



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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May 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

As I sit down to write this month's newsletter Memorial Day is just around the corner. Originally meant to remember those who lost their lives in the Civil War, a conflict that ripped our nation apart, Memorial Day is now a time when we come together to remember, and show our appreciation to, all those who have given of themselves in defense of our nation throughout our history. Patriotism is one of the four principles of our order, but one that gets overlooked too often. We are blessed to have so many brothers who have sacrificed so much for people they will never know. And our brothers continue to show their patriotism every day by taking an active role in making our country, state, and community a better place for everyone. Thanks, and God bless you.

Thanks, also, to all those who led the Rosary this May, and thanks to Joe Dent for leading this ministry. The need for prayer, especially for the respect of all human life, is much needed these days. Just watch the nightly news and you will see how badly we need a conversion of hearts.

Thanks to those who helped make Mother's Day special for all the ladies of our parish, and to all those who helped to make the Schaefer benefit breakfast a great success. Thanks to Patrick McDermott for taking the lead on both events. We always have men who answer the call when the need arises. Your charity is not missed by those who see you in service to others.

On Tuesday, May 17th, Nick Matrisotto and his crew played card lotto with the residents of Columbia Convalescent

Center. Card Lotto is played every month on the third Tuesday at 7:00pm. All are welcome to help take this ministry to those who cannot leave their home. The next Card Lotto is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st.

Thanks to all who gave the gift of life at the Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 15th. We had 37 attempt to give and collected 35 units total. Those 35 donors will have a positive impact on the lives of 105 people. Maybe the next time we can help touch the lives of 150 people. Please consider donating at the blood drive in July.

Thanks to the wife and family of Norm Kutterer for their donation of a Knights of Columbus tapestry which now hangs in the KC room. Thanks also to Bob Stadler and his lovely bride Pat for hanging it for us.

And thanks to the men who have offered to serve our council in leadership positions. We accepted nominations for Knights of Columbus Council 6165 officers at the May council meeting and have at least one nomination for each position. A list of the offices and the nominations for each can be found on the second page. We will still accept nominations at the June meeting, however, if no others are made then these men will be voted into office at that meeting by affirmation.

Congratulations to Spencer Biske, winner of the 2016 Knights of Columbus essay contest. Contestants were asked to write an essay on a previously undisclosed subject. The essays were reviewed and scored by the Poor Claire Sisters in South County. Spencer will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship to the Catholic school of his choice paid over 4 years. Spencer is the son of brother knight Todd Biske and his

wife Andrea, grandson to brother knight and ICS principal Mike Kish.

I'd like to note that brother Knight Al Ziegler and his wife Marilyn have been administering the essay contest for us since Spencer's mom won the first contest in 1987. Thanks for all you do for our parish and our council.

Coming up: A Midsummer Night's Festival is scheduled for June 18th after 5:00 Mass. We'll have food and drinks, bounce houses for the kids, and karaoke for those aspiring "Idol" stars. We're still looking for someone to lead this event moving forward. Brother Knight Joel Dunphy has done an outstanding job of organizing this for us each year but would like to pass the tradition on to someone new. If you can help out, please contact me. It's a fun event that's not too complicated to run.

Once again we will be selling ice cream, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and pulled pork sandwiches at Legion Park on **July 4th**. We'll start serving at 11:00am and will go until we run out of food or the fireworks start. If you can't help cook or sell, please come by to support our council with your purchases. Enjoy some great food and stay for some great fun.

Coming soon: "Christmas in July" nativity set raffle. We have purchased a nativity set to raffle off, the proceeds from which will help fund the charitable donations we make throughout the coming months. More information will be forthcoming. We will be contacting Knights to help sell tickets, promote the raffle, and support the venture with ticket purchases. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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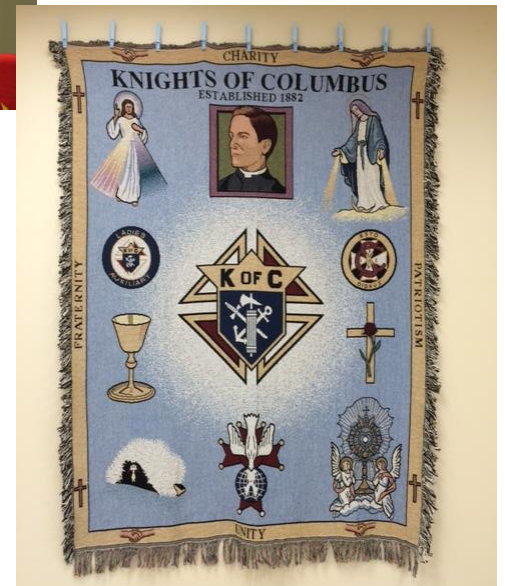
Years of Service as a Knight

Allen G. Wedel	45
Kim K. Feltz	40
Keith J. Jackson	27
William M. Taaffe	23
Andrew P. Bequette	12
David A. Bequette	12
Jason M. Laskowski	12
Michael C. Ledbetter	12
Edward I. Williamson	10
Keith A. Huels	7
Robert G. Lieb	6



Brother Knight Al Ziegler awards a scholarship to essay contest winner Spencer Biske. An abridged list of Spencer's achievements are: American Scholastic Challenge- Ill. State Champion, DAR Essay- Regional and State Winner, National History- Bee National Qualifier, National Geography Bee- State Finalist, ICS Scholar Bowl Team-Single Season Toss-up Record Setter (Team won 4th in State), Spirit of ICS Award Winner, ICS Math Award Winner, Illinois Math League- 1st Place Individual in 10 County Region, Vianney Academic Decathlon- 1st Place Individual in Math, Ill Science Olympiad "Write It, Do It" 3rd Place, Team Member of 4-Time Diocesan Champion Soccer Team.

The tapestry below, which now hangs in the Knights of Columbus Room, was donated to the George R. Kutterer Council 6165 by the family of brother Knight and charter member Norman Kutterer after his passing.



Thanks!!!

Offices and Nominees

- GK- Pat Grawitch
- DGK- Patrick McDermott
- Chancellor- James Huch
- Recorder- Mike Behnen
- Treasurer- Bob Stadler
- Warden- Mike Heller
- Inside Guard- Jim VonDerHaar
- Outside Guard- Matt Buhr
- Advocate- Adam Randle
- 1st Year Trustee- Keith Renner
- 2nd Year Trustee- Mark Funfsinn
- 3rd Year Trustee- Bob Stadler

- Continuing to Serve Our Council:
- Chaplain- Fr. Carl Sherrer
 - Lecturer- Keith Renner
 - Membership Director- Steve Dressler
 - District Deputy- Todd Hildreth



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.

Calendar of Events

- General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers**
June 8th at 7:30 pm
- Midsummer Night's Fest-** June 18th after 5:00 Mass
- Card Lotto** June 21st at 7:00 pm
- Independence Day/Hamburger Stand-** July 4th
- Blood Drive** July 10th After All Masses