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Next Meeting Sunday March 15th @ 9:30AM in Hortonville

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
HELP NEEDED



March Columbia
Please take the time
to read.

For the Good of the Order : Please remember Lester Morse's mother who passed away this month and our sick: Bill Martin, Pat Luedtke, Irv Partika, Francis Hooymann, and our beloved Priests & Deacons who serve us tirelessly: Frs. Justin Werner, Jim Feely, Jim Lucas, Peter Mitchell, Rick Basquinez, & Deacons David DeYoung, Ken Bilgrien, Ray Dubois, seminarians: Zack Webber, and Mark DeYoung and all our brothers and their families in need of God's grace.

From the Deputy Grand Knight, Mark Gabavics: Several important dates are coming up soon that should be of great interest and meaning for all Brothers. On Sunday, March 15th we will be honoring both our Council's Knight and Family of the Year at The Machine Shed restaurant. We'll gather at 4:30 and order at 5:00. I hope to see many of you there to honor Dan Albers (KOY) and the Tom and Lauren Miller family (FOY). ***The Day of the Unborn Child is March 25th, part of our organization's "Crusade for Life". It is part of our culture as Knights to affirm and respect all human life from conception to natural death. ***Founder's Day is March 29th. As Knights, we all should strive to follow Father McGivney's devotion to helping people in need in our communities. Mark Gabavics, DGK

From the Financial Secretary, Rick Sunde: Brothers, there is a 2nd/3rd degree exemption at Our Lady of Lourdes in De Pere on the 15th of March. I can provide more info to interested parties. The 4th degree exemption is coming up the 11th of April. This is a great opportunity for any 3rd degree member who would like to advance to the 4th degree. Anyone who is interested, please let me know. Last but not least; please take a moment to pay your dues. It is very difficult to chase down and remind and remind and remind. The Charity Raffle money must also be turned in at this time so that it can be sent to State before the Convention in April. Thanks.

Family of the Month Chairman Gary Mennen: We are very happy to report that the Luke Rasmussen family is our February Family of the Month. So if you see Luke, Hayden, Pierce or Sienna congratulate them for all of us! *** The official celebration of our Family of the Year and Knight of the Year will be conducted at our Winter Social at the Appleton Machine Shed on Sunday March 15th. Reservations can still be made to me at 920-209-2054 or online using our Google Form which was sent out on 2/5/15. See attached flyer

Spouse Appreciation Chairman Bill Currier: Please reserve Sunday May 3rd to bring your bride out for a nice dinner and entertainment at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. We are nothing without our wives and we know it! See the attached flyer for details. Then call me @ 920-779-6420

- ◆ **PLEASE -PAY YOUR DUES!**
- ◆ **Return your raffle ticket money ASAP**
- ◆ **March 15th is Winter Social at the Machine Shed RSVP is needed.**
- ◆ **May 3rd Spouse Recognition Dinner. Ask your wife**
- ◆ **3/17/15 St. Patrick's Day**
- ◆ **3/25/15 Day of the Unborn**
- ◆ **4/5/15 EASTER**
- ◆ **4/26/15 State Convention**
- ◆ **5/1/15 start Tootsie Roll Drive**
- ◆ **5/30/15 Chocolate Fest**

Our Marriage Prayer
Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us. To work that love into practical things so that nothing can divide us. We ask for words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive. Dear Lord, we place our marriage into your hands. Amen

DATES:

1st Degree	3/2/15 COUNCIL 3955
7895 Officers	2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH
7895 Business	3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH
2nd Degree	3/15/15 DE PERE 3955
3rd Degree	3/15/15 DE PERE 3955
4th Degree	4/11/15 APPLETON
Corporate Communion	3/29/15

Fraternity and Economy

Excerpt taken from March Columbia article by Carl Anderson. The Knights of Columbus demonstrates that putting regard for neighbor above profit is key to financial success. Inspired by Pope Francis' message for the 2014 World Day of Peace, titled "Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathway to Peace" he states that the key to true economic reform is to see each person "not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to

be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our 'neighbor.'" This, of course, is not a new concept to the Knights of Columbus. More than a century ago, our founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, proposed a vision of Catholic brotherhood for the men of his time. This vision not only strengthened Catholic family and parish life, but also continued to offer an attractive avenue for men to live out their vocations. The Knights of Columbus have

operated a top rated insurance program for our members using the motto: "Insurance by brother Knights, for brother Knights." Our business decisions are measured by: "What is best for our brother Knights and their families?" In the March issue of Columbia you will read about a new initiative: "Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors" (on page 22). Contact our general agent, **Joe Molosky** or our field agent **Steve Gassner** for more information.



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From our District Deputy J. J. Gravel: Men, I'd like to put my two cents worth in to, on advancing in rank to the 4th degree. This is a faith based organization and all of us need to be challenged in life to reinforce those things that we hold sacred. Christianity is under attack by Muslim extremist. They hate us and we are to love them. Figure out how that works by getting involved more deeply in your faith. There is no better way than in the Knights of Columbus.



Scholarship Chairman Len Kaczmarzyk: It is my intent to continue to explain for the benefit of those brothers who may not have read the last bulletin: The Monsignor Gehl Council #7895 Scholarship is now funded and available. Specific qualifications can be learned by calling me. Of particular interest: If the brothers contribute additional funds, there is an anonymous donor who will match their contributions up to \$1000.00. Please give this your serious consideration. If you have any questions please contact me at 920-779-4627.



Safe Environment Program The following is a reprint of last months article on protecting children in our community. We have an obligation to do whatever we can to protect all children that are within our sphere of influence. All Knights are asked to go through this process and become certified youth leaders. Supreme is so serious about this that they are picking up the tab for all FBI background checks. Getting an FBI clearance is really special and should be viewed with personal pride and community respect. Now, as always, Knights of Columbus continues to promote and defend Christian family life in all its initiatives and programs, including those serving children and youth. Recognizing that children are a precious gift, Knights of Columbus have made their safety and well-being as the highest priority in the Order's programs and activities.

In partnership with Praesidium, an organization that has worked to provide knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators for more than 20 years, the Order continues its strong tradition of maintaining the highest standards regarding the protection of young people. Through this partnership, the Order provides youth leaders with access to the most up-to-date resources to keep children safe, including Praesidium's Armatus online training, background screenings and an exclusive hotline to report child safety concerns (1-844-KOFC-SAFE) or(1-844-563-2723).

The Board of Directors has directed that **members in youth-serving roles and certain officer positions** be **required to take online youth protection and safe environment training.**

Beginning January 5, 2015 Praesidium will send out email invitations to those members designated in youth-serving roles and certain officer positions. The email will contain unique log-in information to Praesidium's website, enabling them to take the mandatory Praesidium's Armatus online safe environment training. When applicable, Praesidium will send a second email to request authorization to conduct a background check.

Those members required by the Board to take the mandatory training must complete Praesidium's Armatus online training and background check authorization within 30 days of receipt of each email. Failure to comply may render those members ineligible to hold official positions in the Knights of Columbus.

Cooperation and participation in these essential components of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program ensure that all of us are continuing to uphold our responsibility, as Knights and Catholic gentlemen, of keeping young people safe in Knights of Columbus programs and activities.

If you suspect abuse, please call 844-563-2723.

NOTE FROM PROGRAM DIRECTOR BOB HALASKA: All brothers should make it their business to get this free "security clearance" for community reasons and personal pride reasons as well. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form #4348 which I will be happy to supply you with. If you need someone to make a decision for you, let me, **DO THIS!** Our children are worth protecting, don't you think? 100% of us should feel the same way. Thanks, Bob



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