



Rantoul Knights of Columbus Council #4450

Grand Knight – John Clifford

April/May/June 2023 Newsletter

APRIL 2023 Donations & Council Business:

A \$300.00 donation was made to Knights of Columbus Supreme to purchase/participate in their national wheelchair program.

A \$250.00 donation was made to the Dominican Sisters' Retirement Fund.

A \$250.00 donation was made to the Clergyman's Aid (Retirement) Fund.

A \$200.00 donation was made to the Cross Camp Mission Trip. (Rantoul Youth Summer Work Camp).

Our Council recognized three members for fifty years of membership in the Knights of Columbus at our Club's Steak night on Thursday April 20th. Congratulations to James Brown and Hank Koch for 50 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus beginning October 1973. The family of Kevin Hedrick was presented his award for 50 years of membership and service also beginning in 1973.

MAY 2023 Donations & Council Business:

A \$500.00 donation was made to St. Malachy School for their help with our Council's quarterly newsletter.

A \$500.00 donation was made to St. Malachy Administration Office for their help with our Council's quarterly newsletter.

A \$150.00 donation was made to Holy Family (F.M. 95.7) Catholic Radio Station, Champaign.

A \$50.00 donation was made to the Penfield/Gifford Legion Auxiliary for Memorial Day.

A Mass at St. Malachy was requested by the Council for Melissa Darr.

2023 Knights of Columbus "Maurice Graham" Scholarship winners: Congratulations to Caleb Neitzel from Rantoul High School and Dane Taylor from The High School of St. Thomas More. Each student will receive \$750.00 from our Council's Scholarship Fund to go towards future tuition and education expenses.

Thanks to Mike Glazik, Steve Early, Jerry Glazik, and Leonard Schmidt for their help with the placing of over 250 American flags at all Veteran's graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on May 25th. Special thanks to the Rantoul V.F.W. Honor Guard, Don Murray, and John Graham for their help with the Memorial Day Service and rosary at the cemetery.

JUNE 2023 Donations & Council Business:

A \$750.00 Scholarship Award was given to Caleb Neitzel. (Rantoul High School)

A \$750.00 Scholarship Award was given to Dane Taylor. (High School of St. Thomas More)

A \$100.00 donation was given to the Rantoul V.F.W. Honor Guard.

A \$100.00 donation was given to Fr. Charles Bolser to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on June 2nd, 1973.

A \$100.00 donation was given to the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce to support their fundraiser.

A Mass at St. Elizabeth's was requested by the Council for the healing and return to good health of Jim Richardson.

A Mass at St. Malachy was requested by the Council for the healing and return to good health of Tim Murray.

Congratulations to the following Council members celebrating 50 or more years of membership in the Knights of Columbus in April/May/June 2023:

Rev. Charles Bolser: 62 yrs. /May 1st 1961, Jack Cleary: 59 yrs./April 1st 1964, Don Murray: 58 yrs./May 1st 1965, Joe Glazik, Gene Hoffman, Dennis McGiles, Tim Weitekamp, John Babb, and Tom Finger: 55 yrs. starting June 1st 1968. Don Weitekamp & Greg Whalen with 54 yrs. beginning June 1st 1969.

Our Council now has 251 entries in our monthly 50/50 Raffle. April winner was Dave Klimas (\$207.00); May winner was John Fabry Jr. (\$209.00); and June winner was Bruno Williamson (\$209.00).

OFFICER'S Meeting: June 26^h at 7:00 p.m.

3rd Degree Meeting: July 10th at 7:00 p.m. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Rantoul 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus is encouraging all K of C 3rd Degree members to join the 4th Degree. Especially needed are 4th Degree members willing to participate with the Honor Guard at special events several times a year. Anyone interested should contact Tony Brown or Larry Hawk.

RANTOUL CLUB NEWS: 217-892-4450

Chicken & Fish Dinners are held on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Club Hall with serving from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Menu consists of Fried & Baked Fish, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Cole-slaw, Drinks and Dessert.

STEAK NIGHT is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Club Hall with serving from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Menu consists of steak, grilled chicken breast, shrimp, hamburger, cheeseburger, salad bar, fries, and baked potato. Steak Board Drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m.

All events are open to the public – no reservations are required, "To-Go" takeouts available.
