



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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August 2015 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Message

It seems too soon for me to be writing another newsletter, but the older I get the faster time seems to fly. I'd like to take a minute to introduce myself since there were so many things to talk about in July. I was raised in Fairview Heights by good Catholic parents. I'm one of 11 children and placed 3rd from the bottom, so they ran out of money and patience long before I came along. My wife Tina and I moved to Columbia in 1995 and then to Waterloo in 2001. Katie, our daughter, will be in the 7th grade at ICS this year and you may hear her Cantor at 7 o'clock Mass on occasion. For many years I was involved with the RCIA and currently serve as the vice-chair of the Pastoral Council. If you ever have questions about the knights, any of our events, or would like to volunteer to serve on one of the various KC council committees, please drop me an email at tgrawitch@charter.net.

July was a good month for our council. We raised funds that will help to finance the good works that we do in our parish and our community. The July 4th event brought 25 knights out to serve 660 hamburgers, 15lbs of pulled pork, and 400 servings of Ted Drewes frozen custard. We sold everything we had and even purchased one more box of burgers from the Khoury League. Food, fun, and frivolity were had by all.

Knights once again stepped up to work 12 shifts at the Monroe County Fair and their wages were donated back to the council. The knights' selfless giving of their time will help to fund the great works that our KC council does. It will greet someone in need in the months to come.

Card Lotto was held on July 21st and Nick Matrisoto, Ted Haney, and Brian Repp made this month's Card Lotto a family affair. They had 7 families and 1 lone knight helping to bring smiles and good times to 15 residents. Card Lotto is held on the third Thursday of every month at Columbia Convalescent Center. This is a worthy ministry and a great way to spread the Joy of the Gospel.

July's blood drive had 37 donors sign in and collected 35 units. That's a great number for summertime. Thanks to everyone who donated. Your contributions will go to help 105 people. My special thanks to Jim Huch for organizing this event every 56 days and Steve Dressler for helping with refreshments with his world famous brownies.

Before you know it the kids will be back in school, the



pools will be closed, and we'll be asking for donations to help those with intellectual disabilities. The IDD-Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on September 18th, 19th, and 20th. In years past the Tootsie Roll Drive was run by the late Norm Sheble, so we are in need of a knight to serve as chairman for this year's drive. The chairman normally orders the Tootsie Rolls, coordinates collection schedules, and staffs the command center during the drive. I've ordered the candy already so the hard part is done. If you would like to serve as chairman for this event please contact me at your earliest convenience. We need you!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Pat Grawitch



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Chancellor Jim Huch , the PGK Steve Dressler, and PGK Bob Stadler appreciate the quality signage promoting our Double Cheeseburger.

PGK Bob Stadler calculates change for a five while Chris Neumann and Tom Farr stand ready to help the next customer.

Calendar of Events

Eucharistic Adoration at the Old Church
Every Tuesday

General Membership Meeting

August 13th 7:30pm

Card Lotto August 18th 7:00pm

Family Back to School Social

August 28th 7:00pm

Labor Day Picnic September 7th

IDD Tootsie Roll Drive

September 18th, 19th, and 20th

Blood Drive September 20th

Years of Service as a Knight

Michael L. Kish	47
Eugene C. Gilbreth	46
Eugene R. Toenjes	46
Lawence R. Toenjes	46
Larry G. Greenfield	41
Brian s. Sminchak	28
Raymond O. Farley	18
Thomas G. Magee	18
Kevin L. Bragg	6
William J. Feldker	6
Bob M. Freyman	6
Michael E. Schaefer	6
Michael P. Stark	6
Anthony J. Traxler	6



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life