable from abuses of power, and was renowned for feeding beggars at his table, even washing their feet with his own hands, in imitation of Our Lord.

Unfortunately, the same concern for the vulnerable is not evident in the lives of other famous historical figures, whose statues have remained untouched, and whose legacies have gone unquestioned by the progressive iconoclasts. Arguably one of the worst of these, the one whose legacy has resulted in the worst harm to the lives and welfare of minority communities, is Margaret Sanger, whose bust is prominently on display at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery.

Where men like St. Junipero Serra, Christopher Columbus, and St. Louis spent their lives striving to put into action their Christian belief in the fundamental dignity and equality of all human beings made in the image and likeness of God, and to proactively apply this belief to those in society most marginalized and vulnerable to exploitation, the same cannot be said of Sanger. Instead, Sanger adhered to the deeply inhuman and exploitative theory of eugenics, a theory that had deep ties to explicit racism.

To examine Sanger's writings is to take a trip into a horrific world of dehumanizing rhetoric and even more dehumanizing practical programs. For Sanger the world was divided into the "fit" and the "unfit" those who she deemed worthy of being allowed to reproduce, so as to increase the quality of the human race, and those who should be *forcibly* prevented from reproducing through compulsory sterilization and segregation.

"The first step would be to control the intake and output on morons, mental defectives, epileptics," she wrote in a document called "My Way to Peace". "The second step would be to take an inventory of the second group, such as illiterates, paupers, unemployables, criminals, prostitutes, dope-fiends;

classify them in special departments under government medical protection and segregate them on farms and open spaces." In other words, concentration camps for the unfit. The state, she urged, must "apply a stern and rigid policy of sterilization, and segregation to that grade of population whose progeny is already tainted or whose inheritance is such that objectionable traits may be transmitted to offspring." In all, she estimated that some five million "mental and moral degenerates" would have to be segregated.

In the end, inspired by her thinking and that of other eugenicists, dozens of U.S. states *did* put in place forcible sterilization programs, in which tens of thousands of people deemed unfit were sterilized an enormous black eye on this country's human rights record.

Given the rampant racism at the time, *especially* among eugenicists, it is not surprising that Sanger focused efforts on curtailing the fertility of racial minorities. While scholars debate the extent to which Sanger was motivated by racism as such, as opposed to the racist implications of her eugenic beliefs, which tended to view poor, impoverished minority communities as less developed members of the human race, it is uncontroversial that she explicitly strove to disseminate birth control among minority communities through the so-called Negro Project.

In one infamous letter about that project, Sanger even appears to suggest that her organization was seeking to "exterminate" the blacks. While some people claim that Sanger's meaning in the letter has been misunderstood, what is certain is that she speaks of blacks in that letter with painful dismissiveness, condemning their "ignorance, superstition, and doubts." It is also verifiable that on at least one occasion she spoke to a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan.

Those hundreds of New York Planned Parenthood employees were right to label Sanger a racist, and her organization tainted by institutional racism. But if they want to repudiate that legacy, then they must renounce Planned Parenthood outright and all it stands for and close its doors. Doing so would be one of the greatest victories for racial justice in our country's history.

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director

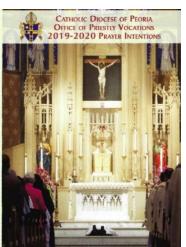
### PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVENEY

God, Our Father, protector of the poor & defender of the widow & orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life & to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life & virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of Charity & 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 & the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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

#### DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Mary, St. Therese ever turned to you in love, telling you her desires in simplicity and trust, and begging you to speak of them to lesus. With her, we ask you to offer our prayers to your Son for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. Place within the hearts of men and women a love which is strong enough to lead them to devote their lives to the service of the Church. Help them to respond to your Son's call with a love that will spend itself in service to their brothers and sisters.

ST. THERESE, PATRONESS OF VOCATIONS PRAY FOR US.



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