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COUNCIL 760

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Earlier this summer, Council 760 submitted its annual report to the Kansas State Knights of Columbus. The report covered the fiscal period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. During this period our council emerged from a long COVID-19 pause with enthusiasm. Much of our action was driven by community needs. This is a summary of our report.

Our parish hall reopened for public use in September of 2021. Since then we have:

- Hosted six Benefit Breakfasts, some with secondary fund-raisers, for our regional community members with health-related financial needs;
- Hosted two Lenten, community fish fries;
- Hosted a community breakfast to help kick off the 175th year celebration of the Osage Mission –St. Paul history;
- Continued with our support of a Wichita Diocese seminarian;
- Hosted both the local and regional KofC Free Throw Contest; and a Punt and Pass Competition at a home football game;
- Replaced a 4/10th mile series of *The Lord's Prayer* signs east of St. Paul;
- Made several smaller donations to community organizations;
- Returned to our routine of regularly-scheduled meetings.

Our combined efforts, during the 2021-'22 fiscal year, resulted in our council returning more than \$60,000 in donations and services to our regional community. A few of these projects are highlighted on the following page.

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Benefits

Beginning in September 2021, Council 760 managed six benefit projects. Nearly all projects raised money for local residents facing serious health issues resulting in substantial uninsured expenses. In one case it was to assist a young family who had lost a spouse/mother to diabetes. The main fundraising event for each of these benefits is a Sunday morning benefit breakfast. Several events also included benefit raffles with merchandise offered by local people or families; and advertised through our council. In addition to the money raised during the breakfasts and raffles, we also use our parish website, and social media resources, to encourage out-of-town donations.

In addition to full benefit breakfasts, we also made direct cash donations to four local families who experienced illnesses, fire damage to their homes, and unexpected adoption issues.

Culture of Life, Pro-Life Activities.

We enthusiastically support pro-life activities including, but not limited to, providing sponsorship to annual pro-life meetings. In September of 2021, our council hosted a homemade Ice Cream Social after the Catholic Youth Ministry Pro-Life Rosary. The Rosary and social were held in the church gardens. In April of 2022, we resumed Lifesaver Sunday sales which support *A Better Choice* Clinics and ultrasound equipment.

Adopted Seminarian(s) – Postulant(s).

We continue to support Mr. Jacob McGuire (right), a seminarian from St. Bridget’s Catholic Church, Scammon. Jacob is a first-year theology seminarian at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. We supported Father Jimmie Schibi in his studies until his ordination in 2018. Also, in 2018 we provided outreach support to Deacon Michael Aung Naing Win, a seminarian in Monhla, Myanmar (Burma) donating money to help him buy a computer for his studies.



Lord’s Prayer Signs – 3rd Edition.

During the summer of 2021, our council voted to extend a twenty-five-year tradition of displaying the Lord’s Prayer along a 4/10th mile stretch on Highway 47, east of St. Paul. The original signs were hand painted and donated by a St. Paul couple, now deceased, in about 1995. About ten years ago another family had the fourteen signs redesigned by a former St. Paul resident who worked in the Pitt State Graphics department. Those signs were fading and beginning to peel. Fortunately, the artist still had the artwork and was able to enhance the fourteen signs — 28 laminated aluminum & vinyl panels. Our team removed the old signs, repaired/repainted the existing posts and brackets, and installed the new signs in early November. Also, one of our Knights has taken responsibility for mowing around the signs and inspecting them for stability. The project cost was about \$1,300 including post repair.



Lenten Fish Fries.

We hosted two Lenten fish fries. Proceeds from the first fry were directed to our Operating, Community, and Emergency Fund. Money from the second meal was pledged for a church improvement project.

Community, Church, and KofC National Projects

As usual, we supported several community and church projects such as Project Prom (\$100), an Altar Server & CYM appreciation excursion, TEC attendee scholarships, support of our local 4H Group (\$500), and we assisted with trucks, loaders, and labor to help with the cleanup of a local disabled man’s yard. We also donated \$100 to the Knights of Columbus Ukrainian Relief Fund.

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