



Knights of Columbus®

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A Note from the Grand Knight.....

Let me beginning by recognizing Grand Knight Don Kuhl for his leadership during this past year. Navigating all the challenges and uncertainties of Covid 19 was not easy. Yet somehow he made it work! Through his leadership our Council earned many honors but most importantly made a difference in the lives of people in need. Thank you, Don!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight! While I will work to prove myself worthy of the role, I am keenly aware that any successes I may enjoy will depend largely on the involvement and commitment of You, the members of Council 2869!

As Knights, we share the tenets of our Catholic Faith and the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. In our communities, I see and hear about members of our Council taking active roles not only in our Council activities but in religious education, youth & prayer groups, and many worthy civic and charitable organizations. Your leadership and commitment to those activities is a great tribute to the standards and values we espouse as Knights!

During the year ahead, our Council will face challenges. The times we live in are filled with constant change, instant access to news and information and unlimited opportunities for activities that guarantee fun or promise a better you! As Knights we know that the truest satisfaction has and will always involve sacrificing for others. I hope you will work alongside me to carry out the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in the year ahead.

Tony Antonacci

Successful Blood Drive!

Our Council partnered with the Red Cross on July 7th to collect more than 50 units of blood. Our thanks to Leonard Bathon for chairing this event, especially during a time of critically low blood supplies. If you missed our event and would like to donate, there are many nearby events scheduled in the coming weeks. To find a time and location, check out the Red Cross website at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>. Our next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for January 10th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 29th - Breese Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble – see the attached flyer for more details**
- **September 11th – The Annual Reverse Raffle – doors will open at 6pm**
- **September 17th, 18th & 19th –Tootsie Roll Drive (ID Drive)**

Recurring Events

- **Friday Night Chicken –** serving from 4 to 7 pm in the dining hall
- **Sunday Queen of Hearts Raffle –** drawing at 3:30 pm with a 50/50 drawing at 4pm
- **Thursday Night Wings –** serving in the club room from 4:30 to 7 pm
- **Tuesday Tacos –** serving in the club room from 4:30 to 7 pm
- **Columbia Board monthly meeting –** 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the club room
- **Monthly Council meeting –** 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm – **Our next meeting is August 12th**

Cycle de Mayo Rolls on Despite the Heat!

Due to Covid 19th restrictions, the Cycle de Mayo ride was postponed until veintiseis de junio (June 26th). More than 60 riders braved the heat and humidity to visit local establishments who also helped sponsor the event. Thanks to Tony Mueth and Doug Kuhl for organizing the ride. We also want to thank our sponsors Bent Oak Golf Course, Breese American Legion, Gridiron Grill, Dutchman's Bar and Grill, Sam's Pizza and Lounge, The Fainting Goat, The Knotty Pine, Turf Bar and V & H Recreation.

Family of the Month

As with past tradition, Don and Jill Kuhl are our family of the month. Don's role as Grand Knight describes only a small part of his commitment to our Council. He also serves as Chairman of the Columbia Board and frequently lends his skills and talents to upkeep of the hall. Since it would be hard to describe all the roles Don plays in our Council, let me simply state that Don is a model for involvement! Join me in thanking not only Don but also his wife, Jill and their children, Macy, Holly and Alex for their commitment to the Council.

Praying for Life! Clinton County Citizen for Life have organized a prayer service on the second Thursday of each month through November. Upcoming locations include the First Baptist Church in Carlyle on August 12th and St Bernard's in Albers on September 9th. The normal start time is 7 pm. Call or text Marilyn Athmer at 618-210-0739 for more details.

Want or Need a new Knights of Columbus T-shirt?

Contact Dennis Book at 618-789-3252 to place your order. The cost is \$10 per shirt.

Knight of the Month

Rich Robben is our Knight of the Month. Please join me in thanking Rich for his service to our Council as he finishes his three year term as a Trustee. I truly appreciate Rich's active participation and support for Council activities. Thank you, Rich!

You can follow us on Facebook now!
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There's a New Harley Rider in Town!

Have you noticed a Harley rider dressed in a *black cassock* tooling around Clinton County? The rider is Luke Fitzgerald, a seminarian at Sacred Heart Seminary in Wisconsin. He recently completed his fourth year of seminary studies. Luke or "Fitz" as he is also known, entered the seminary after serving 14 years in the Navy. Luke heard the Lord's call in high school but opted to attend trade school for financial reasons. A native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Luke says the Lord continued to send signs and the "right" people to lead him into the Priesthood. Luke finds many ways to stay active during his time at St. Dominic Parish. It's not uncommon to find him learning a new skill, helping the janitor or a teacher at school, frying chicken for the Parish or Knights of Columbus, visiting the shut-ins or teaching others how to make a Rosary. He is a man of many talents. Luke will be returning to Wisconsin in mid-August to continue his studies in Theology. Please pray for Luke and all the Seminarians in our Diocese! And if you're a Biker, invite him on a ride!