



Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council #664



# News of the Knight September 2020

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**Grand Knight Report-** I hope this update finds you safe and healthy, this has been something we have heard a good deal this year. As Knights, not only are we concerned about our physical well-being, we have several other aspects that are important to lead lives as true followers of Christ and for us to renew and prosper as a council as we work to put our Faith in Action.

From a spiritual standpoint, we are starting a new program in September. **Prior to our monthly council meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 6:15 p.m. at the KofC Hall to begin our monthly program called “Into the Breach”**, which was released by Supreme Council early this year. There are 12 video segments of about 10 minutes each that deal with issues of leadership as a Catholic man, husband and father. We will be viewing the first of these videos and then praying a rosary together before the council meeting. We are planning to do this each month during this upcoming year.

For our charitable works, we have some important projects that we will be getting underway soon. Charis is a pregnancy help center located in Fond du Lac that assists expectant mothers from the local area with support and services. The KofC Ripon council has been leading an effort to help Charis in Fond du Lac obtain an ultrasound machine for their pro-life works. This initiative is supported by KofC Supreme Council, who will be providing \$18,000 to cover 50% of the costs for an ultrasound machine (this is part of initiative nationwide that has seen well over 100 machines placed across the country). Our council will work with Ripon to help raise the other \$18,000 needed to complete the purchase. Since protection of the pre-born is a foundation value of the order and our Catholic teaching, we look for our council to come through in a big way with this initiative. We will be getting more information out to you soon, if you would like to get involved on this project, please reach out to me directly with the contact information in this bulletin.

From a financial standpoint, we reviewed our annual budget at the August meeting. While our plans are based on being able to continue with several important activities, we know that we will also need to be flexible and responsive. Coming in October, we will be hosting our annual Chicken Dinner, this will be a carry-out type event that will be happening on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch for additional details.

**Finally, we begin this year without a Deputy Grand Knight (open since 2019).** This position is the lead in position to Grand Knight and critical for future success and sustainability of the council. The Grand Knight position is normally a two year commitment, which means my term is scheduled to end next June.

**No Deputy Grand Knight is a serious succession planning issue.** Brothers, we need you to seriously (prayerfully) consider if you are called to serve. Now is the time to make a difference, step Into the Breach!! Reach out to me for more information. WE NEED YOU!!! Thanks for everything you continue to do, God Bless you and your families. **Jim Sutton, Grand Knight**

**Holyland Blood Donor-Dave Wollersheim 62 Pints on August 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



**Brother Knights:** Pray for the return to schools, as students, teachers, and staff begin the 2020-2021 school year. Keep St Mary Springs Academy and our public high schools in your prayers. Pope Francis has spoken of the importance of education - especially of Catholic education - that "gives a soul" to the world through intellectual and moral formation, education which brings hope into the world, and which serves the Church's great mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to each person. In whatever ways we can, we must help all Catholics engaged in education to live out this mission. We ourselves, by our words and by our example, teach others about what it means to be a Catholic man in today's society. Be part of Catholic education today. Teach someone about Jesus Christ, teach someone about the Church he founded. Begin by living our Knights ideals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Be part of the solution. Teach someone, through your example and through your words, what it means to be Catholic. **God bless you all. Fr. Edward**

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Since the August article, a lot has been happening on the road construction. All storm & sewer drains, underground wiring, curb and gutter have been put in. The concrete drives into the parking lot have been poured. Work is progressing well by the county and other companies involved in the construction of the round-a-bout. If everything continues to progress as it's going, by the time you are reading this the round-a-bout will be getting close to completion.

The work on our property continues to move ahead at a good pace. Work on the new parking lot lighting is moving forward. Trenches were dug out, conduit was laid and the constructions of the light bases were poured the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. The light standards and fixtures will be added the following week. Lighting should be completed by the end of August to early September. This will be a major improvement for the safety of all.

With the final approval and receiving the sign permit, construction of the sign pillars began on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The new sign will be added to the pillars approximately late September.

The addition of 30 new parking stalls is being added to the East side of the current parking lot. The new lot has been graded and a roll over curb added for proper rain drainage and is ready for blacktopping.

**Tom Schmitz, Chairman, Road Committee**

### **Fourth Degree News**

**Brothers and Sir Knights:** We had an additional four brother Knights become Sir Knights that were omitted last month-SK Patrick Gorman, SK Francis Kern, SK Jerome Murphy, SK Ted Rady. Last month we had our annual steak fry for the 4th degree Assembly 1211. This year was a little unique in that we held it at the clubhouse instead of Lakeside park as we had done in the past. In addition to this, we also included the installation of officers for Fond du Lac Assembly 1211, Beaver Dam Assembly 1206 and West Bend Assembly 1677. With over 50 in attendance we were pleased as this was our first social gathering since the beginning of the pandemic.

Also see in the newsletter information regarding our annual Meat Raffle fundraiser. With only 550 tickets being sold, your chances of winning are pretty good. Given the current prices of meat this year it may be a pretty attractive proposition. This is a very important fundraiser for the Assembly and tickets have sold out each year, so don't delay in getting your tickets. If interested please contact SK Tom Ruby at 920-921-0275 or me at 920-251-6173.

Typically in September we hold our annual flag appreciation weekend by handing out flag lapel pins in exchange for a donation that is used to purchase flags for area nonprofits and churches. Thanks to everyone's favorite Covid-19, we are unable to do this at this time and will be skipping this year. We will enthusiastically look forward to a successful drive in 2021. **SK Dave Reilly Faithful Navigator**

**Columbian Club News:** The Fond du Lac Columbian Club board of directors met on Thursday, August 13, 2020 for their regular monthly board meeting. Treasurer Harry Schneider reviewed the financial reports as of July 31, 2020. Financial information is reflective of the KC Hall being closed beginning March 14, 2020 due to COVID-19 and reopening May 22, 2020. Total Fiscal Year-To-Date Income for the 9 months ending July 31, 2020 was \$223,308 compared to a year ago of \$377,722. July operations showed an Operating Loss of \$13,856 including a non-cash charge of \$3,060 for Depreciation. For the 9 months ending July 31, 2020, the Year To-Date-Net Loss is \$69,845 compared to the same period last year of a Loss of \$11,905. The YTD Net Loss includes a non-cash charge for Depreciation of \$27,546 and net of Interest Income of \$14,450. Total YTD Expenses were \$233,506 compared to \$279,874 last year. Our cash investments with Edward Jones, as of July 31, 2020, had a Market Value of \$487,198 which represents a change in market value of \$18,765 over prior month. No Cash withdrawn was needed. Cash on hand at month end was \$24,656. Current outstanding draws on the SBA-PPP loan is \$46,736 with \$3,928 remaining to be used. Harry pointed out that the 8 week time period to use the loan amount was extended to 25 weeks which will allow us to use all the proceeds. Harry stated the required forms were being submitted for loan forgiveness on the entire loan amount. Harry also stated that the \$2,500 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation was applied for, approved, and deposited to our checking.

Please be aware that signage has been placed in key traffic areas advising patrons of access to the KC Hall during the road construction period. As a reminder, the kitchen on Friday evenings will close at 8:00 p.m. instead of the previous 9:00 p.m. This will be monitored as business begins to return to normal. The board approved a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000 to crack seal, seal coat, and stripe all areas of the existing parking lot once the road construction is nearing completion. This will enhance the existing parking lot, eliminating variance in color due to trenching for light standards, and match the looks of the new parking lot to the east.

**Respectfully, David Schneider, Fond du Lac Columbian Club Secretary**

### ACTIVITIES IN **SEPTEMBER**

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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	SEP 01	COUNCIL #664 OFFICER MEETING 7PM
WED	SEP 02	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING@&;00 PM
WED	SEP 02	BOWLING MEETING
FRIDAY	SEP 04	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
TUESDAY	SEP 08	COUNCIL #664 BUSINESS MEETING@7PM
FRIDAY	SEP 11	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
TUESDAY	SEP 15	STEAK FRY-STEVE MICHELS CREW
TUESDAY	SEP 15	4 <sup>TH</sup> DEGREE OFFICERS AND BUSINESS MEETING@7 PM
FRIDAY	SEP 18	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM
FRIDAY	SEP 25	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM ( <b>PRIME RIB SPECIAL</b> )
THURSDAY	OCT 15	10 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY CHICKEN DINNER

### **Knights of Columbus Council 664 Minutes From 8/11/2020 General Council Meeting**

The council was called to order at 7:00 pm by GK Jim Sutton-Opening prayer was offered by GK Jim Sutton-Roll call of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused)

Chaplain	Fr. Edward Sanchez	A	Advocate	Dick Taddy	P
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Grand Knight	Jim Sutton	P		Warden	Gerald Towle	P
Deputy GK	OPEN			Inside Guard	Cory Fitzgerald	P
Chancellor	Brian Carter	A		Outside Guard	Jim Putzer	A
Recorder	Steve Soldner	P		Trustee (3 Yr)	Steve Streblov	P
Fin. Secretary	Steve Michels	P		Trustee (2 Yr)	Dave Reilly	P
Treasurer	Bill Sawyer	P		Trustee (1 Yr)	Jerry Kaiser	P
Lecturer	OPEN					

Minutes: Approved as posted in the newsletter--Membership: We are pleased to welcome our newest member, John Tennes. John joined via the new virtual installation.

Guests: 1. District Deputy Lawrence Leinhardt: The District Deputy performed the installation of the council's 2020/21 officers.

Treasurer's Report: Read and approved. (See attached)

approved

Communications: None

Bills: read and approved for payment

Trustee's Report:

Financial Secretary's Report: Read and

Unfinished Business:

1. As requested from last month's meeting, the officer's brought forth to the council a recommendation of \$500 each for two FOCUS missionaries, and 1 Brew City Catholic missionary. After discussion the motion passed.
2. The officer's also brought forth a recommendation of a \$200 donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Motion to approve was made and passed.
3. Thank you again for the \$8,625 raised for the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. There will be a check presentation at the next council meeting. Join us if you can.
4. The fiscal 2020/21 budget was reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve was made and passed.

Grand Knight's Communication:

1. Starting with the September general meeting, you are invited to join other Brother Knights to watch a short video from the series "Into The Breach", created by the Knights of Columbus, and pray the Rosary starting at 6:15 pm.
2. The Walleye Weekend virtual drive is live until August 31<sup>st</sup>. Use the link that was sent out in a Flocknote this past week.
3. The Tootsie Roll drive will be held virtually also. Buy a box or a case! Stay tuned for further details.
4. Chicken Dinner will be held Thursday October 13th from 4:30-7:00. \$12 for carry out only. All proceeds will go to Broken Bread.
5. CHARIS Pregnancy Center fund drive for an Ultrasound in conjunction with the Ripon council is being organized. If interested in helping to coordinate this, please contact one of the council officers.

Committee Reports:

1. Columbian Club: Progress is continuing the roundabout, new parking area, and parking lot lights.
2. Fourth Degree: Flag Appreciation weekend is currently on hold. Meat raffle tickets are still available. Only 550 tickets will be sold.

Good of the Order: Please remember in your prayers the following deceased members; Harold Birschbach and Mark Haack. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them." Motion to adjourn was made and passed-Closing Prayer was led by: Grand Knight Jim Sutton. Meeting ended at: 8:06 pm--Attested by: **Steve Soldner, Recorder**

**Ladies Auxiliary News:** Nest scheduled meeting will be @7:00 pm September 2, 2020 at the clubhouse. Janet Buechel, Publicity. <https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

New 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**

**MEAT RAFFLE**

ALL MEATS ARE FROM BRANDON MEATS & SAUSAGE

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZES:** BEEF BUNDLE 50 LBS. OR \$300.00 CASH

**BEEF BUNDLE** INCLUDES: 5 LBS. CHOPPED SIRLOINS

10 LBS. GROUND CHUCK

10 LBS. ROUND STEAK

9 LBS. CHUCK ROAST

10 LBS. STEAK

6 LBS. PATTIES

**3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZES:** COOKOUT BUNDLE 50 LBS. OR \$200.00 CASH

**COOKOUT BUNDLE** INCLUDES: 8 LBS. BONELESS SIRLOIN

12 LBS. CHUCK PATTIES

8 LBS. PORK STEAK

12 LBS. CHICKEN

5 LBS. WIENERS

5 LBS. BRATS

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> PRIZES:** PORK BUNDLE 50 LBS. OR \$175.00 CASH

**PORK BUNDLE** INCLUDES: 10 LBS. COUNTRY STYLE RIBS

5 LBS. BRATS OR LINKS

10 LBS. PORK CHOPS

10 LBS. PORK ROAST

10 LBS. PORK STEAK

5 LBS. BACON

**7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, & 9<sup>TH</sup> PRIZES:** \$100.00 CASH

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 PM – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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**ONLY 550 TICKETS SOLD**

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SK TOM RUBY

27 STONE CASTLE DR.

FOND DU LAC, WI 54935-8099

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CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_



## RENAMING & MARKETING OF HALL

As stated in the August issue of the News of the Knight newsletter; Knights of Columbus Councils cannot own buildings; therefore Corporations are formed for the purpose of owning the property and building. Our Corporation is known as the Fond du Lac Columbian Club, Inc. All members of Council 664 in good standing are members of the Corporation. The Supreme Council Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut under its guidelines for the display of trademarks, talks about the use of the Knights of Columbus name and emblem which are trademarks of the organization. Corporations are not authorized to use the "Marks" of the Knights of Columbus. Corporations should avoid branding or marketing their facilities and business in a manner that would confuse or mislead the public into thinking that the local Knights of Columbus Council owns the Corporation property or its rental business. **Please note; this is the main reasoning behind the name change to take place.**

As you all know, with the construction of a round-a-bout, the large KC sign had to come down. The Columbian Corporation, back in October of 1989, had a resolution with the City which stated to remove and relocate the Knights of Columbus sign to a new location at the time of the final street location, provided that said location is in conformance with the City Sign Code. The KC sign as impressive as it looked, would not meet code due to its size and structure. In the final settlement between the City and the Columbian Club we received a cash settlement. The Board felt this was a good time for us to think about renaming and rebranding the hall due to the road construction and removal of the large Knights of Columbus sign.

The Board along with Club Manager Jim Rieder then met with Vince Paul, our marketing person, on how we should name and market the business. With a new name and with a well marketed plan, we hope to increase the volume of business for weddings and other events we are able to host. A new name will also change the opinion that this is a place open for public use instead of being used only by members of the Knights of Columbus.

By emphasizing and branding the hall to the general public for occasion such as; WEDDINGS, EVENTS & DINING is what brought the Board to the decision of the new name. The Fond du Lac Columbian Board of Directors is pleased to announce a rebrand of our facility now known as **AVENUE 795**. The name may have changed however, the service and quality of food will always remain the same along with the dedication of the Club Manager and the employees. The sign, **AVENUE 795**, will have a modern and up-to-date look with a backlighted logo on the upper portion and a LED motion sign highlighting WEDDINGS, EVENTS & DINING taking place. **AVENUE 795** remains the home of Knights of Columbus Council 664 and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 1211. The name change will not have any effect on the activities or programs of Council 664 or the involvement of the community.

We have scheduled a public announcement of the name change tentatively for Friday October 2 along with the dedication of our new sign. The exact date and time will be sent to you. This process by the Board of Directors, was given a great deal of time and consideration and we wanted to do it right.

**Thomas R Schmitz**, President Fond du Lac Columbian Club, Inc.

### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

### CARRYOUTS ONLY

Thursday October 15, 2020 - Ticket Price - \$12.00 each

## Advance ticket sales only

Tickets available at the KC Clubhouse - Serving 4:30 – 7:00

½ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll

All proceeds benefit local food pantries-

Contact Jim Rieder at 921-1290 or [jimr@kchallfdl.com](mailto:jimr@kchallfdl.com)