



Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council #664



News of the Knight January 2021

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Grand Knight Report

My Brother Knights: Welcome to 2021 and the New Year! As Fr. Larry Richards says, “Always be ready to give the reason for your hope”. We know that our hope lies in Jesus Christ! Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we can be hopeful to accomplish great things in 2021 through Him! Thanks to those who helped with our “Keep Christ in Christmas” sign distribution at the Holy Family sites, it was well received. Our Advent Men’s Retreat at Holy Family was a big success with 52 men attending, it was an awesome morning and once again made possible by several brothers who stepped forward to help out. Finally, thanks to those who helped with food preparation for the Blessed Bites program. We plan to continue all these events in this new year.

On January 9th, we will be having a new member degree program at the KofC Hall (Avenue 795). This will be a live in-person event that lasts about 40 minutes. Candidates should arrive no later than 8:45 a.m for the 9 a.m. start. We already have several men planning to join that morning, it’s a great time to ask someone to be a Knight. Then on January 16th, there will be a virtual 4th degree initiation event. You can contact Dave Reilly, 4th Degree Navigator or me if you would like to join.

Our fundraising campaign to support Charis Pregnancy Center continues. We have raised around \$2,200 on our way to \$20,000 in support of their adding an Ultrasound Medical Clinic. Mark Hutter will be leading our campaign efforts with Holy Family, please see the bulletin insert for details. Since Roe v Wade, there have been nearly 60 million abortions in the United States alone. Resolve to pray your rosary for the conversion of hearts to say “yes” to God’s awesome gift of life and the success of our efforts! Have you completed and returned our council survey that was included with the dues mailing? 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 events a year.

Finally, we continue to need men to step forward for the Deputy Grand Knight and Lecturer officer positions. These positions are important for succession planning for our council. I am hopeful that men will step into the breach and say “yes” and choose to serve as we renew our council.

Make it a great and holy New Year! With gratitude for all the ways you serve,

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.

ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

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

FRIDAY	JAN 01	HAPPY NEW YEAR-"NO FISH FRY"
TUESDAY	JAN 05	COUNCIL #664 OFFICER MEETING 7PM
WED	JAN 06	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM WEDNESDAY CARRYOUT MENU
FRIDAY	JAN 08	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
SATURDAY	JAN 09	NEW MEMBER DEGREE 9AM@AVENUE 795
TUESDAY	JAN 12	COUNCIL #664 BUSINESS MEETING@6:15 FOR <u>INTO THE BREACH</u> VIDEO AND ROSARY (MEETING AT 7 PM)
WED	JAN 13	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM WEDNESDAY CARRYOUT MENU
FRIDAY	JAN 15	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
SATURDAY	JAN 16	4 TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION-VIRTUAL-SEE FN DAVE REILLY
TUESDAY	JAN 19	STEAK FRY-STEVE MICHAELS CREW
WED	JAN 20	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM WEDNESDAY CARRYOUT MENU
FRIDAY	JAN 22	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
SATURDAY	JAN 23	COMEDY SHOW
WED	JAN 27	CARRY-OUT MENU AVAILABLE 4:30-6:30 PM WEDNESDAY CARRYOUT MENU .
TUESDAY	JAN 29	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM.

Ladies Auxiliary News: The KC Ladies Auxiliary meeting chaired by Carol Schlaefer open with prayer Each member received a ticket for a free drink. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Ellie Becker's family donated \$1,000.00 as a memorial for tuition assistance. Cheri Sheehy would like to provide a meal for the warming shelter in January. If anyone is interested in helping contact Carol. A second family will be helped at Christmas with a grocery gift card for \$200.00 along with other help that is given. This family has 8 children, the father was diagnosed with cancer. The first family will receive \$900.00 in gift cards and gifts. On January 19, 2021 a fundraiser will be held at Culver's east with percentage of sales for the auxiliary. If you have a favorite recipe, get it to Carol at cschlaefer@gmail.com or bring to the clubhouse and a booklet of recipes will be made available. A reminder to bring canned goods, shampoos, soaps etc. to the meetings. There is NO meeting in January. For the February meeting wear red for Heart Healthy month. Will collect items for the warming shelter. Please pay dues to Chris Willis. Valentine cards will be brought and given to nursing home residents. If you have extras, please bring them. St. Mary's church is being used as a daytime warming shelter until the former rectory is cleaned and will be available for use. Closing prayer was said. Trivia games were played and prizes awarded supplied by Marian Freund. **Janet Buechel, Publicity.**

<https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

Fourth Degree News

Brothers: On behalf of Assembly 1211, we wish you a continued blessed Christmas season and an optimistic Happy New Year.

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.

Council #664 Launches Fundraising for Charis Pregnancy Center

Our Council 664 fundraising campaign to bring a **Medical Ultrasound Clinic** on line 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: Well, it has been a long year. 2020 was certainly not what anyone planned. But as we reflect back on the year and enter into this season of Christmas, consider the figure of the three Magi. They made a long and difficult journey which ended in a place they were not planning: not the royal court in Jerusalem, but the humble family in Bethlehem. Furthermore, they were not able to rest, but to avoid King Herod they had to turn around soon after meeting the Holy Family and head back to their country "by another way." Perhaps those around the three Magi, and even the Magi themselves, would have been tempted to be disappointed, disillusioned, and discouraged.

But the deeper and truer instincts of the Magi prevailed. That deeper level of faith in God overcame the discouragement. They trusted that God had led them, by means of the star, to this place and this time. And entrusting themselves to God's guidance again, they were overjoyed, and poured out their treasures before the Christ Child.

The Magi teach us three things. First, at the end of a long journey, God will still provide His guidance. The Magi had their bright star; we can find stars to guide us in the Scriptures, in the Church, and in Christ's active power present in the sacraments. Second, the Magi teach us that the end of a long journey does not necessarily mean luxury and fame - God's true presence may be in a humble home. Third, the Magi show us the importance of generosity. God has led us through a difficult year. Let us be generous with Him now. Financially, yes, and also with our time. As the Magi risked and invested much in order to spend just a short while in the presence of the Holy Family, so may we be willing to invest - and risk - much to spend time with Christ this Christmas season. May we recognize Him as the Magi did, as Emmanuel, God-with-us. And may the joy which those Magi experienced remain in our hearts also.

God bless this Christmas season for you and your family. Christ's peace to you!

Fr. Edward

“HERE’S SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

We all have over the last number of months heard the words “Take out Tuesday”. That quotation came about to help support the closures of restaurants due to the Covid-19. AVENUE 795 has been no exception to that loss. Since March of 2020 our business has lost 90% of its events such as weddings, banquets, funerals dinners, Council functions, etc. This has taken on a huge financial strain for the business. The Friday Fish Fry’s continue at a small but steady flow of customers with in-house and carryout’s; we thank you for your patronage.

As you have seen in the past couple of newsletters, AVENUE 795 has started up a Wednesday night take out with its menu printed. We are asking for and need your support to help patronize our efforts to help keeping us afloat during these tough times. Share this with your friends and family. Make AVENUE 795 your carry out dinner for Wednesday evenings and start a new quotation **“Wednesday’s Menu at the AVENUE”**.

Columbian Club News:

Members of the Fond du Lac Columbian Club met on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for their annual meeting. President Tom Schmitz called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. Our current membership was confirmed at 627 members. 5% or 31 members were needed for a quorum. There were 32 members present for the meeting. A quorum was declared. President Tom Schmitz introduced the current board of directors (Chuck Anders, John Birschbach, Jim Braun, Jerry Lauby, Gary Muellenbach, Bob Ramstack, David Reilly, David Schneider, Harry Schneider, and Tom Will). Our corporate by-laws state that we have an eleven member board who shall be members of Council 664 in good standing. Secretary David Schneider read the minutes from the December 10, 2019 annual Columbian Club meeting. Minutes were approved as reported. Finance Committee member David Schneider then reviewed the financial report for fiscal 2020 which ended October 31, 2020. Total sales for fiscal year ending October 31, 2020 were \$282,290 down from \$511,740 the prior fiscal year. This is reflective of the Club being closed for 10 weeks and business activities being down due to COVID-19. Our Gross Margins remain in the target range of 70% at 68.1%. There was Other Income from interest and dividends of \$17,398, proceeds from a grant received from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. of \$2,500 and Gain on Sale of Assets of \$41,557. Total Operating Expenses for fiscal 2020 were \$315,468 compared to prior year of \$366,355. Notable decreases were seen in cost cutting measures taken during the time the Club was closed. Total Operating Expenses include non-cash charge for Depreciation of \$37,288. Net Loss for fiscal 2020 was \$65,642 compared to \$1,334 the prior fiscal year. It was pointed out that a SBA-PPP loan was granted from National Exchange Bank for \$48,700. These funds were used to help pay payroll and utilities within Fiscal 2020. Since our annual meeting, we received word from National Exchange Bank that our PPP loan for \$48,700 was fully paid by the SBA and our debt was fully forgiven. If that would have happened prior to the end of fiscal 2020, when the money was spent, these funds would have shown as income rather than a Liability on our Balance Sheet. This would have reduced our Net Loss to \$16,942 which includes the non-cash expense of \$37,288 for depreciation. It was also pointed out that one major non-operating expense for fiscal 2020 was \$4,400 for the Tuition Grant program for SMSA. Total Assets, as of October 31, 2020, were \$958,454 with Liabilities of \$69,756 and Net Equity of \$888,698. Our investments at fiscal year-end (Edward Jones) were \$425,853 compared to \$468,036 one year ago which is reflective of \$60,000 in withdrawals to cover operating expenses and primarily parking lot renovations/improvements. The treasurers report was approved as presented. President Tom Schmitz then announced terms for (6) of the (11) board positions will expire on December 31, 2020. Board members whose terms were expiring are David Reilly, Jim Braun, David Schneider, Bob Ramstack, Harry Schneider, and Chuck Anders. President Schmitz then asked for nominations from the floor to fill the (6) expiring board terms. Nominated for two year terms were David Reilly, Jim Braun, David Schneider, Bob Ramstack, Harry Schneider, and Chuck Anders. After no more nominations being received after (3) final requests, nominations were declared closed. With only (6) nominations received to fill the (6) expiring terms, it was declared no vote was required and the (6) nominees would fill the (6) expiring (2) year board terms. Annual committee reports were then presented by Building & Grounds Chairman Jerry Lauby, Management Committee Chairman Bob Ramstack, Club Manager Jim Rieder, and Special Road Construction Committee Chairman Tom Schmitz. President Tom Schmitz thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting. Lunch and beverages were served following the meeting compliments of the Columbian Club. The next annual Columbian Club meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021.

Respectfully, David Schneider, Fond du Lac Columbian Club Secretary

Membership: We will be holding a Degree on January 9th at 9 am at the hall. Remember this is 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees in about 35 minutes! Please call Brian at 920-539-6735 to let him know if you have a candidate so we can make room and set-up using COVID guidelines. Candidates should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out some forms. Families are welcome to come and watch with the new format.