



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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December 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

As we enter the advent season we enter a season of anticipation. We anticipate the love God has shown to us through the birth of the baby Jesus, His life of trials and triumph, and His crucifixion and resurrection. He is revealed to us every day in the faces of those we love, in the faces of those who need our help, and in the faces of those who need our forgiveness. On Stewardship Sunday weekend, I realized just how much our Council does for others who need our help. There were so many events I could hardly fit them on the display board. I am always proud to be a part of such an active and generous council. My wish to you this Advent and Christmas seasons is that you recognize how much you do and take pride in it. You are the face of Christ to others every day and there are always people in need. Keep up the good work.

It was a very chilly night for the Fall Festival and Hayride, held on Saturday, November 12th, but a great time was had by all. Thanks to the hard work of the Family Committee Ted Haney, Brian Repp, and Nick Matrisotto, and all the Knights who helped. We had plenty of hot dogs and chili and everything went off without a hitch. Thanks also to Ed and Mike Schaefer and their families for topping off the evening with hayrides. It's always a great time on a hayride.

Congratulations to new parishioner Phil Weaver, the winner of the Knights of Columbus Nativity Set Raffle. We hope the nativity set, made in the Holy Land,

will help to make each Advent and Christmas season special. We also thank everyone who supported our raffle. The proceeds help fund the charitable works that we do each month.

Card Lotto was held on November 15th at Columbia Convalescent Center. It is held on the third Tuesday of every month and the residents always enjoy the fun and fellowship. They are especially excited when the kids show up to help.

We had 41 donors signed in and collected 35 units of blood at the Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive held on Sunday, November 20th. This will help save the lives of 105 people in the coming weeks or months. Thank you to all who gave the gift of life. The next blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 15th after all Masses.

We sold more than 50 books of vocation raffle tickets, with proceeds going to support seminarians working to become our newest priests. Our council will donate \$500.00 to support a seminarian in the Belleville Diocese. Good luck to all who entered and thank you for your support.

The Family Committee is pleased to announce the arrival of the 2017 Building the Domestic Church- The Family Fully Alive books. The Family Committee has a busy calendar in 2017 and will be working to integrate many of their events with events sponsored by other parish organizations. More information coming soon.

Congratulations to brother knight Steve Wilson, Deputy Grand Knight Patrick

McDermott, and Outside Guard Matt Buhr for making their commitment to full Knighthood at the major degree ceremony, sponsored by the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Council #1334, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School on Saturday, November 5th.

Merry Christmas

Don't forget the Parish Christmas Party being held on Saturday, December 10th in the ICS gym. Doors open at 5:30PM, with dinner at 6:45, and dancing until 10:30. Music will be provided by "A Family Affair" and Santa will stop by for a visit. Tickets are \$12.00 per adult (ages 13 and up), children ages 7-12 are \$6.00, and kids 6 and under are free. Reservations are required and we ask you to please pay in advance. Call John Haubrich at 618-281-6021 or email him at kchristmasparty@gmail.com.

We are planning to hold an Admission Degree (First Degree) Exemplification on January 12th at 7:00pm, with the council meeting immediately following. If you know someone who would like to join our ranks, please contact me at gk@kofc6165.org or at (314) 495-0742 or Membership Director Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net or at (618) 281-7889.

Look for information concerning the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee and the KC Free Throw Contest coming in January.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Me on the left with nativity set winner Phil Weaver. We hope Phil's family will enjoy it for many years to come. May it one day become a family heirloom that can be passed down to future generations of Weavers.



Katie Grawitch (left) and Holly Repp (right) and about a dozen others enjoy a hayride courtesy of the Ed and Mike Schaefer families.

Thanks!!!



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Calendar of Events

Eucharistic Adoration- Every Tuesday

9:00am-10:00pm in the Reservation Chapel

Feast of the Immaculate Conception- December 8th

Masses at 8:05am and 7:00pm

Parish Christmas Party – December 10th

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:45

Communal Reconciliation Service- 3:00pm

At Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Dupo

Christmas Mass Schedule- 5:00pm Christmas Eve,

Midnight, 9:00am, 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- January 1st

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

First Degree Exemplification- January 12th 7:00pm

Council Meeting- January 12th at 7:30pm

Blood Drive- January 15th After All Masses