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August 2014 Newsletter

Brother Knights,

So far, our Council has had a busy summer.

On 6/21/14 we sponsored our annual **Mid Summer Night Festival** at ICC on the parking lot. We grilled hotdogs and served food that included watermelon to ICC parishioners after 5:00pm Mass until 10:00pm. Thanks to Joe Koppeis for providing bounce houses, our local Dairy Queen for ice cream, and the Daniels family for music. The weather was generally good, however we did experience a threatened storm and high wind around 7:00pm. Everyone pitched in to move everything into our quality space in the Garden Level and the party continued without any impact. Thanks to **Joel Dunphy** and **Steve Dressler** for organizing this event which was enjoyed by approximately 300 parishioners.

Thanks to **Chris Sueme, Keith Renner and Mark Funfsinn**, our "chicken coup" at ICS is now cleaned and spotless, awaiting the frying of chicken at the ICC annual picnic on Labor Day.

We participated in Columbia's annual **4th of July** event at American Legion Park with our traditional serving of burgers, pulled pork and Ted Drewe's frozen custard. We are pleased

to report we sold out of everything by 8:30pm, just in time for all to enjoy the fireworks. **Katie Grawitch**, daughter of DGK Pat, delighted the audience by singing the National Anthem to kick off the fireworks display, capping a highly successful day of activities. Thanks to **Jim Von Der Haar, Steve Dressler, Jim Huch, Pat Grawitch**, many other fellow Knights and family members who contributed their quality time on the holiday to make this another memorable event for our community.

Our next major event will be our participation at the City's **Columbia Daze** on 8/15 & 8/16/14. Volunteers will again be needed to help us serve pizza, ice cream and other food items from our tent at

Metter Park.

We have a supply of our highly visible, "electric green" **Knights of Columbus t-shirts** available for purchase for \$10.00. If interested, you may acquire one at our monthly Council meetings or feel free to contact me.

Our next **Card Lotto** with residents of the Columbia Convalescent Center will be on 8/19/14 at 7:00pm.

Please join us at our next **Council membership meeting** on **8/14/14** to learn more about our 2014 events and share in the comradery.

Vivat Jesus!
Bob Stadler
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Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration at the Old Church

- 08/14 - General Membership Meeting** - 7:30pm
- 08/15-08/16 - Columbia Daze Celebration** - Metter Park
- 08/19 - Card Lotto** - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm
- 08/22 - KC/ACTS Social Night** - ICC Palmer/Garden Level - TBA
- 09/01 - Labor Day Holiday / ICC Picnic @ ICS** - 11:00am-10:00pm
- 09/11 - 1st Degree Ceremony** - 7:00pm
- 09/11 - General Membership Meeting** - 7:30pm
- 09/13 - Christians Unite at Metter Park** - 12:00pm-8:00pm
- 09/16 - Card Lotto** - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm
- 09/18-09/21 - Men's ACTS Retreat** - Kings House
- 09/19-09/20 - IDD Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend**
- 09/20 - Life Network of Southern Illinois Life Walk** - TBA
- 09/21 - KC Blood Drive** - Garden Level - 8:00am-1:00pm
- 09/27 - KC Trivia Night** - Garden Level - TBA
- 10/09 - General Membership Meeting** - 7:30pm
- 10/12 - Major Degree at ICC-Palmer** - 12:30-5:00pm
- 10/13 - Columbus Day Holiday**

History behind the Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Over the years this annual event has taken many names. Originally known as the MRLD (referencing Mental Retardation) it was changed to the ID Drive in 1999. Over the years, 10% of the funds raised go to the State Council to assist with Charity Events involving the Special Olympics. Can you imagine the smile on the face of the young men and women as they walk out on that field, in that arena with their parents and friends watching? It's Amazing, especially knowing that you had something to do with it.



The remaining 90% of the funds raised is returned to the individual councils for distribution to local charitable organizations. We have donated to the Monroe Council for the Handicapped for several years. Our Annual donation has touched so many children. They understand as we do, no donation is too large or too small. Every penny counts and touches the life of a Child. My niece is a Down Syndrome Child and I can tell you, there is no greater gift in this World than her and Special Needs Children period. Some people say they are a lot of work and painful to deal with. Yes I admit they are a handful often, but nothing fills your heart with so much love than that child. Knowing you are a part in their life is the most gratifying gift in the World. Don't let that moment go.

The 45th Annual ID Drive Planning has begun. I am working on getting us a few new places to Collect as well as capture some of the popular locations. All we need to make this an event better than last year is you. I am giving you plenty of time to think about helping us out this year in one or more of the many work slots available. This has historically been one where the kids and wives get involved as well because the results are so wonderful. Our event is scheduled for Friday September 19th and Saturday September 20th. I know we conflict with the ACTS retreat this year, but please plan to assist us in the many ways this Council, this Parish and our Community has over the years. The Children need us more than ever.

No need to act today, but if you would like to volunteer your time and/or your family time, please contact me and I will get you started. Email me at webmaster@kofc6165.org.

Thanks for all you do as Knights. Respectably, Norm Sheble, Chancellor / IDD Chairman

Years of Continuous Service

Michael L Kish	46
Eugene C Gilbreth	45
Eugene R Toenjes	45
Lawrence R Toenjes	45
Larry G Greenfield	40
Brian S Sminchak	27
Raymond O Farley	17
Thomas G Magee	17
Russell B Peterson	16
Kevin L Bragg	5
William J Feldker	5
Bob M Freyman	5
Michael E Schaefer	5
Michael P Stark	5
Anthony J Traxler	5

Columbia Daze Festival & Parade

Vendors, Music, Food & More
August 15th & 16th 4:00pm-Midnight

Volunteers will be needed to man our food booth & participate in the parade. Contact Joel Dunphy (joel.dunphy@gmail.com) or Steve Dressler (dressler@htc.net) to Volunteer for this event

Mark Your Calendars KC Trivia Night



September 27th - Garden Level
Tables of 10 - \$100 @ Table / \$10.00 each
Doors Open at 6:00pm / Game begins at 7:00pm
Reservation & Food information TBD / Check the Web for more info