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JUNE	UPCOMING EVENTS	(Subject to Change; See Online Calendar)
2	4th Degree Meeting, St. Ambrose Parish Center, Milan	6 pm
3	RSVP for Clergy Appreciation Dinner	Jerry Fowler at fowlerjerryd@gmail.com or 309-269-3786
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
10	Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Riverfront Grill, Rock Island	Social 5 pm & Dinner 6 pm
11	Flag Retirement, Arsenal	9 am
12	Civic Awards Dinner, Holiday Inn, Rock Island	Social 5 pm & Dinner 6 pm
22	Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
26	4 th Degree Exemplification Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2401 N. Broad St, Galesburg IL	11 am
	KofC Hall, 1556 E. Fremont St, Galesburg IL	\$10 Lunch 12:30 pm & Exemplification 1:30 pm
30-July 1	Volunteer at John Deere Classic	Shifts

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Another fraternal year is about over and we will be welcoming in officers for 2022-2023 at the June council meeting. This past year the council continued to be active in our church and the community. Thanks to all of you each of these events had great turnouts. The honor guard was busy with numerous church and community events as well. If you have been thinking of becoming a fourth degree, this coming June 26 we will be having an exemplification ceremony in Galesburg. Let me know at the next meeting or call me so we can get you signed up and ready to join your fourth-degree brothers. As mentioned, the new fraternal year is coming up soon and we need all of your ideas and support to keep this council active this coming year. There are going to be some challenges I'm sure but we have met them in the past and will continue to support the church and community.

Well as you all know Msgr. Merdian and Father Wilson will be moving onto new assignments in Ottawa. I want to wish them both well and may God continue to guide them as they move to their next assignment. This council has been blessed with Msgr. support in all we do here at St. Pius. There will always be a double chocolate donut waiting for him and maybe a golf tip or two.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Cervantes

May God watch over you and your families. See you all at next month's meeting!

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS

We pray for our Brother Knights & family who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. Please email AllouezCouncil@gmail.com to update. We remember the following members in our prayers:

ELIZABETH BRUEGGEN	
BEV CASEY	AMBER RIDGE NURSING HOME
JIM CECIL	AT HOME
SUSAN DEBLOCK	
ACHIEL DUPONT	AT HOME
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
KAREN HUGHES	AT HOME

JOSEPH LAZIO	AT HOME
NORMA MANNING	
TINA OLSON	AT HOME
RED PEARSON	AT HOME?
SUE SCHAECHER	AT ALURE
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME
BOB SPALDING	AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON	AT HOME
BETTY VANDEVOORDE	AT HOME
JIM WELLS	

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



ANNIVERSARIES

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

MICHAEL & MARLO DOYLE	06/1/1974
JOHN & THERESA HUYTEN	06/1/1974
GERALD & DONNA SCHROEDER	06/2/1984
JEFFEREY & JUDITH SCARPINATO	06/3/1989
JACOB SMITHERS & REGINA NONNENMANN	06/3/2006
GEORGE & MARGARET MCDONIEL	06/12/1982
JAMES & JOANN MACK	06/13/1981
ROBERT & BETTY VAN DE VOORDE	06/20/1959
TRENTON & LINDSAY KULIG	06/21/2008
ALAN & JOLENE MASSIE	06/28/1986
JOHN & DELORES RODTS	06/28/1969
LOUIS & LINDA ALONGI	06/29/1968
JAMES & KATHY FOBERT	06/30/1979



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

MATTHEW ALONGI
PAUL SCHMITT
GARY HIRD
JEFFERY BOYD
MICHAEL MIHM
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
JOHN BOSSO
WILLIAM DEAN
TIMOTHY STEINES

MICHAEL HEALEA
ARCHIEL DUPONT JR.
CHARLES BARBARO
CHRISTOPHER DASSO
DONALD SMITH
DARILLE STARRINE
LUKE VANLANDEGEN
JOHN WALSH
JOHN MARSHO

We want to recognize all our member's **birthdays & anniversaries**, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Please call or email F.S. Dick Hunt so he can add or correct our records.



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

What Does the Term 'Practical Catholic' Mean?

We are all aware that membership in the Knights of Columbus requires a man be at least eighteen years old and a practical Catholic. Since the term 'practicing' is not used, there must be a distinction between 'practicing' and 'practical'. What is this distinction? What does it mean to be a practical Catholic?

Many people claim to be practicing Catholics. That may mean 'baptized and occasionally attending Mass and have a great relationship with Jesus'. Or that might mean 'attending Mass every week, frequently receiving the Sacraments, and striving to live the faith'. Or it could mean almost anything in between.

When the Knights use the term 'practical', there is a very specific meaning. On the Supreme website, we read, "A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church." There are three principle elements to this definition.

First, a practical Catholic "accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals". Accepting the teaching authority means we accept all the dogmas of the Church that define our faith and we accept the moral teachings of

the Church which apply our faith to everyday life even when they are difficult. We may not always understand these teachings but we accept our obligation to live by them and to endeavor to better understand them.

Second, a practical Catholic "aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church". According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 2042 and 2043, there are five precepts. They are (1) attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, (2) confess your sins at least once a year, (3) receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season, (4) observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, and (5) provide for the needs of the Church.

Note the word used is 'aspire'. This word recognizes that we are not perfect in keeping our intentions. Hence, for example, if we skip church one Sunday, we do not have to resign our membership in the Knights. However, we are obliged to go to Confession as it is a grave sin to willingly skip Mass on a Sunday.

Third, a practical Catholic will "be in good standing in the Catholic Church". This means you can approach the Sacrament of the Eucharist in a worthy manner. Worthy reception of the Eucharist means accepting all the Church teaches concerning the Eucharist and not having mortal sin on the soul.

In short, for practical Catholics, the faith is at their very core and defines how they live their life. If you find that you have any struggles with any of these three items (again, we are imperfect), I recommend you schedule some time to sit down with Father or a trusted spiritual advisor and discuss them.



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, rpswim@mchsi.com, phone 786-3097.



43RD ANNUAL CIVIC AWARDS DINNER

On Sunday, June 12th at Holiday Inn Rock Island, Allouez Council 658 will be holding our 43rd annual Civic Awards Dinner where we will be honoring the Policeman and Firefighter of the Year for the City of Rock Island. Please consider attending this great Community event and show your appreciation and support for the first responders in our Community. Feel free to bring your family and friends as well.

- 5:00 PM Social Hour
- 6:00 PM Dinner and awards presentation
- \$20.00 per person, make checks out to Allouez Council 658

Please respond to this email, or email Kevin Houser at khouser@sternbeverage.com to let us know that you are planning to attend and will pay at the door. Cutoff date for reservations is June 6th.

Thank you, Allouez Council 658



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Does Legalizing Abortion Stop Filthy, Back-Alley Abortions?

Why All the Talk about Back-Alley Abortions again? With the possible reversal of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court ruling wrongfully handed down upon our nations five decades ago (and the resultant slaughter of 65 million unborn babies), we are once again hearing all the misinformation about what would happen if the *Roe* was overturned.

Before *Roe v. Wade* led to the widespread legalization of abortion, pro-abortion activists had a problem. The procedure was viewed with extraordinary negativity, and statistics did not back up their various arguments for legalizing abortion. Recognizing that abortion itself was unpalatable to the public, they resorted to a variety of emotional appeals to promote its legalization.

Of all the arguments made, perhaps the most common and effective of these was the allegation that many thousands of women died of illegal, unsanitary, back-alley abortions each year before the procedure was legalized. By portraying it as an everyday horror, already common and pervasive, a horror that could be lessened by legalizing abortion, many of the most disturbing aspects of abortion were utilized to defend it.

Pro-abortionists continue to make this claim even after *Roe v. Wade*, only their purpose now is to fight any and all restrictions on abortion “rights.” For example, when the Hyde Amendment limiting federal payments for abortion went into effect in 1976, the American Civil Liberties Union made the absurd claim, “Hundreds of women this year will die because they cannot afford an abortion.” More recently, columnist Ellen Goodman breathlessly proclaimed, “After all, those of us who remember when birth control was illegal and when 10,000 American women a year died from illegal abortions don’t have to imagine a world without choices. We were there.” Senator Barbara Boxer [D-CA], said: You have to know that it is estimated that there were up to 1.2 million illegal abortions every year, so this 5,000 is four-tenths of 1 percent. I think it’s actually an understated number. I personally believe it’s higher than that, given the fact that these were back-alley, and a lot of them done in unsanitary situations.

“Back-Alley Abortions” Are a Myth. Despite how frequently they are made, there is absolutely no evidence to back up these ludicrous statements. **Even the originators of the myth have described how they knew it was a lie from the very beginning.** Reformed abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson was one of the original founders of NARAL Pro-Choice America, and operated the biggest abortion clinic in the nation for years. He famously said: How many deaths were we talking about when abortion was illegal? In NARAL, we always said “5,000 to 10,000 deaths a year.” **I confess that I knew the figures were totally false,** and I suppose the others did too if they stopped to think of it. But in the “morality” of our revolution, it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?

Dr. Nathanson was certainly not alone in his views. Many prominent leaders of the pro-abortion movement attempted to tell the truth about the

number of fatalities caused by “back-alley abortions,” but were simply ignored by the corrupt mainstream media. Foremost among these was Dr. Malcolm Potts, Medical Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and one of the original activists who helped promote abortion throughout the world. Dr. Potts said in 1970, “Those who want the [abortion] law to be liberalized will stress the hazards of illegal abortion and claim that hundreds, or thousands, of women die unnecessarily each year—when the actual number is far lower.”

The actual Centers for Disease Control (CDC) figures on deaths caused by abortions, both legal and illegal, for those years immediately before *Roe v. Wade* (1973) were 90 deaths in 1970, 83 deaths in 1971, and 90 deaths in 1972. In 1974, there were 54 recorded deaths and in 1975 there were 49.

When confronted with these figures, pro-abortionists usually fall back on lurid descriptions of back-alley abortions done by drunken butchers to helpless women before *Roe v. Wade*. **What Real Illegal Abortions Were Like?** These garish images of back-alley abortions are popular among extreme pro-abortionists but are nowhere near the reality of what *really* happened before abortion was legalized. The typical illegal abortionist was a licensed medical professional (in most cases, a medical doctor) practicing in a clean, spacious, and antiseptic office. He or she enjoyed the respect and the protection of the police and many of the community’s most distinguished citizens.

For example, Ruth Barnett performed over 40,000 illegal abortions in Portland, Oregon without a single fatality. She said: “In the movies, they always depict the fallen woman sneaking up a dirty, rickety stairway to a dismal room—or making her way, furtively, into a dark alley that leads to a decrepit shack where some alcoholic doctor or untutored butcher performs the abortion. A clinic such as mine was not that way at all. It was a bright, cheerful place where women’s problems were handled quickly, efficiently and with dignity, no matter what the circumstances of the patient”. The evidence that abortion used to be “safe and illegal” extends far beyond the anecdotal. Dr. Alfred Kinsey noted, “about 87 percent of all the induced abortions that we have in our records were performed by physicians.” Dr. Mary S. Calderone, founder of SIECUS, wrote, “The [1955 Planned Parenthood] conference estimated that 90 percent of all illegal abortions are done by physicians. Call them what you will, abortionists or anything else, they are still physicians, trained as such; and many of them are in good standing in their communities.” **These statistics expose the lie of “back alley abortions” Legalizing Abortions Doesn’t Make It Safe! Unfortunately, the description of pre-*Roe* back-alley abortions more closely fits what happens in many legal abortion mills operating today.**

Scores of filthy **legal** abortion mills and sexually predatory and incompetent abortionists have been exposed, and in every single case, pro-abortionists have sided with the (usually male) abortionists against their always female victims. The abortion industry and its largest providers are rife with such disregard for women’s well-being, even as they

declare themselves champions of it. If the so-called “pro-choicers” really cared about the lives and health of women, they would campaign to have these abortionists stopped. But it is quite obvious that they place the “right” to unlimited abortion above the welfare of women. Finally, “pro-choicers” never mention the many women and girls who still die from “safe” and legal botched abortions. Incompetent and negligent abortionists, along with domineering boyfriends and sexual molesters, kill as many women each year as died of illegal abortions before *Roe v. Wade*. Yet legalized abortion is still sold as a way to “empower” women. It would be better for women, and for all of society, if we were truthful about these abortion statistics.

Jack Swan, Pro-life Director



MAY EVENT

PHOTOS

Holy Hour



5th
Sunday
Rosary



Honor Guard at
Sacred Heart



St. Joseph Icon
at St. Mary's



Confirmation at
St. Pius with
Bishop Tylka



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3 DIGIT DAILY RAFFLE GAME

Below is a list of the numbers drawn in the Illinois Pick-3 Evening Lottery for the last & first half of the previous two months. If you would like to buy an available number(s) please contact David Sullivan: (309) 737-5569 or david.sullivan1@mchsi.com.

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Apr.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
15	511	Russ Swim	\$25
16	160	*	\$50
17	623	*	\$50
18	097	*	\$25
19	232	*	\$25
20	614	Marie Dupont	\$25
21	842	*	\$25
22	147	*	\$25
23	632	*	\$50
24	562	*	\$50
25	303	*	\$25
26	483	*	\$25
27	824	*	\$25
28	371	Archie Dupont Jr.	\$25
29	938	*	\$25
30	921	Frank Cicela	\$50
May	3 Digits	Winner	Won
1	435	*	\$100
2	025	*	\$25
3	470	*	\$25
4	460	*	\$25
5	136	*	\$25
6	678	*	\$25
7	907	*	\$50
8	463	*	\$50
9	980	*	\$25
10	281	*	\$25
11	077	Kevin Rafferty	\$25
12	042	Greg Schneider	\$25
13	232	*	\$25
14	427	*	\$50

*You could have had this 3 digit number...



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.

Dinner with Our Clergy



Come help the local Knights of Columbus of our parishes pay tribute and dine with the Priests and Deacons of the Vicariate. All Knights of our parishes are encouraged to join us for this social

Dinner Includes;

- Chicken, and Fish
- Vegetables
- Salads
- Coffee, Tea
- Cash Bar



Dinner will be at Riverfront Grille
4619 34th St Rock Island, IL

Date: Friday June 10th

Time: Social hour 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00

Cost: \$25.00 A portion of each meal will offset the cost of the clergy's dinners and appreciation gift

All RSVP and money are needed in advance by 6/3/22 to Jerry Fowler fowlerjerryd@gmail.com or 309-269-3786. Please make checks payable to Fr. Bader Assembly 1922 and mail to:

Jerry Fowler
8001 7th St. W.
Rock Island, IL 61201



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JULY 2022

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- 14 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 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

AUGUST 2022

- 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
- 13 Authentic Italian Dinner, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Dinner 4 to 7 pm
- 17 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 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
- 10 Mass of Remembrance for the Aborted Unborn, Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island TBA
- 15-17 ID Drive, Various Locations Greg will be asking for volunteers
- 21 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

OCTOBER 2022

- 3 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 13 Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

NOVEMBER 2022

- 5 K of C Annual Mass for Deceased Members, St. Mary's, Rock Island 4 pm
- 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
- 16 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

DECEMBER 2022

- 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
- 14 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am



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