



# Knights of Columbus

## George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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January 2016 Newsletter



### Grand Knight's Message

The Christmas decorations will soon be taken down, the tree will be packed away, and another treacherous trip to the rooftop to take down the Christmas lights will be history. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season will be history too and many of us will be able to go back to work and get some rest.

As busy as everyone is in December the KC calendar was pretty sparse. But sparse doesn't mean unimportant. On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, fun was had by all at the 2015 parish Christmas party sponsored by the Knights. Mike Ledbetter led the effort once again, helped by John Whitworth, John Haubrich, Steve Dressler and many others. Brother Knight Jerry Gilbreth and his wife Renee once again led the chicken frying and Judy Kinane led the kitchen crew. Brother Knight Dwayne Daniels and his family provided the music and his wife Kathy baked the cakes.

In the November meeting our brother Russ Peterson was unanimously selected as the Knight of the Year for 2015. Russ was our lecturer, attended every KC membership meeting without fail, and was a liaison for the Council and the parish. He always challenged us to look beyond the things that normally trip us up so we can see the issues that are truly important. He had his hands in so many of the events that went on in our parish and thus was a great resource for information and guidance. Always willing to help, he was involved in many of the Knights events, especially the

ones that directly helped those in need. At the Christmas party Father Carl presented the Knight of the Year Award to Russ' wife Lara and the Peterson family and shared some great stories and heartfelt recollections.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> Nick Matrisotto and the usual suspects shared their time at the Columbia Convalescent Center playing Card Lotto. They would like to make the January Card Lotto a family event. What a great way to spend a couple hours showing your children what compassion looks like. Card Lotto is played every third Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Columbia Convalescent Center.

We have a busy January ahead of us. We have a First Degree Ceremony tentatively scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come support the men who are ready to make their commitment and stay for lively discussion and fellowship at the Council meeting immediately following. If you know anyone who is considering becoming a Knight please contact me at [gk@kofc6165.org](mailto:gk@kofc6165.org) or 314-495-0742 or Steve Dressler at [dresslersg@charter.net](mailto:dresslersg@charter.net) or at 618-570-9284.

Brother Jimmy Huch will once again lead a Blood Drive on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. Please support this worthy cause if you are able. There is much need for blood these days.

The KC Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, Mike Kish has volunteered to coordinate this for us. Warm up will

be at 2:00 in the ICS gym, the competition will begin at 2:30. Bring your kids and come join the fun. Open to all children of grade school age. Contact Mr. Kish at [mkish@icsmail.org](mailto:mkish@icsmail.org) or 618-281-5353 to register. We can still use some help with registration, rebounding, and score keeping. Let me know at [gk@kofc6165.org](mailto:gk@kofc6165.org) if you would be interested in helping out.

We will also conduct the KC Spelling Bee, chaired by Jim VonDerHaar, on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the KC Room at the church on Palmer Rd. Open to kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child would like to participate, contact Jim at [jvonderhaar@bhhsselectstl.com](mailto:jvonderhaar@bhhsselectstl.com) to register.

The 2016 Fish Fry schedule can be found on the following page. This from coordinator Jim VonDerHaar: all shifts are available and we have many slots to fill. 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.

Finally, as I send this letter to the printer, many of our brothers, our families, and our friends are in desperate need of help and prayers. People all over the area are helping to move loved ones and belongings, sandbag levies, and make lunches for volunteers of every kind. I urge you to help in any way you are able.

Vivat Jesus!  
Pat Grawitch



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Paul J. Butler	15
Kevin W. Hutchinson	11
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Thomas R. Braun	3



Party Emcee John Whitworth and Father Carl presented the Russ Peterson Knight of the Year plaque to Russ's wife Lara Peterson. Lara and Russ' sister Kirsten are surrounded by their families and were very moved by the recognition.

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

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### Calendar of Events

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** January 1<sup>st</sup>
- First Degree Ceremony** January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- General Membership Meeting** January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- Blood Drive** January 17<sup>th</sup> After All Masses
- Card Lotto** January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
- KC Free Throw Contest** January 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30am
- KC Spelling Bee** January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
- KC Membership Drive** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Fat Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner** February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Fish Fry Dates:**
  - Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>