



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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December 2023 Newsletter



Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held on **Friday, January 5, 2024, from 8am until 1pm**. Spread the word and come give the gift of life.

Christmas Parade

Save the date. The Knights of Columbus will once again be throwing Tootsie Rolls in the Columbia Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 2nd, at 5pm**. We'll gather at the Masonic temple at 4pm to decorate the wagon provided by the Schaefer family.



Knights Christmas Party

In lieu of a December council meeting, the Knights of Columbus Christmas party will be held on **Thursday, December 14th at 6pm** in the garden level fellowship hall of Immaculate Conception Church. Dinner and drinks will be provided. If you and your family can join us, please contact GK Jim VonDerHaar at gk@kofc6165.org or at 314-494-8874.

Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas caroling on **Tuesday, December 19th**. We'll meet at 5:15pm in the garden level of Immaculate Conception Church, leaving for Bria at 5:30. We'll continue to homes, so dress for the weather.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Details for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be forthcoming after a date is selected.

Spelling Bee

We will not host a spelling bee in 2024.

Next Council Meeting

Our next council meeting will be on **Thursday, January 11th at 7pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room on the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church.



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From Spiritual Companion Tom R. Braun

Advent is our opportunity to celebrate the arrival of Jesus, and purposely open our hearts to His love, hope, and peace. Not an easy task with war and hate raging in nearly all corners of this, so called, modern age.

As Knights of Columbus brothers, we ask God to work “through us” as we freely offer the work of our hands...and extend the gift of Christ’s LOVE through humble service to those in need.

We reflect HOPE through our optimism...reflecting the confidence of our living Savior to those living in uncertainty.

We reflect PEACE when we first ask God to forgive ourselves, then extend His overflowing reconciliation, kindness, and compassion to those in most need of His mercy and grace.

Advent is the opportunity for Knights to deepen our faith by reaching out to those in need, by gathering and caring for family and friends, all the while preparing our own hearts for the ultimate Christmas gift: the arrival of our living Savior Jesus, in the fullness of time.

Pathfinders Scripture Discussion

Pathfinders is a group of men who meet on Saturdays at 7:30am to read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. We start with music and prayer, read the readings for the Sunday Mass, and discuss what the Holy Spirit brings to light. They are always finished in an hour. Come join us this Saturday to see what it’s all about.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will celebrate the feast day honoring our parish patroness, Immaculate Mary, on **Friday, December 8th**. Masses will be at 8:05am and 7:00pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day: 9:00am, 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

The solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on **Sunday, January 1st**. See the parish bulletin for Mass times.

*Have a Blessed Christmas
and a very happy New Year!!!*



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Thanks!!!



Fourth Degree Corner

The 4th Degree Assembly was pleased to welcome 1 transferee, Paul Smith, and 9 new members, from left to right: District Deputy Carl Scheffert, David Bodinet, Jim VonDerHaar, Matt Sainz, Jack Sainz, Adam Randle, Kevin Hutchinson, Pat Grawitch, Steve Wilson, and Tom R. Braun. The Assembly is extremely grateful to Council 6165 for promoting the importance of the 4th Degree. Out of respect for family time for the holidays, there will be no meeting in December. Anyone interested in becoming a 4th Degree member should contact Wes Hoeffken at hoeffken@htc.net.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact David Bodinet at dbodinet@gmail.com (618) 910-4885 or contact Jim VonDerHaar at gk@kofc6165.org or at (314) 494-8874. Our order is open to any practical catholic male, 18 years old or older.



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