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## JANUARY

### Upcoming Events (Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

6:30 pm

20 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)]

9 to 11:30 am

31 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X

10 am

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

I would like to thank the Knights who did the Bell ringing for the Salvation Army this month. The amount they raised this year was as big as we have ever raised before, \$1,265.95. There is not much more to report on in December. I am afraid the same is true for January. The Right to Life breakfast that normally happens in January has been canceled. Although we are not giving up on raising money for the agencies that are with us in this fight to protect young life. I am asking that each and every one of you consider a monetary donation to this cause. \$5, \$10 or \$25 donation can help immensely in this cause. Please read the letter from the committee in this month's newsletter/abstract, it contains directions on where to send donations.

**Upcoming events include: N/A**

Brother Knights, our next **Officers' Meeting** will be at **6:30 pm on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck

*Chuck Gibbs*

**Merry Christmas! From the manger  
to the presentation of Jesus!**



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### 4TH DEGREE MEETING NOTES

Hey Sir Knights,

We were unable to get enough Officers to have a quorum so nothing could be voted on for approval.

Just a few notes to make sure that while we move forward through these difficult times. My promise to keep the current information of the Assembly forwarded to members of the Assembly through the emails that we have gotten and corrected in the new Data Base. To those that have no email the Postal Service Mail will be used. Speaking of which we received, here is the updated list of Members that have chosen not to reply to the Assembly request. Anyone's help to touch base with the names on the list to make sure that the information is current and correct. I hate to be this blunt about this but out of respect and common courtesy this is the utmost importance to respond.

At the last Officers Meeting I was able to give a report that Deacon Russ gave me on his condition. He has been getting out a little and is continuing to build his strength back. We offered special intentions during our prayers and ask members to remember Deacon Russ as we offer our daily prayers.

State President Jack Swan inquired about a Priest for the Masses we have before our Socials and other Events where required. The Southern Master will be asked because the Supreme By-Laws need to be clarified.

The Southern District Master is trying to put together a new updated version of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification for the Southern District. He will be updating on how that is progressing for the February Virtual Date.

With the change of Death of a Member Article, the Bi-Laws will be reviewed and updated by a committee once it is safe to meet.

With progress being made on the cure for the Pandemic let's pray we stay strong as an Assembly. Be sure you take care of yourself and wear your mask and take whatever precautions necessary to remain safe and healthy. Have a great upcoming holiday season.

Any comments that you feel the Assembly needs to stay strong please pass it on.

Have a pretty day, Moose!

*Kenneth Maranda*

**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
MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS	AT HOME
LARRY HINZMAN	FRIENDSHIP MANOR
CHARLES HOOD	AT HOME
DEAN LACKEY	AT HOME
JOSEPH LAZIO	HOSPITAL
MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ	
NORMA MANNING	
DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO	AT ROSEWOOD
SUE SCHAECHER	AT HOME
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME
DEACON RUSS SWIM	AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON	AT HOME
BETTY VANDEVOORDE	AT HOME
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.



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

JOHN JUSTICE	MICHAEL DOYLE
RAYMOND WELLS	LOUIS ALONGI
CARLOS BARAJAS	TERRANCE WIGGINS
ANDREW OLSON	ALAN MASSIE
REV. THOMAS SZYDLIK	DAVID CRAY
JEFFREY SCHAECHER	PAUL CARTON
MARTIN HERMAN	MARK HUGGINS
STEPHEN TOLLENAER	JAMES MORAN

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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

FRANCIS & NANCY ADLFINGE	01-27-1962
ACHIEL & MARIE DUPONT	01-28-1961

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.

**RSVP PROGRAM REPORT**

Last month sent out support checks to the three seminarians we support with prayer and money. All three have responded.

Dear Knights,

Thank you for all your continued support of my vocational discernment . Your financial support is definitely appreciated. Yet even more so , all the encouragement I receive after running into any of the knights while at church or elsewhere is greatly efficacious and appreciated . It is a huge blessing to see how much devotion there is toward the promotion of vocations in our council .

Know I keep you all in my thoughts and prayer.

God Bless , Luke Olson

Jim and Allouez Council # 658

Thank you so very much for your prayers , your card , and your generous donation ! It is extremely helpful for me this time of year.

I just arrived home in Peoria and will spend my break between here and the rectory at St. Louis Parish in Princeton , Il , where Fr. Tim Hepner is assigned now. I hope you are all able to enjoy the Advent and Christmas Seasons and that you all stay healthy ! I will be praying for you.

Peace , Nick Conner

Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for your continued support of my priestly discernment and formation. Even in a strange year , we have so many reasons to rejoice this season. God has been good to us and has shown me this semester that in the midst of any storm , our eyes must be fixed on Him.

Thank you again for your support and prayers. Thank you also for your service to the church as a whole. Know of my prayers for you all and please pray for me that I become a priest who serves with heroic love like Bl. Michael McGivney.

In the heart of Mary , Benjamin Schoonmaker



**KNIGHTS HELP SANTA**

The below listed Knights did a "super job" ringing the Salvation Army Bell on Friday, December 4th, from 10 am - 8:00 pm, at Hy-Vee R.I. The Salvation Army said that our "Bell Ringers" collected a total of **\$1,265.95!!!** With "hand warmers" in their gloves our "Hero Knights" fought the cold to help families have a better Christmas in our QC communities. The Salvation Army was very appreciative of the help of the R.I. Knights. Please do give those Knights listed below a "pat on the back and a Thank You" for their efforts to help make Christmas a bit happier for those in need.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS HERO KNIGHTS:** Jerry Schroeder, Rick Cervantes, Kevin Houser, Dave Sullivan, Andy Olson, Dick Hunt, Jim Wieland (also took photos thru the day), Jeremy Goffrier, Kevin Barton, and James Britton.

On behalf of the above Hero's and myself, we hope all our Knights and their families have a blessed Christmas and Virus Free and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Louie Alongi, Red Kettle Chairperson





## **2021 PRO-LIFE PANCAKE BREAKFAST – CANCELLED**

January 22, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court decision that establishes a woman's legal right to an abortion. Sadly, due to the restrictions related to COVID-19, we will not be holding our annual pro-life pancake breakfast. However, we believe it is still vitally important for the Knights to continue our support for the local pro-life agencies. We are making an appeal to our Brother Knights to send a donation to help support the Quad Cities pro-life agencies.

Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus Allouez Council 658 (note Pro-Life in the memo).

Please send to: Allouez Council 658  
P.O. Box 6575  
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## **PRO-LIFE MESSAGE**

Last month I offered some words of encouragement, noting that even should Biden win the election, there is much that the pro-life and pro-family movements can do to save lives, and restore sanity to our culture. More importantly, I noted that as Christians our hopes do not rest in worldly leaders. Whatever happens in the transient world of politics, our hope rests secure in the victory of Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless, neither do I advocate denialism or baseless optimism. With the threats to life and family posed by corrupt political leaders and governments. With God's strength, we can overcome these too; but we must acknowledge them for what they are, and face them head on. Elections have consequences. Should we find ourselves confronted with a Biden presidency; many things will change for the worse. If we are to stay the course under a Biden administration, we must acknowledge the difficulties in the road ahead, and develop a battle plan to counteract the worst of them.

If Biden is inaugurated as president on Jan. 20, we can expect the assaults on life and family to begin almost immediately. The **first thing** to expect will be a flood of executive orders, undoing many if not all of the pro-life advances under the Trump administration. Biden has publicized a list of these orders, leaving no doubt about what he plans to do.

One of these orders will be to immediately rescind the Mexico City Policy. This policy prohibits U.S. taxpayer funding from being used to perform or promote abortion overseas. The policy has been subject to political ping pong ever since Reagan put it in place in 1984. Democrat administrations have repealed it in their first days in office, and Republican administrations have just as promptly reinstated it. With a Biden administration, it will once again be gone, and U.S. government funding will start flowing to radical pro-abortion groups overseas.

A **second** Biden order will immediately restore Title X funding to Planned Parenthood. Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood did continue to receive hundreds of millions of dollars of government funding throughout the Trump administration, which was allotted to it by Congress

in normal appropriations bills. However, the Trump administration found a backdoor method to deprive the organization of a portion of its funding, by barring any organization that provides or refers for abortions from receiving the funds. This amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars in lost government funding. Biden will immediately reverse that ban.

**Additionally**, Biden has vowed to restore the abortifacient contraception mandate to Obamacare. This mandate requires employers – including religious employers – to provide health insurance that covers contraception, including some abortifacient drugs, to their employees. Many religious employers have objected that funding such programs amounts to a serious violation of their conscience rights. Trump issued an executive order protecting such religious employers, including the Little Sisters of the Poor – the order of Catholic religious sisters who were the primary plaintiffs in a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

Biden will also immediately begin funding the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The Trump administration, like previous GOP administrations, revoked funding for this organization, based upon piles of evidence that UNFPA is a radical population-control group. In some cases, including in China, the UNFPA has been caught actively participating in *forced* sterilization and abortion programs.

During the November meeting of the U.S. Catholic bishops, Archbishop José Gomez who serves as USCCB president, seeing the difficulties of a Biden presidency, warned the conference saying, “He has also given us reason to believe that he will support policies that are against some fundamental values that we hold dear as Catholics. These policies include: the repeal of the Hyde Amendment and the preservation of Roe vs. Wade. Both of these policies undermine our preeminent priority of the elimination of abortion.”

Archbishop Gomez added that Biden has indicated his support for “the restoration of the HHS mandate, the passage of the Equality Act, and the unequal treatment of Catholic schools.” He continued saying, “These policies pose a serious threat to the common good, whenever any politician supports them. We have long opposed these policies strongly, and we will continue to do so.... But when politicians who profess the Catholic faith support them, there are additional problems. Among other things, it creates confusion among the faithful about what the Church actually teaches on these questions.”

If one of the most impactful pro-life things the Trump administration did was nominate huge numbers of pro-life, conservative judges, you can be sure that the Biden administration will begin nominating equally pro-abortion judges. In fact, if there is one thing that Democrats have shown, is that they are even more brazen than Republicans in creating an abortion ‘litmus test’ for their judges.

GOP judicial nominees often have to delicately tiptoe around the abortion issue at their confirmation hearings, carefully disguising their personal opinion about Roe v. Wade with vague judicial speech about “respecting the constitution” or “judging each case based upon its merits.” One result is that often

conservatives can't be quite sure that Republican judicial nominees actually *are* pro-life.

Democratic judicial nominees often do not feel themselves similarly constrained. Ruth Bader Ginsburg set the example at her confirmation hearing in 1993, when she forthrightly endorsed abortion. What this means is that Democrat-appointed judges are often unapologetically ideological on abortion. And we can expect a Biden-Harris administration to apply the Democratic abortion litmus test widely.

**Within presidential administrations, personnel often *are* policy. We've seen this throughout the Trump administration. With so many committed pro-lifers in the White House, or representing the U.S. at the UN, or in embassies, there were all manner of quiet, but significant pro-life victories in the country and around the world. Pro-life personnel in the Trump administration forged alliances with pro-life countries around the world, encouraging them, and strategizing how to create a Culture of Life.**

Biden is already indicating that his personnel choices will be anything but pro-life. He has announced that Ron Klain will serve as his White House Chief of Staff. Klain, Biden's chief of staff while he was VP, is strongly pro-abortion. He has repeatedly praised the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), one of the most extreme pro-abortion organizations in the country. On one occasion he tweeted out to NARAL president Ilyse Hogue, that he is just "a soldier in your army." In other words, he's militantly pro-abortion. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of the radically pro-abortion and anti-family appointments we can expect in the Biden-Harris cabinet and all throughout the administration. It's no surprise that Planned Parenthood enthusiastically endorsed Biden for president.

Pro-life organizations have warned that a Biden-Harris administration would be "the most pro-abortion presidential ticket in American history," in the words of Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List. The last thing this country needs right now is a radically pro-abortion, anti-family and militantly "progressive" administration. We are already experiencing rock-bottom birth rates in our country, well below replacement level. Divorce and family breakdown are endemic. Good Christian families feel themselves under assault from increasingly brazen and anti-life propaganda in public schools.

A huge number of liberal media outlets have been claiming that with Biden in office it is a "time to heal." This, unfortunately, is based upon a painfully superficial judgment that Biden is simply a "nicer" person than Trump, and that this niceness will somehow bring people together. But while Biden's presentation may be smoother and more folksy than Trump's, that smoothness does not indicate any substantial wholesomeness. It is a facade.

How can our country heal, when the ruling administration believes that a particular class of human beings – preborn children – do not possess the right to life; or when they believe that anyone who holds certain beliefs must be forced to change their minds, or be punished (as with the case of the Little Sisters of the Poor)?

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. I do not say any of the above to depress you. These are simply the realities of the situation, should Biden clinch the presidency. The pro-life movement had four years of close access to the president and the White House. This was a blessing that made certain things a lot easier. It was also deeply encouraging for the whole movement.

However, it would be a mistake to think that we *need* access to the seat of power to get things done. That is the great strength of the pro-life movement. It is a vast, grassroots movement that accomplishes great things without waiting for support or permission from those in power.

As I urged you last month, do not despair. Do not be afraid. There is great reason for hope. Christ has won the victory. The rest is mop up work. Sometimes this work may be difficult and discouraging. But we can always look ahead, knowing that the greater work has been done for us. Christ made the ultimate sacrifice. We need only reap the fruits of His labors.

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



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

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 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.



## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

### **JANUARY 2021**

(Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

- |    |   |               |
|----|---|---------------|
| 4  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                         | 6:30 pm       |
| 20 | Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [ <a href="#">Sign Up</a> ] | 9 to 11:30 am |
| 31 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X                           | 10 am         |

### **FEBRUARY 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                         | 6:30 pm                        |
| 10 | Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [ <a href="#">Sign Up</a> ] | 9 to 11:30 am                  |
| 11 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                           | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **MARCH 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                         | 6:30 pm                        |
| 10 | Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [ <a href="#">Sign Up</a> ] | 9 to 11:30 am                  |
| 11 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                           | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **APRIL 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 5  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                         | 6:30 pm                        |
| 8  | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X                           | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |
| 17 | Italian Dinner, St. Pius X, Farrell Hall                            | 4 to 7 pm                      |
| 19 | KofC & St. Pius X Parish Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X      | 2 to 6 pm                      |
| 21 | Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [ <a href="#">Sign Up</a> ] | 9 to 11:30 am                  |
| 24 | Knight of Knight Banquet and Mass, Christ the King                  | TBA                            |

### **MAY 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 3  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 13 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |
| 30 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X   | 10 am                          |

### **JUNE 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 6  | Civic Awards Dinner, TBA                    | TBA                            |
| 7  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 10 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **JULY 2021**

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|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 5 | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 8 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **AUGUST 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 2  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 12 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |
| 29 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X   | 10 am                          |

### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

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|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 6 | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 9 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **OCTOBER 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 4  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 14 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |
| 31 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X   | 10 am                          |

### **NOVEMBER 2021**

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X | 6:30 pm                        |
| 11 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X   | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |

### **DECEMBER 2021**

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|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 3 | KofC Bell Ringing/Salvation Army, Hy-Vee, R.I. | 10 to 8 pm                     |
| 6 | Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X    | 6:30 pm                        |
| 9 | Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X      | Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm |



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