



# Knights of Columbus

## George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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April 2020 Newsletter

### Grand Knight's Message

This has to be, by far, some of the most unexpected circumstances that could possibly have come about to find myself trying to think of what to write in a monthly newsletter. Since the last time I wrote these couple of short paragraphs, our world has changed in unimaginable ways. Those words have been used before, but I think we can agree that they have only held their true weight a limited number of times in the recent past.

But here we are, in a world that has changed. But it's worth asking the question, "Why has it changed?" I think there is a fantastic amount of hope in why it has changed. Yes, there is a mountain of fear, uncertainty, distrust, disinformation and other evils floating around right now, waiting to pull us into a dark place. But ultimately, the world has decided to make the changes it has to protect some of the most vulnerable people. It has been evident from very early that the elderly, sick, and compromised among us carry the most risk. And we know that is not specific to this disease. But across the globe, citizens have made immense sacrifice knowing that they are not necessarily the ones who will benefit from their sacrifice. What is that, but exactly what we are called to do every day as Catholics? And

the world is doing it. Never in my short life have I witnessed such a strong reaction for the common good.

Know in this time, that this is exactly the type of situation our organization is called to action for. Please, if you need help, if you know someone who needs help, now is the time to raise your voice. We are all scared, uncomfortable, hurting. Help can come in so many forms. A meal delivered, a grocery run, even just a few minutes conversation a couple times a week. I have never seen this group fail when we have taken on a task.

Please stay safe, stay smart and know that you are not alone.  
Vivat Jesus!

Jonathan Gilbreth

### **Blood Drive**

The next most recent blood drive was held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 28 people present and they collected 24 units. Thanks to James Huch for single handedly running this event every 56 days. No news yet on the next blood drive while Illinois is on lockdown.

### **Lenten Fish Fries**

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry was a record-setting success., both in sales and participation. It was great to see so many new faces helping in the

kitchen dining room, and coop. We had our second fish fry on March 13<sup>th</sup> but had to serve the food in a drive-tru format. The response from the parish and community was outstanding. People were very thankful we adapted to quickly and so well. It was another record success but, alas, it was our final fish fry for the season. Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts with purchases and labor. The money we raised will go to the various charities we support throughout the year.

### **May, the Month of Mary**

Assuming we will be back celebrating Mass at church in May, the Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women will lead the parish in saying the Rosary before each Mass on the first weekend. The knights will lead the Rosary before each weekend Mass for the rest of the month. Please contact Pat Grawitch at 314-495-0742 or at [pgrawitch@gmail.com](mailto:pgrawitch@gmail.com) or visit our website to sign up online if you would like to lead us in this prayer for the sanctity of human life.

### **Next Council Meeting**

As with all parish meetings and events, our Council meetings are cancelled until further notice. We will communicate as best we can when we are able to resume business as usual.



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Our last fish fry was drive thru only due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It was hugely successful with people telling us how much they appreciated the drive thru service. Our thanks to all the customers who supported our efforts and to the volunteers who stepped up to help make it happen.

*Thanks!!*



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### Calendar of Events

All Knights of Columbus meetings and sponsored events are cancelled until further notice. We will communicate as best we can when events become safe and practical to return.

Easter Triduum- Holy Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> thru Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**We urge you to participate in the Sunday Mass and the Easter Triduum services online at home.**

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