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# KNIGHTLY NEWS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FR. RIESENMY COUNCIL 2481

LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN

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Hello Brother Knights -

As you can see, the layout of the council newsletter looks a little different this month. And, if you are receiving the monthly council newsletter via email every month, you will also notice that it is actually in color now, too! Back in 2017, when I took over the role of Grand Knight, I had thoughts of expanding the newsletter and being able to include more information and even pictures. So as we begin this new 2019-20 Fraternal Year, I have finally decided to try and put those ideas into action. This is probably not the final layout of the newsletter and you may see changes from month to month as I tweak it and adjust it but I hope that, overall, you will find the change to the new, expanded layout of the monthly council newsletter to be a good one.

As for the cost of postage for sending out these larger newsletters, I have checked with the Postmaster here in Ladysmith and I have been assured that the postage will not increase because the weight of each individual newsletter still falls under the limit for which we are currently paying with our bulk mailing fee.

Speaking of email and postage costs, I would really like to see our council move more to the use of email and other forms of media/communication in the future. Email, texting, websites, Facebook, Twitter, and even the Knights of Columbus' own FLOCKNOTE are all good ways of getting communication out to a large number of people very quickly. I think that moving to these forms of communication would be very beneficial to our council. One example would be this newsletter. For many months now I have been sending out the newsletter through the usual standard mail AND via email every month. If I were to get a complete list of email addresses for every member of our council, I could then eliminate the mailing out of a printed paper copy of the newsletter. This change could result in a annual saving to our council of approximately \$500.00.

I currently have email addresses for 110 of our 208 council members. I am asking all of you to contact me and submit your current email address. You can reach me via email at [adburki@charter.net](mailto:adburki@charter.net) or by phone at 715-532-9538 (Home) / 715-415-4011 (Mobile)

Thanks for your cooperation in this effort and Vivat Jesus!

- Grand Knight Daniel Burki

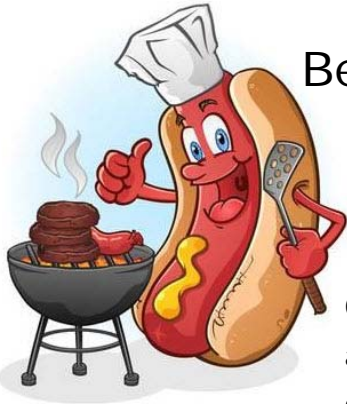
# Annual Council Family Picnic

Wednesday August 14th, 2019 - 6PM

Beachview Pavilion in Memorial Park-Ladysmith

Burgers, Brats, and Soda Provided

\*\* Please bring a dish to pass \*\*



Our annual council family picnic is always a good time to hang out and relax with fellow Knights and their families. Come and enjoy a delicious meal in the beautiful setting of Memorial Park in Ladysmith.

- There was a very nice article about our 2019 Diocese of Superior Clergy Appreciation Banquet in the latest issue of the Superior Catholic Herald. Check it out if you haven't already.
- As of July 1st, 2019, our council's own Dennis Wiemer will be taking on the District Deputy duties for District 83. Thank you Dennis for all you do for our Council and now for the District.
- Our Council's online presence is being developed as I am working on updating the Knights of Columbus section of the Rusk County Catholic Community website. I am hoping to continue to grow this section of the website to provide lots of good, and entertaining, information about our Council activities. If you are on Facebook, you can check out our Council's page and see many pictures from past events we have held.

## Manna Meal

Thursday August 29th at 5pm

Our council will once again be serving our annual August Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 29th at 5:00 pm. We will be serving our meatloaf meal which is always very popular.

### We will need:

- 6 to 8 people to meet at 10am at Hope Lutheran to start preparing the food.
- 8 to 10 people to meet at 4pm at Hope Lutheran to get everything setup and ready, serve the meal, and clean up afterward.
- People to make and bring desserts for the meal.

Please let me know if you can help out at this event.  
You can reach me at 715-532-9538 or 715-415-4011 .



"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings.


There is no more excellent way of praying."

- Pope Leo XIII

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - The Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Ladysmith prays the Holy Rosary prior to every Sunday Mass. There is a small group of people who rotate the duties of leading the praying of the Rosary each week and it would be nice to get a few more people who would lead this prayer time. I think it would be a great opportunity for a few members of our council to step up and help out. The Holy Rosary is a very important part of our Catholic faith and, especially as members of the Knights of Columbus, we should strive to make it a be part of our daily lives. If you attend Mass at OLS, I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering for this important role in the life of your parish.


Contact the Cluster Office to get yourself on the rotation.

On May 28th, 2019, members of the Fr Riesenmy Council 2481 assisted members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School 8th Grade graduating class of 2019 in erecting a pro-life display known as the "Cemetery of the Innocents".



# CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS

ERECTED BY THE  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
FR RIESENMY COUNCIL #2481  
AND THE  
**OLS 8TH GRADE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019**



Our council had helped set up the "Cemetery of the Innocents" in years past, but it has been a while since it had been in our area. This year's setting up of the "Cemetery of the Innocents" was actually put into motion quite a while back when my wife, Lani, started asking around about the crosses that we had seen in the area by the St John's Lutheran Church a few years ago. We came to find out that our Knights of Columbus council had been involved with the setup of those crosses so we thought that maybe we should look into doing that again. In our search for information about these crosses we found that they were actually owned and setup by a group out of Hayward who travel all around and put up this pro-life display. I made a few phone calls to the KofC council and the parish in Hayward and I was able to

find out that the person that I needed to contact was Bob Ornberg. I was able to get in contact with Bob but was disappointed to find out that they no longer had the crosses (or the custom trailer for storing and hauling the crosses and all the tools they used for the setup) because, due to health issues that Bob had suffered, they just could no longer continue this ministry anymore. They had given everything to a group in Minnesota a while back. We were very disappointed to hear this news until Bob said that there had been a time where they had reduced the number of crosses that they were setting up from 400 down to 300 due to an actual reduction in the number of abortions being performed. Bob said that when they gave the equipment to the group in Minnesota they only gave 300 of the crosses and that he still



had some of the crosses in his possession. It turned out that he still had 55 of the crosses stored at his home and he said that, if we wanted them, we could have them. We gratefully accepted his offer and Lani drove up to Hayward to get them. We now had 55 crosses but no way to set them up and no sign to explain what they were all about. Our council members quickly stepped up and volunteered to do what needed to be done so that we could get this display setup before the end of the 2018-19 school year. Jim Effertz made all of the stakes needed to setup the crosses and Dennis Wiemer made a great sign that gives passersby details about the display. On the day of the setup, it was Chuck Brady's (and his wife Laura's) help that made the setup go quickly, smoothly, and the final display look great. The OLS 8th graders did a great job cleaning the crosses, driving the stakes, and getting the display completed. I was impressed with their effort and was proud to have worked with them on this project. If you would like to see the "Cemetery of the Innocents", it is set up west of Ladysmith on Hwy 8 near Holly's Last Stand.



Pictured L-R: Hope Burki, Caroline Abel, GK Daniel Burki, Nicholas Sovacool, Zander Groothousen, Chuck Brady, Laura Brady

## COUNCIL CALENDAR

- **August 7th - Monthly Council Business Meeting at LCC Cameo Room - 7:00pm**  
Our Monthly Council Business Meetings are the place where you can get all the information about what is going on in our Council. They are an important part of being a Knight and I encourage all of our members to attend meetings as often as possible.
- **August 14th - Annual Council Family Picnic at Memorial Park in Ladysmith - 6:00pm**  
Our annual council Family Picnic is planned for Wednesday, August 14th at the Beachview Pavilion in Memorial Park. I want to encourage all of our council members and their families to plan on attending the picnic. It is always a good time with a delicious cookout.
- **August 29th - Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church**  
Our council will be preparing the Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church on August 29th (the last Thursday of August). We always have a good turnout for our meal of "Nevin's Famous Meatloaf". Please consider volunteering to help out at this event.

**FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FR. RIESENMY COUNCIL #2481 OF LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN  
BY GOING TO:**

### WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.RUSKCOUNTYCATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS.HTML](http://www.ruskcountycatholiccommunity.org/knights-of-columbus.html)

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