Fr. Mathias **Zerfas** Council #664

News of the Knight December 2026

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Grand Knight Remarks

Brothers in Christ: Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and managed to get you're shovels ready. Brothers, in the last two months we looked at the vows of Charity and Unity, the last vow we agreed to as Knights of Columbus, is Fraternity. Read the lesson on Fraternity that we all agreed to abide by when we chose to become Knights.

Lesson on Fraternity

Gentlemen, a Knight of Columbus is a man of integrity. He takes responsibility for his actions. He is also a man for others. He guards and protects those under his care. He stands united with his brothers and with them he puts his faith into action.

A Knight of Columbus is called to fraternal charity with his brother Knights. And is called to fraternal unity with them. As the psalmist says, "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one!"

United by Baptism and the Eucharist, Knights of Columbus stand ready as brothers to bear one another's burdens. Where there is a spiritual or material need, we assist one another by prayer, council and practical support.

Our Lord calls us to live in fraternal communion, and to encourage one another.

We follow the counsel of St. John the Evangelist, who told us: "Whoever does not love a brother whom **he has seen** cannot love God whom **he has not seen.** This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Our bond of Fraternity is not merely a lofty principle. It is the way of life of a steadfast Knight of Columbus strengthened by the Holy Spirit. It is the responsibility of every Knights of Columbus council to be an exemplary model of Catholic fraternity.

In times past, a candidate for knighthood spent the eve of his knighting in a church, upon his knees, placing his sword and shield before the alter of the King of Kings, his Lord and God.

Today, Knights of Columbus continue to serve this same king – Christ the King, truly present in the Eucharist.

While founded as an organization of Catholic laymen, our Order has always had a special relationship with our priests. We owe our very existence to the vision and determination of one parish priest whose heroic virtue continues to inspire us today.

The Knights of Columbus was, is and always shall be a brotherhood in solidarity with our priests whose ministry makes present to us Christ in the Eucharist.

I'd like to thank all Brothers that helped to make the chicken dinner as well as the food drive a great success. I'd also like to express my appreciation to the 4th Degree for a wonderful evening recognizing our Military Veterans.

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Knight of the Month*:* Peter Flood is the KC Council 664 Knight of the Month for December 2026. Peter is a 20-year continuous member of Council 664. Peter currently serves om the Columbian Club Board of Directors.

Ladies Auxiliary News: The KC Ladies Auxiliary meeting chaired by Sue Neumann had 28 members present. Prayer was said by Fr. Alex Becker. He talked about his road to the priesthood. He was from Port Washington, has 2 sisters and played sports. He graduated from UW Madison with a degree in mechanical engineering. He stopped going to Mass, but later returned. He was an intern at Disney World. He dated for a while, but felt God had a different plan for him. He entered the seminary and was ordained and assigned to Holy Family. Fr. Craig Richter also talked about his journey. He was from Waukesha, has 1 brother and 1 sister. He went to Univ Minnesota and was a CPA for 6 mos. He moved to Kansas City and dated for a while. He entered the seminary in Kansas City and later came to St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained and assigned to Holy Family. The secretary's & treasurer's reports were read and approved. The brat fry netted $1676.98 for the auxiliary. A donation of $100.00 to SMSA for the annual appeal, $50.00 to "Shop with a Cop" was approved. The DAR will be placing wreaths on veteran's graves at Calvary and St. Charles cemeteries on Dec. 19, we will have coffee & hot chocolate at Avenue 795 for them. We donated $285.00 for the "Coats for Kids" drive with the men. A collection for the Christmas family was taken and will again be taken in Dec., for waitress at Avenue 795 Kathy Kikkert. The Christmas party will be on **Wed. Dec. 9**, cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. The entree is chicken stir-fry. Call Barb Michels to reserve a place(920-922-2437) by **Dec. 3.** The raffle winner was Sharon Hughes. Thank you to refreshment committee: Colleen Merkel, Peggy Majerus and Lucy Paczkowski. There is no meeting in January. Closing prayer was said by Fr. Richter. A rosary for deceased member Kate Barr was said. Meeting was adjourned. **Janet Buechel, Publicity.**
https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/

Coats for Kids

Brothers: it's that time of year again when the nights are turning colder and that can only mean one thing, winter is coming. Our community has many children who need a coat this winter. We have our website donation page set up to receive donations electronically now! Visit kc664.org to donate. With the help of your donations and the Ladie's Aux, last year we donated 72 brand new coats to those kids in need. Please prayerfully consider helping our this year. I plan on ordering the coats this week. Thanks again, Brian Carter PGK 920-539-6735

Brother Knights, the State of Wisconsin Council is has done away with State Flocknote and all information will be in a e-publication titled "Vivat". It can be accessed from the State website at KofC Wisconsin State Council or our website https://kc664.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Vivat-November.pdf Please take a few minutes to look over the current issue as well as the 2 earlier issues.

ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

The following is a list of activities during the month of December for COUNCIL #664 and the Ladies Auxiliary. All activities at AVENUE 795, 795 Fond du Lac Ave., FOND DU LAC, WI. Unless otherwise stated:

TUESDAY DEC 01 #664 OFFICER'S MEETING@6:30PM
WED DEC 02 EMPTY BOWL-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FRIDAY DEC 04 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30PM TO 8PM **(Members and Public Welcomed)**
TUESDAY DEC 08 #664 COUNCIL MEETING@7PM
TUESDAY DEC 08 ANNUAL MEETING 8PM
WED DEC 09 LADIES AUXILIARY AND CHRISTMAS PARTY@7PM
FRIDAY DEC 11 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30PM TO 8PM **(Members and Public Welcomed)**
SUNDAY DEC 13 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND BREAKFAST BUFFET (**Members and Public Welcomed)**
TUESDAY DEC 15 PRIME RIB STEAK FRY-Tom Schmitz Crew (SEE NOTE)
WED DEC 16 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE **(Members and Public Welcomed)**
FRIDAY DEC 18 FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30PM TO 8PM **(Members and Public Welcomed)**
FRIDAY DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1-CLOSED-**MERRY CHRISTmas AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

And the Winner is……
Local Food Pantries!

The 16th Annual Chicken Dinner hosted by the K of C Council #664 and held on October 29th at Avenue 795 had a very successful outcome. We sold 185 tickets and fundraised approximately $2,300 (after expenses) for distribution to local food pantries. I would like to thank our manager, Pam Burmeister, and her staff for putting together the tasty chicken dinners and fixings, the delicious new dessert options, and having the kitchen and hall in excellent shape for a smooth operation. I heard several positive comments on the good taste and quality of the food platters.

In order for the Council to raise the most possible funds for the local food pantries, we relied on substantial volunteer help and many of our members and spouses stepped up to assist. I would like to thank all of the following folks for their generous volunteering of their time and talents:

Jerry Lauby	Scott Gilgenbach	John Buechel	Katie Buechel	Jim Thome	Carl Jakubowski
Dave Schneider	Dave Yungwirth	Dan Bord	Mary Bord	Peter Flood	Kevin Merness
Bob Elms	Greg Deer	Louie Paynter	Dave Nickel	Dave Verges	Sharon Paul
Chuck Anders	Evan Schwalbe	Bruce Donovan	Marilyn Donovan	Jim Manthey	Terri Manthey
Jerry Stephany	Duane Rebek	Mark Schmitz	Rose Schmitz	Nancy Sawyer	

And a special thanks to all members and the general public who purchased tickets to this event and help those in need in our community. **Bill Sawyer**

OFFICIAL NOTICE – FOND DU LAC COLUMBIAN CLUB, INC.

The annual meeting of the Fond du Lac Columbian Club, Inc. will be held at **Avenue 795**, 795 Fond du Lac, WI 54935 on **Tuesday December 8, 2026**. The meeting will start following the closure of Council 664's regular monthly meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The following business will be conducted:

1. Elect a total of six (6) members as Board of Directors for a two (2) year term effective 01/01/2027.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2025, Annual Meeting.
3. Treasurer's report for Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2026.
4. Review of the committee's reports on the past fiscal year's activities.
    a. Building & Grounds
    b. Management
    c. Club Manager's report
5. 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 welcomed and **encouraged.**

In person presence of members representing five (5) percent 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.

The following are the names of the current six (6) board members whose terms expire December 31, 2026:

Bill Sawyer, David Reilly, Scott Gilgenbach, David Schneider, David Beres, Chuck Anders

Lunch and Refreshments will be served following the meeting compliments of the Columbian Club.

Chuck Anders, President **David Schneider, Secretary**



110th WISCONSIN STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Manitowoc, WI

The Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament will be held in Manitowoc, WI at Manitowoc Lanes and hosted by Two Rivers Council #1957. The tournament will be held on five weekends; February 27th and 28th, the first three weekends of March, and April 3rd and 4th, and April 10th and 11th only if needed. Shift schedules for the tournament dates are at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM both Saturdays and Sundays. There is only a noon shift on the opening weekend. Entry fee is $35.00 per person per handicap event. There is a $5.00 "Early Bird Discount" per event if you have your entry form is postmarked by January 15, 2026.

NEW FOR TOURNAMENT BOWLERS:

This year the State Bowling tournament has opened the tournament to ALL bowlers. Requirement is as follows:

Team Event, a minimum of two Knights of Columbus members or Lady Knights in good standing must be included on each Team Entry. The other Team entrants may be an invited guest.

Doubles Event, The invited guest shall be eligible to enter the Doubles Event with a KC member or lady Knight for this event.

Singles Event, Invited guest shall be eligible to enter the singles event.

Definition of Invited Guest and Lady Knight:

Invited guest is a person 18 years of age. A Lady Knight is the spouse or significant other of the Knight in good standing.

Fillable entry forms are available on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Council website. When on the State Website go to FOR MEMBERS, click on Fraternal Activities and click LEARN MORE of the State Bowling Tournament. For any questions on the tournament, please contact Leon Seliger at 715-470-1641 or email him at leon.seliger@icloud.com

WINTER MONTHS--PRIME RIB STEAK FRIES

For the winter month's Men's Steak Fry Night, we will be bringing back "Prime Rib Night" for the winter months of December, January, February, and March. Pam and her crew will be making their mouthwatering "Prime Rib". The steak fry crews for these months will still need to have a cashier, 50-50 salesperson, and a set-up crew. Also, even though the cooks get a break from the cold weather, at least two of the cooking crew members will be needed to help with the serving of the Prime Rib dinner.

On an important note. As a council function we try hard to keep cost close to a break-even point. At the time of this article, the cost of the meat has gone up. Pam will keep an eye out for the best possible price as she purchases the meat. There will be a slight surcharge for the month of December for the "Prime Rib Night" meal. We will look at the cost on a monthly basis for the "Prime Rib Night" months only. We are estimating a $3 to $5 surcharge pending the costs involved. This is still an exceptional price for the dinner which includes your Prime Rib, baked potato, salad, rolls, and coffee.

The evening is open to members and guest. The evening starts at 5:00 pm for social time with dinners start at 6:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE, during these few months, especially December, we would appreciate a call to Pam at 921-1290 for an approximate head count. Reservations are not needed to attend but a call would be helpful to estimate the attendance.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA--BREAKFAST BUFFET
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH
AVENUE 795
TAKE A PHOTO ON THE STAGE WITH SANTA
DECORATE A CHRISTMAS COOKIE
MAKE AN ORNAMENT
ADULTS … $18.00--CHILDREN 5 – 12 … $10.00
CHILDREN 4 and UNDER "FREE"
SERVING 9:00 TO 12:00--STOP IN OR CALL PAM AT 921-1290 FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS