

Knights of Columbus

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Father Todd thanks members of his eSight

Dear Brothers:

Christmas came early for me this year. On June 25 I received a gift I've been dreaming about receiving for 50 years. This gift God gave me was the gift of better sight thanks to eSight electronic glasses.

What a wonderful gift these are. With these glasses I was able to see my first deer in the parking lot. I also was able to see the signs in the outfield at the Rafters game. I also use them at the musical "Annie" that Pacelli put on. It was fun to see the cast up close, and see their facial expressions.

The first week was filled with tears of joy. I think the most emotional day was the first day when my mom held the letter from eSight out away from my face, and I was able to read it until she started to cry and the page shook.

Another set of tears came when I was at St. Peter's Church the first Wednesday I had the glasses for adoration. Zooming in with the glasses made it look like Jesus and I were almost face-to-face with each other. What an awesome gift that was.

At Mass, I can use the regular altar stands and not have to hold the binder in my face. They have also taught me how to be creative. I was also able to read the second row of gravestones at the convent cemetery while standing in front of the first row.

The other emotional time was on the video when I thanked my donors. I do indeed want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Whether it was your money or your prayers, this miracle came true real fast thanks to you. Thanks to you, not only do I have my glasses, but I was able to help two other people get their glasses.

I'm not done yet. I still have money to help others get the technology, and it is all thanks to you. Even after six weeks I am still on the high clouds because of your generosity. God bless you all.

Father Todd Mlsna - Council chaplain

First Breakfast Will Be Sept. 30

The first breakfast of the season will be the Cliff Wiernik Memorial Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Clubhouse, serving from 8:15a.m. - 11a.m.

This first breakfast of the season will honor Cliff Wiernik who created and set up the current breakfast structure and was chairman of the breakfast for many years.

Cliff and his family put in a lot of hours to make this a successful event. Let's all come out and honor Cliff's memory while enjoying this fantastic breakfast.

The menu will feature scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, homemade fried red potatoes and all-you-want-to-eat pancakes, plus coffee, juice and dessert. The cost is only \$6.50 for adults or \$4 for children 6-12. The price includes sales tax and tip.

Come on down and help kick off the breakfast season. You won't go away hungry.

Don't miss the Craft and Baked Goods sale during breakfast hours. Proceeds help fund the Christmas Food Baskets.

The breakfast is open to the public at 401 W. Clark St., Stevens Point, just across the Clark Street Bridge. The next breakfasts will be Oct. 28 and Nov. 25. Mark your calendars.

Christmas Baskets

This year the Council is doing 80 Christmas baskets. We will start collecting food and money donations at the Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6. We will continue to accept food donations until Dec. 6, and money donations until Thursday, Dec. 13. Due to some very generous businesses and individuals, we have already received all of the canned vegetables that need to be donated, so please do not bring any of those in. After the Sept. 6 meeting, a list of needed items will be posted on the KC website. The Christmas baskets will be delivered this year on Saturday, Dec. 15, so save the date because volunteers will be needed to make the deliveries.

Meal Workers Needed

Volunteers are needed to work the various meals scheduled for the coming year. The breakfast dates for 2018-19 are **Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 31 and April 28**. The Saturday meal dates are **Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, March 9 and April 6**. Special meal dates are New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec 31; Men's Steak Stag, Jan. 16; Chicken Dinner, Feb. 2; and Clergy Nite, May 7. If you can help, please circle each of the dates you can help and fill out the form shown:

Name: _____
Phone: _____. I can help on the dates I have circled _____. I am not sure of the dates I can help, please call me when scheduling _____. I can bartend _____.
My spouse- family member-friend can help _____.
I would like to help on projects other than meals _____.

Clip and send the form to: Columbus Club, 401 W. Clark St., Stevens Point, WI 54481. Or send an email to kschlice@charter.net, or drop off at the meetings held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m., or contact John Schlice at 715-341-6278.

All those that enter will be put into a special drawing for free meals, free logo merchandise or dues paid for a year. Prizes will be proportionate to the number of volunteer slips returned. The profit on these meals pay the bills for operating the Clubhouse, without the meals there would not be a Clubhouse – we need YOUR HELP.

Please volunteer for specific dates or give us a “maybe” by checking I am not sure. All we are asking for is just a few hours of your time. If you can volunteer for just one event, it will be greatly appreciated. We have fun at the meals, please join us.

Columbus Club fundraising goal is \$8,400

The Columbus Club Board of Directors has approved a building improvement fundraiser to cover nearly \$8,400 worth of improvements to the building. The Board approved the repair of the dishwasher for \$2,500, replacing the microwave for \$310, replacing the rusted-out front and west entrance doors for \$1,578, adding an insulated heated holding cabinet for \$1,480 (which will allow us to keep food hot for serving at meals) and a 36-inch gas griddle for \$2,498 (which will provide more ability to keep up with pancakes and items for other meals and give us needed oven capacity). A donation from the Norbert Tepp family in memory of Cletus and Marie Tepp will cover the heated holding cabinet, but we will need to raise \$6,886. After applying some building improvement funds, we are looking to raise \$5,000 to cover all the needed improvements.

As our building and equipment ages, we need to upgrade and repair so that we can continue to offer meals which will pay the operational costs of the building and allow us to maintain our Clubhouse. We all are members of the Columbus Club and we have the responsibility to maintain our facility. While it looks like a lot, if we have 50 members donate \$100, we have it

covered. Or 100 members donate \$50, we have it covered. Any amount you can contribute will mean a lot, no amount is too small. Remember 100 pennies equal \$1. Volume means a lot. If we are able to raise more than the \$5,000, then we would be looking to update our worn floor.

Our Clubhouse is looking nice and these improvements will help us draw new members and customers to our facility. If you wish to make periodic donations, let us know and we can bill you accordingly. We have raised \$150 to date before we start the building fundraiser.

If you can find it possible to make a donation, please make the check payable to the Columbus Club at 401 W. Clark St., Stevens Point, WI 54481. Your contribution will be tax deductible. Those that donate \$500 or more will receive an IRS-approved acknowledgement letter.

If you have questions, contact John Schlice, Columbus Club president, at 715-341-6278. Thank you for your support. It takes a team to make things happen, and all of us are members of the Columbus Club/Knights of Columbus team.

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner planned Oct. 11 A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held Thursday, Oct. 11, in memory of Cliff Wiernik, a member of Council 1170 who died in February. Proceeds from the event will be split between the Boy Scouts and establishing a Pacelli scholarship in memory of Cliff. The dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The cost is \$6 per plate or \$10 for all you can eat. Prices include coffee or lemonade and sales tax. To-go orders will be available. Enjoy a glass of wine with your Italian dinner. The event is open to public and will be a great way to remember Cliff who was an active Knights of Columbus member and active in the community, especially the Scouting program.

First Wednesday Cleaning Crew

Cleaning crew needs helpers. Help is needed on first Wednesday of the month cleaning crew at the Clubhouse. Are you retired and would like to help out with “your” Clubhouse? We are a great group of retirees that come in on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m., and we spend a little over an hour cleaning and tidying up the Clubhouse. It's not hard work, and we have a lot of fun while we get a lot done. You don't have to come every month, but when you start, it's like potato chips – you can't eat just one! Questions? Call John Schlice at 715-341-6278.

Council Serves Meals of Hope

St. Joseph's parish provides a meal for the needy on the fourth Monday of the month. Various groups within the parish take responsibility for the meal. Council 1170 provided the meal again in August. Chef John Schlice served scrumptious pork sandwiches. Dave Pavelski provided fresh from the field corn on the cob. Everyone else provided fruit, desserts and beverages. Father Todd welcomed everyone and blessed the food. Helpers were John and Kathy Schlice, Steve and Jean Brazzale, Dale and Kathy Tetzloff, Duane and Linda Zaborowski, Dave and Dorothy Pavelski, Rich and Diana Mrozinski, Wally Jacobs, Bob and Barb Rogers and Betty. Providing this meal is just one of the many charitable works the Council can be proud of. A big thank you from St Joe's.

Guards on Duty

Inside and outside Guards will be posted at the front and back doors on the nights of meetings at the Clubhouse. The guards will check you as you enter the meeting for current KC ID cards that are signed. They will also check all members, who must have their rosary. There will be a \$1 fine if you do not have a rosary. – Warden Walter Jacobs

Membership Check

Dues for 2018 need to be paid. Check your wallet. If your white membership card does not show 2018, please send in your dues today as you are Past Due. Honorary Life members – you have plastic Honorary Life membership card and you no longer pay dues, so this notice does not pertain to you. Save us the phone calls and extra postage. If you are having financial or medical issues and are unable to pay your dues, contact Grand Knight John Kraft or Financial Secretary John Schlice, and we can take care of your dues and it will be confidential. Knights take care of Knights in need – all others need to pay. Nonpayment of dues will not cause your membership to lapse – we must pay even if you do not – please pay today.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 5:	10 a.m.	Monthly Clubhouse cleaning morning shift.
	5 p.m.	Monthly Clubhouse maintenance night shift.
Thursday, Sept. 6:	7 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting at Clubhouse.
Sunday, Sept. 9:	11 a.m.	Pass, Punt and Kick Youth Event, Ben Franklin Junior High School football field.
	Noon	Second and Third Degree initiation at Marshfield.
Monday, Sept. 10:	7 p.m.	Holy Hour for Families at St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.
Wednesday, Sept. 12:	7 p.m.	Fourth Degree Meeting at Clubhouse.
Thursday, Sept. 20:	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting at Clubhouse, followed by fraternal activity.
Saturday, Sept. 22:	Noon	Harvest Fest for Handicapped Persons, Al Trebatowski Farm.
Saturday, Sept. 29:		Fourth Degree at New Richmond.
Sunday, Sept. 30:	8:30 to 11 a.m.	Monthly breakfast at Clubhouse.
Wednesday, Oct. 3:	10 a.m.	Monthly Clubhouse cleaning morning shift.
	5 p.m.	Monthly Clubhouse maintenance night shift.
Thursday, Oct. 4:	7 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting at Clubhouse.
Monday, Oct. 8:	7 p.m.	Holy Hour for Families at St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.
Wednesday, Oct. 10:	7 p.m.	Fourth Degree Meeting at Clubhouse.
Thursday, Oct. 18:	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting at Clubhouse, followed by fraternal activity.
Saturday, Oct. 20:	5 to 7 p.m.	Steak, Chicken and Rib Night at Clubhouse.
Sunday, Oct. 28:	8:30 to 11 a.m.	Monthly breakfast at Clubhouse.
Thursday, Nov. 1:	7 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting at Clubhouse.
Saturday, Nov. 3:	5 to 7 p.m.	Saturday meal at Clubhouse.
Wednesday, Nov. 7:	10 a.m.	Monthly Clubhouse cleaning morning shift.
	5 p.m.	Monthly Clubhouse maintenance night shift.
Monday, Nov. 12:	7 p.m.	Holy Hour for Families at St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.
Wednesday, Nov. 14:	7 p.m.	Fourth Degree Meeting at Clubhouse.
Thursday, Nov. 15:	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting at Clubhouse, followed by fraternal activity.
Sunday, Nov. 25:	8:30 to 11 a.m.	Monthly breakfast at Clubhouse.
	11 a.m.	Crib setup after breakfast.
Tuesday, Dec. 4:	6 p.m.	Crib Lighting Ceremony at Clubhouse.
Wednesday, Dec. 5:	10 a.m.	Monthly Clubhouse cleaning morning shift.
	5 p.m.	Monthly Clubhouse maintenance night shift.
Thursday, Dec. 6:	7 p.m.	Regular Council Meeting at Clubhouse.
		Last day for dropping off food donations.
Saturday, Dec. 8:	5 to 7 p.m.	Saturday meal at Clubhouse.
Monday, Dec. 10:	7 p.m.	Holy Hour for Families at St. Joseph Parish, 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point.
Wednesday, Dec. 12:	7 p.m.	Fourth Degree Meeting at Clubhouse.
Saturday, Dec. 15:		Food basket delivery.
Thursday, Dec. 20:	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting at Clubhouse, followed by fraternal activity.
Monday, Dec. 31:	4:30 to 7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve meal at Clubhouse.

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Saturday Work Day

The Council held a fall facility cleaning day at the Columbus Club on Saturday, Aug. 11, to spruce up the building and exterior. Volunteers cleaned and freshened the bathrooms, trimmed tree branches, cleaned all the dining room chairs, painted the bases of the dining room tables, painted the new doors for the clubhouse and freshened up the front entrance. They also replaced bulbs in the sign and scrubbed and waxed the dining room floor – you can see yourself in the floor – wow. And the weather was perfect, a hot 90-degree day in the shade. Thanks go out to the volunteers: Rich and Diana Mrozinski, Bob and Barb Rogers, Steve and Jean Brazelle, Bob Ostrowski, Wally Jacobs, John Kraft, Mike Lassa, Mike Grocholski and John and Kathy Schlice. The volunteers consumed a lot of cold water, and a tasty beef brisket lunch with all the trimmings was served. This work day really helped get the property ready for the fall season. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors of the Columbus Club, I would like to sincerely thank all the workers for putting in long hours in the heat. It is greatly appreciated. – John Schlice, Columbus Club President

Building Maintenance

Volunteers wanted for building maintenance work. The Council will be doing a number of projects this fall, including replacing the entrance doors and installing windows in the Columbus Club building. If you have construction skills and are willing to volunteer a few hours, let Rhody Prezekurat or John Schlice know. Even if you volunteered before, please call now so we can make sure you are on the list. Many hands make the projects workable, and then no one has to spend a lot of their personal time. We all own this building as members of the Columbus Club, we need to fix our home same as you do at your home. Please volunteer. We also need to scrub and wax the floor in the bar and wipe down the walls in both the dining room and bar (after the waxing is done) We are getting close to being ready to go in the fall, and this can only happen if you volunteer. If you can help out, contact John Schlice at 715-341-6278.

Facility Rental

Clubhouse is available for rent. Have you rented the clubhouse before and would like to schedule your “usual” date? Or do you want to schedule a family get-together during the holidays (no room at home?) or a shower/small wedding, birthday or anniversary party or retirement? Dates for the upcoming six months are starting to fill up. Preferred dates (when available) are filled when the contract is signed and approved and payment made. Saturdays before a breakfast are not available due to setup on that day. Details are on the website at info@kccouncil1170.org. Our rental rates are competitive, and we have a great facility. To lock in a date, we need the deposit, rental fee and an approved signed contract. For more information, contact John Schlice at 715-341-6278 to make sure your preferred date is available.