



Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council #664



News of the Knight



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Grand Knight Report

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and healthy. It's hard to believe we are coming into the end of another calendar year, 2020 will go into the books as unique, challenging and different to say the least. At the same time, we find ourselves starting a new liturgical year with Advent and awaiting the birth of Christ our Savior. How are we preparing for His coming into our lives?

Some Brothers responded to the call to help with meal preparation for the Holy Family Blessed Bites program on November 22nd. Thanks to all who helped out this most worthy cause.

Our council will be hosting an Advent Men's Retreat, Saturday morning, Dec. 5th at Holy Family Hall – please see bulletin for more details, you can sign-up by reaching out to our Chaplain, Fr. Edward Sanchez at: esanchez@hffdl.org.

We will also have a limited number of “Keep Christ in Christmas” signs available after Mass at the Holy Family sites the weekend of Nov. 29th and Dec. 6th – it's been a few years since we've done this and the officers felt this was a great way to get our message out to the community.

Watch for our membership survey to be included with our mailing of annual dues. Why are you a Knight? What types of things do you want to be involved with? What is the best way to connect with you? We look forward to your feedback – we are only as strong and effective as a council as your willingness to get involved, even if only in a couple ways a year.

Our fundraising campaign to support Charis Pregnancy Center continues. We are looking to raise \$20,000 in support of their adding an Ultrasound Medical Clinic. The ultrasound machine has been purchased and our call is to help bring the full clinic on line. **We are partnering with Holy Family in this initiative, please see the insert in the bulletin for details.** This is a remarkable and great opportunity to create a lasting positive impact for life in our community. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

As Knights, we are called service and sacrifice, to be constantly mindful of the needs of others. Thanks for all you've done to respond to God's call this year, make it a great Advent and best wishes for Blessed Christmas to you and your families.

Jim Sutton, Grand Knight

Field Agent information on our website at: <https://kc664.org/kofc-field-agent/>

Nursing Home Visits-Nursing home visits are suspended until it is safe for everyone involved.

OFFICIAL NOTICE – COLUMBIAN CLUB

The annual meeting of the Fond du Lac Columbian Club, Inc. will be held at Avenue 795, 795 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI. 54935 on Tuesday December 8, 2020. The meeting will start following the close of Council 664's regular meeting at approximately 8:00 PM.

The following business will be conducted:

1. Elect a total of six (6) members as Board of Directors to a two (2) year term.
2. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2019 Annual Meeting.
3. Treasurer's report for Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2020.
4. Review the committee reports of the past year's activities.
 - Building & Grounds
 - Management
 - Club Manager's Report
 - Road Construction Project - Round-about
4. Transact any other business that may be properly brought up during the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

All members of Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council 664, Knights of Columbus, in good Standing, are members of the Corporation and are eligible to vote. Your attendance at the meeting is welcome and encouraged.

Presence in person of members representing five (5) percent, or approximately Thirty-six (36) members of the voting rights of this Corporation shall constitute a quorum at this meeting, which is required to conduct any official business other than the election of the new Board Members.

Following are the names of the current six (6) Board Members whose terms are expiring December 31, 2020:

David Reilly, Jim Braun, Harry Schneider, David Schneider, Bob Ramstack, Chuck Anders

**FREE LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE MEETING.**

Tom Schmitz, President

David Schneider, Secretary

ACTIVITIES IN **DECEMBER**

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR COUNCIL #664, ASSEMBLY #1211 AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY. ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLUBHOUSE, 795 FOND DU LAC AVE., FOND DU LAC, WI. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED:

TUESDAY	DEC 01	COUNCIL #664 OFFICER MEETING 7PM
WED	DEC 02	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING@7 PM
WED	DEC 02	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM
FRIDAY	DEC 04	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
SATURDAY	DEC 05	ADVENT MEN'S RETREAT-7 – 11 A.M. HOLY FAMILY HALL
TUESDAY	DEC 08	COUNCIL #664 BUSINESS MEETING@6:15 FOR <u>INTO THE BREACH</u> VIDEO AND ROSARY (MEETING AT 7 PM)
TUESDAY	DEC 08	ANNUAL MEETING@8PM
WED	DEC 09	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM
FRIDAY	DEC 11	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
TUESDAY	DEC 15	STEAK FRY-VERGES CREW
WED	DEC 16	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM
FRIDAY	DEC 18	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
WED	DEC 23	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM.
THUR	DEC 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
WED	DEC 30	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM.

Ladies Auxiliary News: The KC Ladies Auxiliary meeting chaired by Cheri Sheehy opened with prayer. There were 14 members present. Theresa Menting from “Women’s Empowerment Series” spoke how the group mentors and help women that are in unsafe and unhealthy situations. All the classes are now virtual. These women are told that they are not in impossible situations that they can change and help is out there. They have a mentor who listens and does not judge them. The group has assisted 75 women this year. Classes are 6 weeks long. Melody spoke about how she was helped with her struggles of addiction and abuse. She is 2 yrs sober has a car and job and is now a student at Marian University. Marian student Hailey spoke about her involvement with the children of some of the women by teaching them through games etc. The secretary’s and treasurer’s reports were read and approved. Ann Streblow reported that the Life Chain and rally was the best one yet. 2 new board members were approved, Ann Streblow and Lin Phillips. The auxiliary will not be providing meals for the warming shelter, but anyone that wishes to do so could make and drop this off. It is not necessary to serve or clean up. Reminder to bring canned goods, soaps, shampoos etc. to meeting. Theresa Menting suggested a family that needs help for the holidays. This will be the Christmas family with maybe another one. If you would like to donate towards this, please send to Chris Willis, 322 Wilson Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Some of our funds were used to buy coats for the “Coats for kids”. 19 coats were purchased from St. Vincent DePaul store, Salvation Army and Goodwill and 4 others were donated. Maybe do this next year. The books were audited by Marian Freund and Ann Streblow and were fine. There will not be the Christmas dinner, instead we will meet in the bar area and have some Christmas cheer. Pay dues to Chris Willis. Raffle winner was Carol Schlaefer. There will be no refreshments served at the meetings due to pandemic. Closing prayer by Ann Streblow, meeting was adjourned. Rosary was said for long-time member Ellie Becker. **Janet Buechel, Publicity.** <https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

Fourth Degree News

Brothers: We had a great turn out for our 2nd annual Honor Veterans Dinner. With over 50 in attendance, we are thankful for a great event. We will eagerly look to continue this fantastic event in future years.

Upcoming in December we will have our Annual Christmas party on December 17th. The reservation form will be in the 4th degree newsletter. As with past events, we will continue to plan unless we have outside influences that prevent it from happening. **Every year we request a Christmas card with a suggested donation of \$5 that we pass along both to an area nursing home. If you don't plan on attending, we would still ask you to consider participating in this. In the event that the dinner is cancelled, or you do not plan on attending, we would still request that you mail your Christmas card and donation to the clubhouse. I will collect them and distribute. This year we will give them to Villa Loretto in Mt Calvary. If there is a large number of cards submitted, I will divide them and choose a 2nd nursing home to share with.** And as always, feel free to contact me at 920-251-6173 with any questions.

. SK Dave Reilly Faithful Navigator

Officers and Coordinators Needed for Your Council

Brothers, the following officer positions are open in your council:

Deputy Grand Knight - Assist the Grand Knight and become familiar with council protocol for future role as the Grand Knight.-

Lecturer – Helps to bring spiritual reflection to council meetings and communications.

Without these positions filled, we will have significant issues in the not too distant future with council operations, programs and projects. We also have need for coordinators for our 2021 Tootsie Roll Drive and Walleye Weekend. We know it has been a challenging year for many, but rest assured we have a great opportunity for you to contribute to service your council and community. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", together with your help, we can continue to do God's work.

Why not reach out today? Contact Jim Sutton or another officer for more information.

Assembly #1211-2020 Meat Raffle Winners

Prize #	Name	City
1	Rick Volz	Fond du Lac
2	Nick Chikowski	Waupun
3	Nick Chikowski	Waupun
4	David Schmitz	Fond du Lac
5	Kathleen Osborn	Fond du Lac
6	Barb Seif	Fond du Lac
7	Patricia Loehr	Fond du Lac
8	Richard Dieter	Fond du Lac
9	Mark Wiek	Fond du Lac
10	Janet Buechel	Fond du Lac

Council #664 Launches Fundraising for Charis Pregnancy Center

Our Council 664 fundraising campaign to bring a **Medical Ultrasound Clinic** online at the Charis Pregnancy Center located at 207 North Main St. here in Fond du Lac is now underway. The Ripon KofC council has already raised over \$18,000 as part of their sponsorship, while the KofC Supreme Council provided \$18,000 to complete the purchase of the ultrasound machine itself.

Per Cindy, Director at Charis, there are several additional items and support needed to bring the ultrasound clinic online. A troffer machine (used to sterilize the ultrasound head), surge protection and laptop computer are but a few of the needs, with **an overall amount of \$20,000 still needed** for equipment and supplies. The clinic is under the direction of a local physician who is a Holy Family parish member. Thus far, we have raised about \$1200, so a little more than 5% of our goal.

Council 664 is working in partnership with Holy Family parish on this campaign. This truly is a unique opportunity for Knights and our council in particular to make a difference for life right here in our community!! Please consider making a gift to this campaign.

Make checks payable to KofC Council 664, and send to:

Steve Michels, F.S.
1026 S. Park Avenue
FdL, WI 54935

For more information about Charis and their mission, go to
charisfdl.com

Together, we can make a difference for life – God's greatest miracle!
Thanks in advance for your generous response!

God bless you and your families!



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



Brother Knights: On October 31, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, Fr. Michael J. McGivney was formally declared "Blessed." This beatification recognizes Fr. McGivney's extraordinary holiness and the power of his intercessory prayer. This intercessory prayer was definitively evidenced in the miraculous healing of an unborn child with fetal hydrops, and who had been given 0% chance of survival. This child, Michael Schachle, is now 5 years old. It is a beautiful fact that the miracle which showed our founder to be in heaven would be a healing of an unborn child. This fact should at this time reinvigorate our prayers and efforts for the protection of all unborn children and the support of their families. As our country gathers itself together after the election and responds to the ongoing risk of Covid-19, the example of Blessed Father McGivney has much to offer. He was a man who saw a problem and provided leadership to help organize a solution on the local level. Seeing the suffering of families which had lost their breadwinners to injury or to the spread of pneumonia, he energized the men of his local church to act in concrete service to these families. Inspired in part by his own loss - the death of his father - he transcended that loss with God's grace and responded by acting in concrete generosity. This generosity and leadership took the form of organizing men of the parish into a group of mutual spiritual and financial support - a group which would grow into the Knights of Columbus. Fr. McGivney gave himself generously until he died at the age of 38 of pneumonia. A relatively short life, but a generous one - a spark that would leave a fire burning for over a century. His example challenges me as a diocesan priest to imitate his zeal and leadership. His example challenges all of us as Catholic men to recognize the needs of concrete people around us and to raise up the Church to address those needs. May his prayers help us as we try to imitate him in deep faith and practical action.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus. God bless you all. Fr. Edward

Columbian Club News:

NOTICE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS

Here are two important notices for you. First, when you became a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 664, you by your membership are members of the corporation of The Fond du Lac Columbian Club, Inc. As members of the corporation, an annual meeting of the corporation is held the 2nd Tuesday of December following the Council 664 meeting. Because your vote counts, we ask your presence at the annual meeting most importantly for the nomination and election of the Board of Directors. Do you as a member have an interest on becoming a board member, give it some thought. Along with the election, reports are given of the previous year's business, financials, and the reports of committees. Secondly, following the meeting, the Board provides a free lunch and refreshments. Due to the COVID, the food will be served as a box lunch along with separate contained soup. As always your health is important to us. The hall will be set for social distancing. For the safety of all, if you do not feel well or if you have come in contact with anyone positive with COVID, please refrain on attending the meeting.

David Schneider, Fond du Lac Columbian Club Secretary Tom Schmitz, Board President

Holyland Blood Donors October 20, 2020 Mt. Calvary-Ron Giese and Jerry Kraus



Wednesday Night Carryout Only Menu

Starting November 4, 2020

Serving 4:30 – 6:30--Call 921-1290

Baked Chicken - ¼ \$13.50

½ \$14.50

Braised Beef Tips Over Noodles or Mashed Potatoes \$14.00

Fried Lake Perch- 3 Butterflies \$18.50

5 Butterflies \$20.50

Fried Shrimp Prawns \$15.50

All dinners include choice of French Fries, Baked Potato or Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Cole Slaw and Dinner Roll

Hamburger Platter \$9.25

Cheeseburger Platter \$9.75

Bacon Cheeseburger Platter \$10.75

Burgers Include French Fries, Cole Slaw and Garnish

Prices do not include 5.5% sales tax