



Knights of Columbus

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April 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

Spring is here! Our Lenten fast is over and we rejoice in the Risen Lord, Who lives among us and Whose face we are called to see in everyone we meet. As Knights, we see the face of Christ in the people we help, in the people who support us, and in each other. Let us celebrate this Easter season by spreading the word about what we do, how we involve our parish and our community in helping others, and about how we work together to make the world a better place. That may sound cliché, but the more Knights we have the more effective we become. And when we grow our membership we help ourselves as well as others. Sometimes all it takes is for someone to ask. Or contact Steve Dressler or me if you know someone who might be a good candidate and would like one of us to talk with him.

Congratulations to Brian Repp and Jim VonDerHaar for their 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications on Palm Sunday, March 20th in Breese, IL. Steve Dressler and I were proud to stand in support of Brian and Jim and were glad to participate in the ceremony. If you are a 1st degree member and would like to take the steps to full Knighthood, please contact me or Steve for to find out when the next Major Degree will take place.

On Tuesday, March 15th, seven Knights, my daughter Katie, and two dogs helped make another card lotto a pleasure for seventeen residents of Columbia Convalescent Center. We hold Card Lotto on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Nick Matrisotto if you'd like to help make it possible, or just show up. The next Card Lotto will be on April 19th at 7:00pm.

We held the last Fish Fry of 2016 on Good Friday, March 25th, in the school cafeteria. We had a record setting season this year thanks to a lot of hard working Knights, wives, and children. With the firemen running out of fish at 3:00 we were able to collect some early patrons and eventually sell nearly everything we had. We appreciate the support we received from the parish and the community, making this season the best on record. We extend a special thanks to Katie Repp, wife of brother Knight Brian Repp, for helping us put the kitchen back together every week when we were finished.

From the family committee, we send a thanks to all who helped make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. Thank you for digging deep this Lent to contribute nonperishable food items to the local food banks and for donating money through the Catholic Relief Services rice bowls. Join us in the garden level of the new church for fun and fellowship on Friday, April 16th, at 6:30pm, for the next KC Family Movie Night. Enjoy popcorn and drinks as we watch Disney/Pixar's *Brave*. Thanks to Nick Matrisotto, Ted Haney, and Brian Repp for helping to make the Family Fully Alive as a part of the Knights of Columbus Building the Domestic Church initiative.

We collected 32 units of blood this month at the Knights of Columbus-Red Cross Blood Drive on March 13th. We had 34 donors and one first-time donor but fell just short of our 35-unit goal. We won't have a blood drive in April but we will have one in May. Come give the gift of life on Sunday, May 15th, after all the Masses and help make up the deficit. There is always great need, and this drive will be no exception.

Come join us for our traditional Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday morning, May 8th from 8-11. And by "join us," I mean help us make this day special for all mothers, mothers-to-be, and those who are like a mother to someone else. We will need help frying eggs and pancakes, serving food and beverages, and cleaning up afterward. Please consider donating a couple hours of your time so that everyone has time to enjoy the morning.

Every May and October the Knights lead the Rosary before each Mass on the weekends. We will need volunteers to lead us in this blessed prayer before each Mass during the month of May so that everyone will respect the sanctity of life. With all that's going on in the world today, the need is greater than ever.

It will soon be time to say goodbye to the convent on Main Street. Saturday, May 14th, has been designated as Convent Cleanout Day. It will take many hands to move the items we must keep and dispose of the items we must let go. More details will be forthcoming.

Before you know it Summer will be upon us. And with the Summer comes our election of officers. We will be looking to nominate officers in the May meeting and hold elections in June. Anyone desiring to serve in an officer role please contact me at your earliest convenience. We are especially looking for someone to serve in the Deputy Grand Knight role, as John Whitworth will be coordinating the building of our new Parish Education and Activities Center. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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After a long night of serving fish and cleaning up the cafeteria, the last of the crew prepares to dig into a bunny cake made by Maddie VonDerHaar, daughter of Fish Fry Chairman Jim VonDerHaar. Thanks Maddie. It was delicious!!!

Calendar of Events

General Membership Meeting April 14th at 7:30 pm

Family Movie Night- April 15th at 6:30 pm

Card Lotto April 19th at 7:00 pm

Mother's Day Breakfast- May 8th 8:00am - 11:00am

Convent Cleanout- May 14th at 8:00 am

Blood Drive May 15th After All Masses

Thanks!!!

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net (618) 281-7889 or Pat Grawitch at tgrawitch@charter.net (314) 495-0742. Our order is open to any practical catholic male 18 years or older.



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