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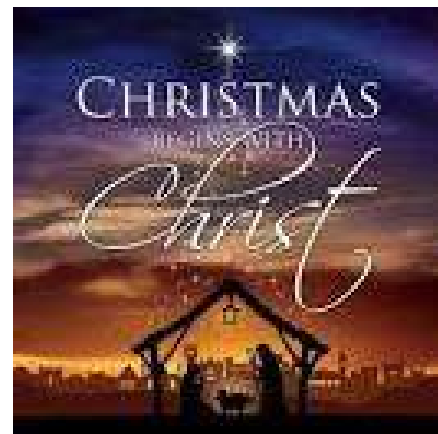
December 2023



Grand Knight's Report (Guest report by Financial Secretary David Miller)



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Brother Knights,

We hope this message finds you and your families doing well as we enter this Advent season.

We appreciate each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment to the Knights of Columbus. We are impacting lives and our community by this group of men and your commitment to faith through prayer and works. However your commitment to the Knights in 2023 came to life - either financial support, prayer support and/or in-person involvement - each of you have played an important role in serving the Church uniquely through the Knights and we pray that this can continue in the year ahead.

You should have received an email from 'Knights of Columbus' with the subject "Dues Notice for Council 13359". If you do not find it, please check your spam/junk folder or reach out to me.

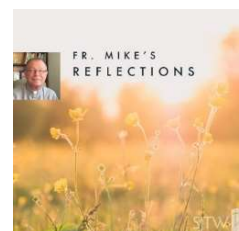
As we collect dues again this year, please consider the following paths to turning in your dues payment:

- **Most Preferred:** Electronically (Venmo) – @Aaron-Manse...if you need to confirm the final 4 digits of Aaron's phone number they are 0608
- **Also Accepted:**
In Person – Find a Knight at Church/At KoC Events
By Mail – 19194 Creekside Trail, Rogers, MN 55311

David Miller

PASTOR'S CORNER with Father Mike

Shortly after my mother died one of my older sisters said she would bring the sweet potatoes for our Thanksgiving gathering. She did. Never having made them before she brought them to my house, cut them up with the peels on them, put them in the water to boil, and then served them that way. No one took many because they did not taste like they had before. The next year I made them the way my mother did. The older sister felt we had too much because no one likes sweet potatoes anyway. In fact, the two large cake pans were gone. Everyone asked for the recipe. I guess folks like sweet potatoes. Especially if you cook them with brown sugar and butter. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving this year. We have much to be thankful for. Fr. Mike



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When planning for retirement, many people fail to consider one important and potentially significant expense...the cost of long-term care services.

The average cost of nursing home care is quickly approaching \$97,000 a year according to WhatCareCosts.com/KnightsOfColumbus. And that's just for one person. If both partners need care, a retirement nest egg could be depleted quickly. Without a plan to pay for long-term care services, you could be putting everything you have worked a lifetime to accumulate at risk.

So how will you pay?

Like most people, you may mistakenly believe your long-term care needs already are taken care of. However, major medical insurance doesn't cover long-term care services. Medicare coverage is limited to helping you get back on their feet after an illness or injury. And relying on Medicaid may mean spending down assets to qualify.

With these options off the table, how would you pay for the care you may need? Here are three good questions you need to ask yourself:

- Could you afford to pay up to \$97,000 a year out of your retirement savings?
- Would you have access to the funds you need? Or would you have to sell assets, cash in stocks, or dip into 401(k) or other savings accounts?
- Which asset would you use to pay for long-term care services?

Talk to your Knights of Columbus Field Agent about how he can help you create a plan to fund for the care you may need someday.

Dan Falstad
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INSURANCE
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Council Officers for 2022-2023

John Jordan	Grand Knight	763 557-6997
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David Miller	Financial Sec.	515 883-0316
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John Yaeger	Trustee 1	763 420-5942

Upcoming Calendar of Events

December

- 12 No Regular Membership Meeting
- 14 Membership Meeting and Christmas Party
- 19 Officer Planning Meeting
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS





Donor Advised Fund

Were you aware that the council has established a charitable endowment fund? Anyone can donate to this fund as a tax deductible donation and any brother Knight or Auxiliary member can make recommendations for distributions from the fund for charitable purposes. The most recent contribution to the fund came from a bequest on the funeral of Sir Knight Don Vandergon.

St. Joseph the Worker Council #13359 FUND BALANCE

\$6,748.79 Available

\$6,748.79 Market Value
Recent Contributions

Amount	Type	Status
\$1,995.00	Online Check	Posted

RECRUITING

Have you asked a friend, acquaintance, or total stranger to join the Knights this week? You should, and direct them to **Knights.net** to join us on-line. Free first year dues have been extended. They can enter their personal information and use the code DFALSTAD in the agent referral box and BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to have their first year dues waived. Have them use your member number or 2743823 as a referral number so we know they are interested in our council.

Once they are an on-line member we can schedule an in-person exemplification ceremony for them.



Remember your pledge in your first degree to carry your rosary always and to pray it often. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers. Some are having health or family issues but some may be just listed randomly for your prayers. E-mail djfalstad@yahoo.com to add anyone to the list.

Jim Roehl John Ruffing Saima Prabhu John Jordan

Tom Seeger Jamie Dunne Bud Brown

Fran McLaughlin Larry Gervais Patrick Farrelly

Shanna Dunne Fanucci Family David Wenthold



Report of the Fourth Degree

The Nicollet Assembly No. 526 Annual Christmas Party celebrating all of the Ladies of the Nicollet Assembly will be held on Sunday, December 3rd beginning at 4:00pm at the Links of Norhtfork in Ramsey. You have missed the RSVP deadline for this year but consider joining the 4th Degree and join us with your spouse next year.



If you are interested in joining with your brother Knights next year on Lake of the Woods we plan to leave June 10th, 2024. Please contact Dan Falstad at 612 310-5254 details.



Your Newsletter

Please forward articles, pictures, and suggestions for changes to the newsletter to Dan. This is your newsletter and you can include whatever you wish.

We are always looking for a new editor as Dan is moving out of the area. He can remain in contact with you for as long as you need if you would like to take over publishing.



All Knights and Ladies Auxiliary are invited to our

- Annual Christmas Party

on Thursday, Dec 14th. Bring a dish to share and a \$20 wrapped gift per person for the party game.

Pot luck and game starts at 7 pm after short meetings at 6pm. This meeting will be in lieu of the regular 2nd Tuesday meeting.



Ladies Auxiliary

LKC Meetings 2nd Monday of the month unless noted – Youth Room

After Mass hospitality 3rd Sunday of the month (Sunday after monthly meeting)

Baptism books distributed to parents at time of Baptism

Ongoing – 1st Anniversary cards and Masses

	April 13-14 LKC After Mass Social Hour April 27 Knights Steak dinner Date pending KC Ladies State Convention Glow-in-dark rosaries for First Communicants Lanyards for Confirmands
MAY	May 10 Flowers and pizza! Knight's Room May 11-12 Mother's Day corsages and flowers May 13 LKC Meeting May 18-19 LKC After Mass Social Hour
JUNE	Rest!
JULY	Jam!

DECEMBER	December 2-3 Christmas Bake Sale December 14 Knights Christmas potluck and gift exchange Dec 16-17 LKC After Mass Social Hour Wrap up parish blanket collection
JANUARY	January 8 LKC Meeting and baby blanket making Youth Room Jan 13-14 LKC After Mass Social Hour
FEBRUARY	Feb 4 Knights Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Feb 13 Mardi Gras Dinner with Fr Mike and Deacons Feb 17-18 LKC After Mass Social Hour Feb 23 Friday night Lenten fish fry
MARCH	March 11 LKC Meeting Youth Room March 15 Friday night Lenten fish fry March 16-17 LKC After Mass Social Hour March 16-24 Annual Used Book Sale for CROSS March 24 Palm Sunday distribution of Easter eggs March 24 Palm Sunday Knights pancake breakfast
APRIL	April 8 LKC Meeting Youth Room

“A life not lived for others is not a life.” – Mother Teresa

Living as the hands and feet of Christ in today's world means embracing a Commitment to Parish Life. Parishioner Nancy Senst joined the Lady Knights in 2017 while looking for volunteer opportunities. She's now finishing her second year as President of the 50-person group, the second largest in Minnesota. Through fundraising, volunteering, and events held throughout the year, the Lady Knights work to help the homeless, unborn, and local communities.



FLEECE BLANKET LC OCT 15 - DEC 31

The Need for warm blankets is always URG



Fleece Blanket Love!

Oct 15- Dec 31

Once again the Ladies will be collecting blankets for homeless shelters. Have you put an extra blanket on your bed already?

Blankets are needed now! Great family project to make a fleece blanket and donate it! Blankets can be placed in the Pack n' Play or ordered online. Amazon Prime days are coming up!

Blanket Drive Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZY8RP6J60BTS?ref=wl_share



Lady Knights of Columbus Holiday Bake Sale
Dec 2 and 3

Let's face it, these cookies and treats are too good to wait until Christmas to eat! If you are interested in donating baked goods or novelties for the sale, please contact Susan Mack at susannmack@icloud.com

Thank you for supporting the Lady Knights. If you are interested in joining, please contact Nancy Senst at nlsenst@gmail.com

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Your Knights of Columbus council is offering raffle tickets for the January 2024 calendar month. Prices are \$10 each and make a great stocking stuffer. Everyday of January will have a lucky winner in different dollar amounts. All proceeds go to support the funding in our various programs. You will be able to locate a Knight of Columbus after each mass selling tickets until December 31st. Thank you for your continued support.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

January 2024 Calendar Raffle
Ticket Number: 256

**January 2024
Calendar Raffle**

Tickets: \$10.00 each
License # X-35869-24-014

Winners will be selected and receive prizes by mail. Winners posted daily to the Parish Facebook page at www.sjtw.net

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50
7 \$150	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50
14 \$150	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50
21 \$150	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50
28 \$150	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50			

****Rights are reserved to refund money if not enough tickets are sold. Must be 18 to purchase. Thank you for your support!**

FRATERNAL BENEFIT EVENTS

Please join us for any informational seminars you are interested in by clicking the attached links to register prior to the event.

Thursday 12/21/23

7PM The Catholic Connection: Why the Knights of Columbus put their money where our faith is. Register

Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-12-21-23>

Tuesday 01/16/24*

7PM What if your last paycheck was your last paycheck? An introduction to Disability Insurance. Register

Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-01-16-23>

Thursday 02/15/24

7PM Parking your money with the 2023 Minnesota Agent of the Year Joe Remer:

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-02-15-24>

Thursday 03/21/23

7PM Estate Planning and Trust Basics and How to Prepare

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-03-21-24>

Thursday 04/18/23

7PM What the Knights Can Do for You, explaining the Knights of Columbus Products and Services.

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-04-18-23>

Tuesday 05/21/23*

7PM Retirement Planning Explained Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-05-21-23>

Thursday 06/20/23

7PM Special Needs Planning: What you need to know

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-Cybart-06-20-23>