

Goldsmith News March/April 2023

Knights of Columbus Council #974

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Regular Meetings 7:30 p.m. Officers Meetings 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3rd, 2023

Monday, April 17th, 2023

Monday, May 1st, 2023

Monday, May 15th, 2023

Monday, June 5th, 2023

Monday, June 19th, 2023

*****Please note: The Annual Columbus Association will be held in conjunction with the June 5th, 2023 Council 974 Business meeting.*******

Please note The Rosary is recited at 7:10 before each regular council meeting. Any members of the Council are welcome to attend the Officers meeting.

****Columbus Association Meeting is at 6:00 p.m. prior to each Regular Council Meeting.**

All members of Goldsmith Council 974 are members of the Columbus Association are welcome to attend the Columbus Association meetings. The Columbus Association Officers are an elected group of Knights that conduct business of maintaining the building and property. The Knights of Columbus organization does not own any council's buildings. Each Council that wants a building must form a separate local corporation to own and maintain it.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

If you have any questions, or want information on KC Insurance, please contact our Field Agent Jason Bourget at 715-937-7039 or by email jason.bourget@kofc.org

Nominate a Knight/Family of the Month

We need your input on selecting a Family and a Knight of the Month each month. Please give your recommendations to Tim Tozer. We know that there are many families who are doing wonderful things in our community.

Knight of the Month for February 2023:

Dale Morrisette

Family of the Month for February 2023:

LeRoy and Patty Jansky

The KC Hall is a great place for weddings or special events. To rent the hall, please call:

Mark Stuttgen 715-944-9887
Paul Nevins 715-523-1009



Nominate a Knight/Family of the Month Continued:

Knight of the Month March 2023: *Josh Sykora*

Family of the Month for March 2023: *Frank and Vicky Beaudette*

Knight of the Month for April 2023: *Caleb Parkhurst*

Family of the Month for April 2023: *Chris and Theresa Pritzl*

Family of the Year:

The Family chosen to be the Family of the Year for 2023 from the Goldsmith Council 974 is the **Francis and Doris Gaier Family**. Their nomination will be sent to the Wisconsin State Family Coordinator and entered into the State Family of the Year competition. A family is chosen from each Diocese in the State to be the Diocesan Family of the year and from that group one family will be chosen to be the Wisconsin State Family of the Year.

All five Diocesan Families of the Year are invited to attend the Wisconsin State Convention in Green Bay on April 29th, 2023, as a guest of the Wisconsin State Council. They will be honored at The State Deputy's Banquet on Saturday, April 29th.

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Smelt Feed, Thursday, April 27th, 2023:

We are planning our Smelt Fry on Thursday, April 28th, 2023. The plan is to have a regular sit down event in the hall and sell carry-outs.

We ask you get out and sell your tickets, so we can have a successful event. Please try to help us, if you can. Many helping hands make for lighter work and a good time. As usual we will need help with prep, set up and take down, plus set up for Bingo on Friday.

***Wednesday, April 26th at 8:00 a.m.:**

- Inspect Smelt and clean as necessary
- Fryers taken out, set up, and cooked out with water and then filled with oil

***Thursday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m.:**

- Make potato salad, coleslaw, beans and slice bread

***Thursday, April 27th, at 2:00 p.m.:**

- Begin breading and preparing smelt
- Need help with:
 1. Serving from 4:00-7:30 p.m.
 2. Washing pots and pans
 3. Paddle Raffles
 4. Clean up

***Please contact Mike Horan, if you can help. (715-579-5451).

News Continued

A request from our Financial Secretary:

A reminder to those members who have not paid their 2023 membership dues yet. Prompt payment of dues save the council the cost of sending additional reminders. This is also time consuming for the Financial Secretary.

We are trying to expand our list of email addresses so we can better communicate with you when we have changes or new information that needs to get out to everyone in a timely manner. Please give your email address to Peter Doerman, so he can update his list. Probably the best way would be to email him at kc974fs@gmail.com .

Donation to St. Francesca

At the April 3rd meeting, Tina Simmons made a presentation on St. Francesca's ASAP Pregnancy Advocacy Program. She spelled out the financial needs of the program and that they were in need of funding. A motion was made and passed to donate \$10,000.00 to St. Francesca.

TV Masses Recorded at St. Peters Church

Msgr. Gorman announced at the March meeting that the Diocese would be recording TV Masses at St. Peter's Church Tuesday, March 14th. There would be a Mass for St. Charles, St. Peter's, the Catholic schools and one would be attended by the Knight's of Columbus Council 974 members. We had a good turnout of members wearing their red KC shirts. Monsignor Gorman presided along with Deacon Rider. The KC mass will be shown on TV 18, Eau Claire on Pentecost Sunday, May 28 at 9:30 am.

Thank you Monsignor Gorman, for including the Knights of Columbus.

Tootsie Roll Program

Josh Sykora is taking the leadership of the Tootsie Roll program, with the help and guidance of John Czech, who has helped with this for many years. Please volunteer to help Josh with the distribution of Tootsie rolls at Farm and Fleet and Family Fare stores.

Bingo

Mike Buchmann reported that the large Progressive Jackpot of \$11,233.00 was won on January 27, 2023. That night, they had 555 players attending. The hall and the Council Chambers room was full. Normal attendance, when the Progressive pot is small, is about 200.

The net profit for Bingo in the month of January alone was \$23,500.00. The profit from Bingo alone, September to January was \$49,167.00. As of April 1, the profit from Bingo year to date is \$63,800.00. The workers were ready for a rest after that last large progressive pot was won. They are considering purchasing rectangular tables for the Chambers room, instead of the round tables they now have to use. It would be much easier to maneuver around and could be in longer rows.

A big Thank You to Mike Buchmann and all who help with running the Bingo nights, in the hall and in the Kitchen.

Rosary Leaders for Wakes at Funeral Home needed.

Mike Horan reported that many of the Brother Knights who have been leading the Rosaries at the wakes over the years have themselves passed away. He is having a hard time getting five men to lead the decades of the rosary. If you would like to help with this, please contact Mike Horan and he will add your name to the list. Each leader is given a card with the name of the Mystery of that decade on it, as well as copies of the prayers. Please consider helping with this.

Bucket Brigade

We inadvertently did not have the complete list of names of the members of the Bucket Brigade in our last newsletter. This is the group of men and women volunteers that clean the hall after rentals.

Tom Weyenberg is currently heading this group up. When a cleanup is needed, Tom calls the group members. They usually meet at 8:00 am and they are usually done by 10:00 am, with time to socialize with coffee and rolls. Please consider becoming a part of this very important group.

If you wish to help, you can call Tom Weyenberg @ 715-861-3114 for more details.

The current members of the Bucket Brigade are– **Tom Weyenberg, Dick Schemenauer, Ron Bohl, Steve Bohl, Chuck Goetl and Frank Beaudette, Leon Zwiefelhofer, Jim Stanek, Marvin Jenne-man and Bernard Bresina.**

The KC Council gives a big **Thank You** to all who help with this.

This saves the council a substantial amount of money, by not having to hire a cleaning service.

Good of the Order

At the end of each meeting, we put our name in the box with one dollar and at the next meeting a name is drawn. If your name is drawn, you must be present and have your Rosary in your pocket in order to win.

Every Brother Knight is given a Rosary when he joins and is encouraged to always carry it with him and pray it often.

The name drawn for the Good of the Order drawing in January 2023 was Robert Parkhurst. . He was present and had his Rosary in his pocket.

The name drawn at the February 2023 meeting was Tom Eder. He was present and had his Rosary in his pocket.

The name drawn at the March 2023 meeting was John Czech. He and his Rosary were present.

The name drawn at the April 2023 meeting was Tom Lambert. He and his Rosary were present.

Fourth Degree news

The last 4th Degree Business Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Kennedy Hall in Eau Claire. The next 4th Degree Social will be the Spring Social on Sunday, April 16th, at the Wild Ridge Event Center in Eau Claire. Men's dress will be formal. New Uniform, Tuxedo or Dark Suit and Tie.

The Cost is \$30.00 per person Tax/Tip included.

The next 4th Degree Business meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10th, at the Kennedy Hall in Eau Claire, at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

We were planning to have a Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Bridget's Church on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Peter Peloquin states that they are in need of volunteers to help. Please contact Pete, if you can help @ 715-450-2206. Hours of work are 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

We are planning to finally be able to have our St. Charles breakfast in their new Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 21, 2023. St. Charles Borromeo Parish Thanks the Knights of Columbus Council 974 for a major donation of \$50,000.00 to help purchase the equipment for the new Kitchen. Serving will be from. 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Paul Nevins or GK Pat Horan, if you would be able to help. Membership materials will be available at these events.

Last Call for KC State Charity Raffle Tickets:

The drawing will be at the State Convention Banquet on Saturday, April 29th, 2023. Please get your tickets and money to Chairman Paul Nevins or Grand Knight Pat Horan by April 27th, so they can be taken to the Convention by the Delegates on Friday, April 28th, 2023.

Please Note – Charity raffle funds were used this past year to donate to Home Fire Victims in our area.

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers, the following people who are dealing with illnesses: Jerry Eslinger, Don and Claudia Hable, Janice Peloquin, Bob Bell, Pete Dachel, Jim Harings, Curt Goettl, Cliff Hunt, Liz Blum, Steve Gillis, Mark Buchman, Chad Borman, Sonja Lechleitner, Sean Fox, Don Kuechler, Cyril and Lelah Krista and Tom Valley, Gerald Naiberg and Rollie Marko.

Please let us know if there is a Brother Knight or family members in need of our prayers.

Eternal Rest Grant onto Them O Lord

Please remember in your prayers our Brother Knights who have passed away recently and their families.

Lawrence Beaudette died December 15th, 2022. Lawrence joined the Knights of Columbus in 1994.

Gerald Liddell died March 15th, 2023. Gerald joined the Knights of Columbus in 1975.

Duane Bowe died March 24th, 2023. Duane joined the Knights of Columbus in 1966.