



Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council #664



# News of the Knight



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### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



As we enter the month of May, we are reminded of the special devotion Catholics hold for the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother. Throughout the centuries, May has been dedicated to honoring her grace, humility, and unwavering faith. As Knights of Columbus, it is fitting for us to embrace this tradition and deepen our understanding of Mary's role in our lives and in the Church. The month of May holds particular significance in the Catholic calendar as a time to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is a time for us to reflect on her virtues and seek her intercession as we navigate life's challenges. Just as Mary stood by her son during his earthly ministry, she stands by each of us as a loving and compassionate mother, ready to guide us closer to her son, Jesus Christ. One of the most beautiful ways we can honor Mary during this month is through the devotion of the May Crowning. This tradition involves placing a crown of flowers upon a statue of Mary, symbolizing her queenship and her special place in our hearts. May Crowning ceremonies often take place in churches, schools, and communities around the world, including right here in our own parishes and schools in Fond du Lac County.

As Knights of Columbus, let us take this opportunity to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary. Let us turn to her in prayer, seeking her guidance and protection for ourselves, our families, and our communities. Let us strive to emulate her virtues of faith, humility, and love in all that we do, following her example as faithful disciples of her son, Jesus Christ.

During this month of May, I encourage each of you to participate in May Crowning ceremonies, to pray the Rosary daily, and to foster a deeper relationship with Mary. Let us unite as brothers in Christ, under the loving gaze of our Blessed Mother, as we continue our mission of charity, unity, and fraternity as Knights of Columbus.

May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary strengthen us in our faith and guide us ever closer to her son, Jesus Christ.

*In Christ, Fr. Ryan Pruess, Chaplain-Council #664*

## Grand Knight Remarks

Welcome to Spring Brothers! MAY I be the first to say it sure feels good to be waving bye bye to the cold weather. And MAY I remind you all that the next 2 months will test the metal we're made of.

First up is our annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive, MAY 3 – 5, which means that "MAY THE FORTH BE WITH US". (Bad joke, I know.) Brothers, on the outside chance you haven't taken the time to sign up for a shift on that weekend, please do. We will find a spot for you. You should have received a Flocknote showing available shifts, call a Captain and get in on the fun. This fundraiser is vital to the support we give to the organizations that provide services to those special folks that can use a little extra help.

Don't forget, that our biggest event of the year is in June, Walleye Weekend will be on us sooner than you think, so please set some time aside on that weekend (June 7-9) to come help us out. Shifts are 2 ½ hours and many hands will be needed. The funds raised at WW are the monies used to support ALL the rest of the organizations that we currently support and new ones that show up every year.

Remember brothers, the reason we became Knights was to support Church, family and community. Without the support we distribute every year, someone that has benefited from our past generosity may have to go without. Brothers, WE ARE THE HANDS AND FEET OF OUR LORD JESUS ON EARTH! We are here to bring the Love of Jesus to the world, let's not disappoint our Lord. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48).

We have one more obligation in May, we will be ushering at 2 Mass's at Holy Hill on May 19th. Mass times 10am and noon. We still need brothers to help out with this small endeavor. If you can help out that Sunday morning, please contact me ASAP. I'm looking for 8 more brothers.

We're still looking for a few more brothers to fill Officer and Committee Chairs. These positions are of vital importance to the operation for "your" council. Please prayerfully consider taking a leadership role. You won't regret the decision.

**Deputy Grand Knight:** The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right-hand man and fills in for the grand knight when he is not present. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

**Chancellor:** The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's membership. His primary responsibilities include recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention committees.

May God Bless each and every one of you and your families,

**Vivat Jesus! Evan Schwalbe GK664**

**May Knight of the Month:** Richard "Dick" Grebe; has been an active and continuous member for 58 years.

**May Family of the Month:** PGK Jim and Lisa Sutton.

## ACTIVITIES IN MAY

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 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:

WED MAY 01 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING @7PM  
FRIDAY MAY 03 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)  
FRI-SUNDAY MAY 3-5 COUNCIL #664 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED  
SUNDAY MAY 05 AVENUE 795 OPEN FOR CINCO D MAYO  
TUESDAY MAY 07 COUNCIL #664 OFFICER MEETING @6:30 PM  
FRIDAY MAY 10 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)  
SUNDAY MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH (TAKING RESERVATIONS)SERVING 10-2  
TUESDAY MAY 14 COUNCIL #664 BUSINESS MEETING @7PM  
THURSDAY MAY 16 COLUMBIAN CLUB MEETING  
THURSDAY MAY 16 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MEMORIAL MASS AND DINNER  
FRIDAY MAY 17 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)  
TUESDAY MAY 19 STEAK FRY- STEVE MICHELS CREW  
FRIDAY MAY 24 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)  
FRIDAY MAY 31 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)

**Ladies Auxiliary News:** The 57th annual birthday dinner of the KC Ladies Auxiliary chaired by Lori Feyen opened with prayer by Sandy Hoepfner. There were 45 members present. A delicious dinner was served by the 4th degree men, Tom Schmitz, Jerry Lauby and Dave Reilly. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. Ann Kaiser reported that April 18th 12:30 – 2:30 help is needed at St. Vincent de Paul store. A tentative date for a brat fry would be May 25th / 26th. Help will be needed to fry and serve. It was approved to donate \$100.00 to “United Singers” for supplies. New members( 2 or 3) for the board will be needed for next year. Please consider doing this. It does not require much work or time. If anyone has ideas for speakers or presenters, contact a board member. The committee for the dinner was Ann Kaiser, Sandy Hoepfner, Mary Zwicker, Sharon Paul and Mary Ann Salter. The next meeting is May 1st and Marian Freund will talk about the Luminous Mysteries. Items for the “Brown Bag “ lunch program (peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, juice boxes etc.) will be collected. Refreshment committee will be Chris Beres, Robin Anders and Sue Neumann. Raffle winner were Chris Willis. Floral centerpieces were handed out for door prizes. Winners were Chris Winter, Roseann Butz, Ann Wilhelm, Connie Kaminski, Marian Freund, Terri Manthey, Lin Phillips, Bev Sabel. Closing prayer was said by Sandy Hoepfner and meeting was adjourned. A memorial service was held for deceased members.

**Janet Buechel, Publicity.** <https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

### **Honorary Pall Bearers: SK PKG JOSEPH SCHMITZ -APRIL 16, 2024**

Brian Carter, Evan Schwalbe, Tom Schmitz, Greg Michels, Jole Ryan, Ben Koenen, Jerry Kaiser, Alan Kraus, Larry Schneider, Tom Ruby, Jerry Lauby, Jim Thome, Peter Flood, Dick Grebe, Paul Dreifuerst, John Buechel, Ted Kern, Jim Davenport

 **Fourth Degree News** 

**Brothers & Sir Knights:** Please consider attending the Memorial Mass and dinner in honor of the ladies of deceased Sir Knights. In May we also have election of officers. If you are interested in helping out please contact me or any of the other officers. The Memorial Mass and dinner in honor of the ladies of deceased Sir Knights is Thursday May 16th. Mass begins at 5:00 PM. Social, dinner, and program to follow. The Flag Appreciation dinner is Thursday June 13th. **SK Bob Elms, FN**

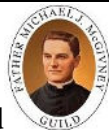
**COLUMBIAN CLUB REPORT:** The Fond du Lac Columbian Club board of directors met on Thursday April 11, 2024, for their regular monthly board meeting. Management Committee Chairman David Reilly reported that Easter Brunch was very successful with over 500 served. Congratulations to Pam and staff for a “Job Well Done”. Dave also reported that we are moving forward with the purchase and installation of a POS (Point-of-Sale) system. This will streamline Friday Night bill creation and paying and will make Avenuen795 more user friendly. This system will also allow Pam and her staff to expand business hours to be open to the public Wednesday and Thursday evenings for food and drink. Currently planning on a late May timeframe. Board member Dave Beres presented a proposal to add “Avenue 795” signage to the West and south sides of the building. Dave is further investigating the size and location of the signage. This will provide further visibility to the public regarding who we are as they travel past the building. A delicious Mother’s Day brunch is planned for Sunday, May 12th. Reservations are required.

**David Schneider, Columbian Club Secretary**

**Thanks for Making A Difference - Tootsie Roll Drive - May 3 - 5**

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to assist the Intellectually Disabled is the weekend of May 3 - 5. This is one of our largest fundraisers and provides a great opportunity for the Fond du Lac and parish community to see our council in action! Each of you play a key part - coordinators, collectors, runners and counters. Family members and children are encouraged to help out as well. Please keep the drive in your prayers for another successful event.

Finally, please check the Mass you attend on May 4 or May 5th to see if help is needed at that site. Questions, please contact Jim Sutton at 920 948-5453 or Steve Streblov at 920 924-7817. God bless you and your families!



**Blessed Fr McGivney Guild**

Brother knights, Jim Guell brought up at the meeting the Fr.McGivney guild newsletter he gets which has numerous stories of favors granted through the intercession of Fr. McGivney.

If you would like more information about this guild and how you too can receive the newsletter, see the website below. **About the Guild**

Members of the Guild, and who are devoted to Father McGivney are urged to pray for his intercession in times of need and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

# Council 664 Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

## May 3 – 5, 2023

Our captains are currently contacting members to schedule time for the identified locations below. Family members are also invited to participate! If you are not contacted but still want to volunteer, please call one of the chairmen or coordinators listed below.

Thank you,

Co-Chairs: Jim Sutton (920-948-5453)

Steve Streblow (920-924-7817)

### Office and Pickup

Dave Verges

Mike Schmitz

Dennis Buechel

Bill Sawyer

Dave Youngwirth

Jerry Lauby

Brian Carter

Tom Ruby

Jim Sutton

### Business Sites – Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4

<u>Site</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Kwik Trip – Main St & Johnson St	Brian Carter	920-539-6735
Kwik Trip – South Main St	David Schneider	920-960-0170
Kwik Trip – Hickory St & 41	Evan Schwalbe	920-960-6516
Kwik Trip – Scott St and Peters Ave	Al Krause	920-960-2223
Kwik Trip – Hwy 23 & Rolling Meadows	Steve Soldner	920-266-6162
Festival Foods	Pat Austin	920-906-9100
Philly's on 4 <sup>TH</sup>	Bob Elms	920-922-4404
Pick 'n Save – Johnson St	Bob Elms	920-922-4404
Pick 'n Save – Pioneer Rd	Tony Hoepfner	920-921-9626
Kitz & Pfeil Ace Hardware	Dan Moul	920-979-7107
Solicitations	Coordinator Needed	Call Chairman to Help

### Churches – Saturday Mass, May 4 and Sunday Mass May 5

<u>Site</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Holy Family – FDL	Mark Schmitz	920-904-6485
St. Mary – FDL	Mike Vander Sanden	920-904-1629
Sacred Heart – FDL	Tom Theisen	920-539-3506
Presentation – NFDL	Al Krause	920-960-2223
Our Risen Savior – WOODHULL	Greg Michels	920-921-1802
St. Peter – ST PETER	Rick Stoegbauer	920-921-6567
Shepherd of the Hills - EDEN	Tim Hanlon	920-477-4777

***SPECIAL REQUEST: Even if you are helping at one of our business sites, please consider helping out after one of the Masses also – call your church coordinator!***

***On behalf of all those with intellectual disabilities, thanks for your service!!***