



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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January 2017 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

Happy New Year!!!

As I begin the first KC newsletter of 2017 I look forward to a year full of hope and good will. When we welcomed in the Advent season we closed out the Jubilee Year of Mercy instituted by the Holy Father. Even though the Jubilee has ended, the need for mercy is ever present. As knights, we show that mercy in the works that we do and the service we provide to others. We sow the seeds of good will in hopes it will be spread to others by those who are inspired by our actions. Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to people of good will.

A fun time was had by all at the Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Party held on Saturday, December 10th. Our thanks to Mike Ledbetter, Steve Dressler, John Haubrich, and John Whitworth for organizing this event as they have done for many years. Special appearances were made by several people that night, including Santa Claus. Denny Ward and his wife Janet were invited as our guests from the Monroe Council for the Handicapped. They were presented with a ceremonial check in the amount of \$6304.15 from the proceeds of the 2016 IDD/Tootsie Roll Drive. We honored Jerry and Renee Gilbreth, and the whole Gilbreth family, for years of behind-the-scenes service to others frying the fish for our fish fries and frying chicken for the parish picnic and the

parish Christmas party. We also honored Al and Marilyn Ziegler for running the annual KC Scholarship Essay Contest. After 30 years of essays they are handing over the reins to Kevin Hutchinson. The Zieglers have committed to working with Kevin to show him the ropes and pass along all the tricks of the trade.

Also honored at the parish Christmas party was the 2016 Knight of the Year... **Kevin Hutchinson**. Kevin has served two 3-year terms as our council's Financial Secretary, is a great resource for new members, and always eager to steer people and the council in the right direction. He offers his counsel when appropriate and has unique insight as to how the bureaucracy of the Knights of Columbus functions. He works quietly in the background, never seeking recognition for the work that he does. He is a man of great moral character with a passion for our council and its membership. Congratulations Kevin!!!

Corporal works of mercy are always the product of the monthly Card Lotto games held at Columbia Convalescent Center. Five Knights, four wives, five kids and one dog enjoyed the company of 17 residents who participated on December 20th. Card Lotto is held on the third Tuesday of every month and the residents always enjoy the fun and fellowship. Thanks to Nick Matrisotto for leading this event every month.

Give the gift of Life this month at the KC/Red Cross Blood Drive being held on Sunday, January 15th after all Masses.

The holidays always bring a need for more blood. Please give if you are able.

The 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held on Saturday, January 14th at Noon in the ICS gym. Bring your kids to register early so they can have plenty of time to warm up. Open to kids ages 9-14. We'll need help with registration, keeping score, and awarding trophies. If you can help, please contact IG Matt Buhr at matthewbuhr81@gmail.com.

Also coming up is the 2017 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, this year on Saturday, January 21st at 10:00am in the KC room. Our spelling bee is the only spelling bee in our district, so the winners will go on to participate in the Knights of Columbus regional spelling bee. Open to kids in 3rd grade thru 8th. To register your child, [click here](#). To volunteer to help with the spelling bee contact Outside Guard Jim VonDerHaar at jvonderhaar@bhhsselectstl.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 pgrawitch@gmail.com or at (314) 495-0742 or Membership Director Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net or at (618) 281-7889.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Renee and Jerry Gilbreth were honored for their years of service frying fish and chicken for the various parish and KC events.



Denny Ward from The Monroe Council for the Handicapped (left) receives a ceremonial check from Pat Grawitch (center) and John Whitworth (right).



Knight of the Year Kevin Hutchinson (center) receives his plaque at the parish Christmas party. Pictured with Pat Grawitch (left) and John Whitworth (right).

Thanks!!!

Calendar of Events

Eucharistic Adoration- Every Tuesday

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- January 1st

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

1st Degree Exemplification- January 12th at 7:00

Council Meeting- January 12th at 7:30pm

KC Free Throw Contest- January 14th at Noon

Registration opens at 11:30am

Blood Drive- January 15th After All Masses

KC Spelling Bee- January 21st at 10:00am

Registration opens at 9:30

Women's ACTS Retreat- January 26th- 29th

KC Scholarship Essay Contest- February Date TBD



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