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**February 5  
Pro-Life Rosary - OLA**

**February 6  
Council Meeting**

**February 27  
4th Degree**

**March 4  
Pancake breakfast  
St. Stephens**



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**MESSAGE FROM  
THE GRAND KNIGHT**

Greetings Brothers,

What a great way to begin the year. Four new members in one night and a successful Wild Game Dinner.

The four new members are: Guillermo Arellano, Ubaldo Martinez, Israel Mejia, and Ehsan Sous.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the dinner. Wild Beaver was the meat of the night. "It tastes like pork" said Master Chef Bruce Hartley. We've heard something like that before, but this time it was probably true.

We tried something new for the dinner this year—an electronic sign-up sheet. You can sign up for events at the meetings or by contacting the coordinator of the activity. We will try to continue to use electronic sign-ups. This keeps all of the information in one place, readily available and accessible by all. If you receive the newsletter by mail and have an email address, please let us know so we can go to all email messages.

The state convention is in Middleton this year. If you have an interest in attending as a delegate or would like to be an alternate, let me know at the February meeting. We need a past Grand Knight to attend so we have two delegates. A third degree member or higher also will help. The council pays expenses.

The building committee has been looking for a secondary location to consider for our meetings. I will report on one at this meeting.

Please encourage any high school seniors you know to apply for our council scholarships. The application is available on our council web site – [www.kc605.org](http://www.kc605.org).

Looking ahead, the next couple of months will bring the annual State Charity Raffle, a pancake breakfast at St. Stephens on Sunday, March 4 and the Tootsie Roll campaign for persons with disabilities April 20-22. Please plan to help with these events. St. Stephens asks us to be the pancake chefs for their parish fundraiser, and we receive a portion of the state raffle proceeds for our council's charity fund.

Sincerely,  
Norm Jacobs  
Grand Knight



**Knights of Columbus**  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Brother Knights,

I wanted to give everyone early notice about the next two 4th degree meetings, so that the dates can be saved.

The February meeting, which is a social meeting, will be at **The Rock Bar and Grill in Beloit**. Their address is: **101 Maple Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511**. The meeting will be on Tuesday evening, February 27th. Social time at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm.

The owners at The Rock are very excited to be hosting a dinner for the Knights. We will be able use one of their private seating areas for free. They said they would put the best wait staff they have on that night and we could order off of their menu, which has many nice selections, with separate checks. I am hoping that everyone will be able to come.

I want to thank everyone who made it out to the Christmas dinner at the Butterfly Club. We ended up having 33 people at the dinner, and I am hoping we can beat that in February.

Please let me know if you have any ideas/suggestions for future social dinner sites.

The March meeting will be held on March 27, 2018. It will be a business meeting and held at My Apartment in Janesville.

I will send out more notices as the meetings get closer.

Vivat Jesus!  
Tom Stoiber, FC



## CALENDAR

### February

**5 Pro-Life Rosary - OLA**  
**6 Council Meeting**  
**27 4th Degree**

### March

**4 Pancake breakfast, St. Stephens**  
**5 Pro-Life Rosary - OLA**  
**6 Council Meeting**  
**27 4th Degree**

**Tootsie Roll Campaign**  
**April 20-22**  
**Please volunteer to help**

**ROSARY FOR LIFE - Join fellow knights and families in praying for an end to abortion**  
**February 5, 4:30 pm at OLA**

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**1st Tuesday of the month - Council #605 meeting**  
**4th Tuesday of the month - 4th Degree meeting**

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## From Fr. Bill Connell

One of my classmates from a different diocese is a couple years away from retirement. He honestly admits that he is scared to retire because he is fearful of being bored. After 40 some years of active ministry, although I've heard this excuse often, once someone is retired, the most often heard comment is "I don't know how I had enough time to work for a living!" Boredom, except for the few, is seldom the problem. It's simply another stage of life which we can enter into fully or be fearful of.

Fr. Jerry Healy, a retired priest from Stoughton who also is the founding pastor of St. Stephen's, Clinton, lives at All Saints in Madison. He told me once, as I was getting my mail, that the reality of retirement sinks in when people no longer send you cards or visit. But by then, you will have established your new life and activities.

I knew I was retired when I looked out the window and saw that it had snowed over the night hours. It was beautiful. Snow on the roofs, sidewalks, basically everywhere. I looked and looked and thoroughly enjoyed it. I did not have to calculate how much weight was on the roof or who was going to shovel the sidewalks. I was retired!

Admittedly my retirement was thrust upon me because of health issues and is not what I had planned or thought about. I'm learning very quickly to ask for help. (I especially recognized this reality when a 91-year-old lady asked if I needed help bringing up a package to my apartment which had been mailed to me. It was humbling, but I was most grateful.)

One never really retires from being a Christian, and in my case being a priest. Once a priest, always a priest. And so I am grateful that I can continue sharing

my faith and belief in Jesus Christ with those around me. I thank Fr. Don Lange, who has written this column for many years. I have been asked to write when I can and I'm happy to do so. The Knights of Columbus is a great group of men who do marvelous works of charity. All the while, they can do this while having fun. I have been honored to be a member of Council #605 for a number of years and its chaplain twice. May you continue to do good works, grow, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ as the Knights of Columbus.

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Phone (608) 827-3646) or email me at [bconnell61@yahoo.com](mailto:bconnell61@yahoo.com). Would love to hear from you. Happy New Year 2018!

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## From Fr. Don Lange

We hear many negative things about priests these days, but there are also many positive things. One of these is the story of Father Scott Bullock's kidney donation. I remember meeting Father Scott once, primarily because I asked him if he was related to the late Bishop William Bullock, our former Bishop.

According to Dan Russo, editor of the Dubuque Archdiocese's newspaper, The Witness, Father Scott Bullock and Christian Brother Stephen Markham are forever bonded by a kidney transplant that changed both men physically and spiritually. Father Scott heroically donated his kidney to Brother Stephen.

"It is without doubt the greatest gift you can give to anyone," Brother Stephen said of the donated kidney he received from his priest friend.

Despite a major post-operative complication and a few other issues, both Father Bullock 54 and Brother Stephen 73 continue to do well. Before the procedure, Brother Stephen could barely walk and he was drained of energy. Now he walks about three miles a day and has returned to part-time work for his order as director of temporary professed Brothers and postulants. He works out

of St. Mary's University, a Christian brothers institution in Winona, Minnesota from which I graduated. I thought Winona was one of the prettiest places in the world, especially at night.

From March 2015 until the surgery last June, Brother Stephen was dependent on kidney dialysis to survive. A flare-up of chronic glomerulonephritis, a kidney disease he has had since age 14, caused his organs to fail. Brother Stephen sent word of his need through his religious order, parish bulletins and even an interview with The Witness. The article caught Father Bullock's eye.

The priest became friends with Brother Stephen when they served together from 1999 to 2002 at St. Catherine and St. Donatus parishes southeast of Dubuque. After completing numerous tests at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the priest prayerfully decided to give a kidney to his friend.

On the day of the surgery, Father Bullock and Brother Stephen were in neighboring operating rooms for a procedure that lasted about two hours. The priest's left kidney went into the brother's right side.

"I remember amazingly feeling quite calm," Brother Stephen said.

That feeling changed two days later when he had a heart attack during another procedure in which medication was being infused directly into his heart to kick-start his new organ. He was under intensive care for 24 hours afterward.

It is common for a transplanted kidney to take a few days to activate, but by June 21, five days after the surgery, Brother Stephen's was not yet working, so doctors planned to put him through the same procedure that had caused his earlier heart attack. When Father Bullock learned about the plan, he began to pray for divine assistance. On that very day, Brother Stephen's new kidney started functioning.

Father Bullock recovered relatively quickly from his kidney donation. An avid cyclist, he was back to riding his bike within a month. Brother Stephen's recovery took about three months. Both men are thankful for their lives and for the doctors, nurses, and many other persons who supported them through the transplant process.

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