

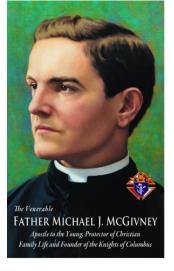
#### SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII COUNCIL 1837 – Knights of Columbus



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#### September 2025





#### MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

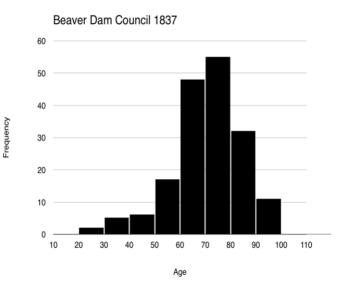
#### **Brother Knights**

I attend many in person meetings, online meetings and receive weekly updates for the Knights of Columbus. Each of these activities always includes something about getting new members. The point that is stressed is that the members of the Knights are "aging out"; that is there are more older members than younger members.

As I was preparing for this summer's district meeting I thought it would be useful to show the leaders of each council information about the age and years of service for their members. Being a math teacher I analyzed the council's membership data and produced a bar graph.

All the results were similar for all the Councils, the majority of members were in the upper age groups. I included the results for our Council. I hope this help understand the demographics of your Council better and why we need to recruit new younger members. Please keep this in mind when we hold membership drives in the future.

	Age	Years of Service	Category	Number
Min	24	0	Members	176
Max	96	69	Honorary Life	62
Range	72	69	Honorary	14
Average	70	27	4th Degree	32
Median	71	18	Insurance	32
Mode	72	13	Inactive	7



Vivat Jesus

DanTess Grand Knight

#### **Spiritual Advisor**



Brother Knights There is no Spiritual Advisor Message at this time. If I do receive one I will send out separately.

Thanks

Fr. William Arnold



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Holy Hill Ushering Sep 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM and 12PM services.
  - Please reach out to Tom Kalinosky if interested 920-210-7528 or kalinosky@charter.net
- Beaver Dam KOC Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 4PM-8PM
- Waupun KOC 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Sep 20th** Mass 4:30PM in Fox Lake
  - o Dinner at Go-Dutch Solutions in Waupun to follow.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification **Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** at SKD please see Javier or Dan Tess for more information.
- Beaver Dam KOC Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Dec 4th 4PM-8PM

#### **Three Vacant Positions In Our Council**

Our council is in a tough place currently with three vacant positions open, yet to be filled. If you or another Brother Knight are interested in any of these positions please reach out to our Grand Knight, Dan Tess, as I am sure he would love to fill any and all of these positions. If there are any questions on these positions as well please feel free to reach out.

Deputy Grand Knight – OPEN Chancellor – OPEN Recorder - OPEN

#### **Fair Parking Report**

The 2025 Fair Parking is now behind us. Thank you to all who participated this year!

Another successful fair parking event is in the books. A heartfelt thanks to all the brother knights and ladies who helped and endured the weather. Council #1837 filled 47% of the time slots with the Reeseville/Lowell Council filling 39% and the balance being covered by PAVE, Scout Troop 724 and St. Katherine Drexel School Band. A special thanks to our daily starter Larry Veling and trackside field general Jerry Heuer. A huge thank you to my wife Brenda for her assistance in calling and organizing all the tickets. As of printing time, payment has not been received, so the amount raised by Council #1837 will not be published until the October cable.

#### **KOC Council 4897 Waupun 65th Anniversary Event**

Brother Knights the Waupun Council is celebrating 65 years! I know it is too late to RSVP to the after celebrations, but I hope some of you had this information early. If not, I believe that everyone is invited to celebrate at the 4 PM Mass at Annunciation Fox Lake for this celebration. If nothing else please send your thoughts and prayers to this Council for such a feat. See info below for details.



# John C. Burke Council 4897 Waupun 65th Anniversary Celebration

You and a Guest are invited to celebrate! Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Mass of Celebration with Bishop Sherman: 4:00 PM Annunciation

Church Fox Lake, WI

Dinner and Celebration: Go Dutch Solutions 328 Division Street,

Waupun, WI.

Social Hour: 5:30 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

Presentation: 7:30 PM Entertainment: 8:00 PM

There is not cost for this celebration as a thank you to all who have made Council 4897 so successful these past 65 years!

RSVP by September 6, 2025 to Brother Knight Andy Steinhauer 920-960-0741 or via email: andycindy14108@att.net

These men they call Knights of the John C. Burke Council 4897 of Waupun, Wisconsin.

For 65 years, the council has stood as an example of Catholic values to the Waupun/Fox Lake area. They are a true example of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Here are just a few examples:

- The council is known for their famous Lenten Fish fries, started in 1970, this 55-year tradition has helped raise over \$1 million towards so many charitable, community and faith-based causes. It takes over 30 people to put on this event at close to 200 plus hours of service.
- The summer brat fry season has grown over the last 10 plus years with over 10 events that help raise close to \$10,000 annually for so many causes.
- United with our faith, the Waupun Council supports a seminarian through their schooling and into priesthood.
- Other fun events include bartending at Celebrate Waupun, summer camping, awards and appreciation night, annual Christmas party and many other events where we celebrate our faith and togetherness.

#### Holy Hill Ushering Sunday September 14th

Brothers, please mark your calendars! Once a year, members of Beaver Dam Council 1837 provide ushering services at the Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. Those who have ushered there in the past know that the duties are easy, dignified and fun to carry out. We need 6 to 8 to usher at 10:00 o'clock Mass and 6 to 8 at Noon Mass. Red sport coats with KofC logo and a light lunch are provided on-site. We're ushering these two Masses on Sunday—Sept. 14, 2025. Some guys like to make this a family event and bring their wives and family. Also do you have a brother, son or grandson, 12yrs of age or older, who may want to usher with you? Please contact Tom Kalinosky 920-210-7528, or kalinosky@charter.net, if you can help. Carpooling may be available. Thanks, Brother Knights, for helping with ushering in the past, and for considering participating this year!

To all Brothers Signed up here are the instructions for each Mass to get the correct spot.

Please arrive at Holy Hill before 9:30 AM. Come to the Knights Room located down the steps at the right front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Sanctuary. Brother Knights should wear the red usher jackets located in the cabinet in the Knights Room.

Thank you all again for supporting this event

#### <u>Pizza Ranch Fundraisers 9/18 and 12/4 4PM – 8PM</u>

All, we are hosting two events at the Pizza Ranch in Beaver Dam on both 9/18 and 12/4. We will discuss at the General meeting as well but still need volunteers and those who are not able to volunteer, please consider dinning at the Pizza Ranch these nights. Thanks, and see you all there.

#### <u>Fraternal Benefits Message From August and September</u>

#### August 2025 Council Message

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years.

An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis. As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement. Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks! Thank you! Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values. 20387 8/25

In His Sacred Heart, Steve



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#### September 2025 Council Message

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need?

Maybe you wonder about this every once in a while, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensuring your business would operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs. 20392 8/2

In His Sacred Heart, Steve



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#### **Prayers for Diane Hankes**

All please keep Diane Hankes and family in your prayers as she has passed away. Diane is the Wife of Brother Knight Jim Hankes.

Jim we pray that you and your family can find peace in the hardships that you are facing. Know that the Knights are here for you as well.

Diane Hankes Obituary

## August Birthdays & KC Service Time

Name		Age	KC Years
WAYNE	BRUESSEL	92	60
ROBERT	FRANK	93	59
CHARLES	FRINAK	74	9
MICHAEL	KAUL	60	22
JOHN	MULLIN	82	63
JOHN	OATHOUT	88	59
STEPHEN	PRISK	70	12
FRANCIS	SCHLIESMAN	90	37
ROBERT	SCHNEIDER	81	7
JEFFREY	SLAYTON	60	25
DANIEL	TESS	74	12

## The Good of the Order April Meeting

Large Pot (No Winner)	Small Pot
Fred Bowman	Steve Haase
Mark Roedl	
Randy Richard	

### Departed Brothers and Families

Please keep our departed brothers and their families in your prayers.

If you know or hear of a Brother Knight who passes away, please contact Jared Stofflet so that he may include it in our monthly cable. 920-382-3340 or stoffjar000@gmail.com

Reminder! Small Pot has been voted on and passed to be raised to \$1 Entry. There is now more money to win each meeting!