



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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February 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

As the new year gets into full swing our Knight of Columbus council is ramped up and ready to meet the many challenges we face in 2016. The values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are lived every day and it shows in the things we do and the people we help.

We started the month off right by helping the Gibault Catholic High School kids prepare for a March for Life trip to Washington, DC to show support for the sanctity of life. Our donation was meant to cover the cost of a single student, or help to defray incidental costs. Due to the massive winter storm that blanketed the East with ice and snow, the trip was postponed.

We are also happy to help Gibault High School seniors pay expenses for a service trip to Ecuador. There they will work with Bless an Orphan and learn what it's like to care for the neediest of people. They will help care for orphans, feed the homeless, drill water wells, plant gardens and help build houses. It's funny how you seem to get more than you give when you give to those who need it most.

January 19th was the date for this month's Card Lotto at Columbia Convalescent Center. They had 19 residents participate and two dogs helped to make event that much more fun. Card Lotto is played every third Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Columbia Convalescent Center. No special skills are required to help out, just a desire to make a difference.

We had a light turn out for the January 17th Red Cross Blood Drive. The snow and cold weather may have kept some people away, but we collected 27 units of blood that will go to help 81 people. Thanks as always to Jimmy Huch for leading this worthy ministry and to Steve Dressler for making the world famous brownies. Our next blood drive will be on Sunday, March 13th.

The KC Free Throw Contest was held on Sunday afternoon, January 24th. Thanks to Mike Kish and John Adams for heading up this fun event, and Jim VonDerHaar, PGK Mark Funfsinn, and Brian Repp for helping to make it go off without a hitch. We had a total of 23 kids participate. Each champion in their age group and gender will advance to the district competition in Valmeyer on February 21st. Registration starts at 11:30 with the competition beginning at Noon.

As we go to press, the KC Spelling Bee has not yet taken place on Saturday, January 30th. Once again coordinated by Jim VonDerHaar and judged by Bob and Pat Stadler and Teresa Fehrenz. Results will be announced in the March newsletter.

Fat Tuesday, February 9th, we will once again prepare and serve our traditional sausage and pancake dinner in the garden level of our Church on Palmer Rd. Thank you Steve Dressler for getting the food and supplies. We will need help cooking, serving, and cleaning up. All are invited to join this parish event when we will burn last year's palm branches and

bury the Alleluia and await its resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Once again Jim VonDerHaar has stepped up to lead this effort. It is a monumental task and we can use all the help we can get. The 2016 Fish Fry schedule can be found on the following page. We need help cutting fish on the nights before each fish fry. Prep work starts at 3:00 and food service starts at 4:00. We will need lots of help, especially for clean-up. We need young, strong backs to help clean the coop and the kitchen from 6:00 to 7:30 after every fish fry. Come join in the fun and bring your families/friends. Please contact Jim or myself so we can put you on your favorite shift.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out and return your Survey of Fraternal Activity form you recently received in the mail. Please send it, along with your dues payment, to our Financial Secretary Kevin Hutchinson as soon as possible.

On the weekends of February 6th and 7th and February 13th and 14th we will hold a Knights of Columbus membership drive. We need Knights to be available after every Mass to answer questions and talk to men who may be interested in joining our council. We will also hold a **First Degree Ceremony** at 7:00pm on February 11th prior to our membership meeting. Come show these men what unity and fraternity are about by standing with them as they make their commitment.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Calendar of Events

- KC Membership Drive** February 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th
- First Degree Ceremony** February 11th at 7:00pm
- General Membership Meeting** February 11th at 7:30pm
- Stations of the Cross** Every Friday 2:15pm in ICS Gym
7:00pm in the church
- Card Lotto** February 16th, 7:00pm
- ICS Dinner Auction** February 20th
- Fat Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner** February 9th
- Blood Drive** March 13th After All Masses

Fish Fry Dates:

- Ash Wednesday, February 10th
- Friday, February 26th
- Friday, March 11th
- Good Friday, March 25th

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net (618) 281-7889 or Pat Grawitch at tgrawitch@charter.net (314) 495-0742. Our order is open to any practical catholic male 18 years or older.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Champions for boys and girls in their age groups. They will go on to compete in the regional contest in Valmeyer.



Years of Service as a Knight

Donald J. Happy	61
James P. Lawlor	61
Darrell P. May	50
Ronald P. Bequette	42
Norman J. Schaefer	42
Augusto Ferreira	39
William D. Harbaugh	39
Mgysgt George R. Kutterer	39
James A. Metter	39
Roger L. Siburt	33
James C. Lansing	31
John K. Dammrich	29
Philip J. Bohn	28
Stephen G. Dressler	28
David P. Haislar	28
Terry A. Reichert	28
Mark J. Schmersahl	28
Thomas E. Ryterski	24

Thanks!!!



Joseph A. Butler	17
Charles A. Turner	13
Richard C. Stockard	10
Jay B. Unnerstall	10
Robert C. Alvarez	9
Ronald J. Graff	9
Michael A. Hollman	9
James J. Huch	9
Randy L. Rachell	9
Adam C. Weiler	9
Brian C. Schutzenhofer	8
Robert A. Karsznia	7
Michael J. Becherer	6

Chris L. Curtis	6
Devin V. Dalpoas	6
Shawn S. Spruill	6
Brian A. Thole	6
Justin A. Beckman	3
Alan J. Beckman	3
Patrick E. Grawitch	3
Mark G. Hammond	3
Joshua L. Luebbehusen	3
Brian D. Repp	3
Robert E. Stadler	3
Bruce G. Wicklein	1