



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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March 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

Lent is the season when we search within ourselves to identify our weaknesses and flaws, and seek to fix those flaws to become better Christians. It is the season of purification and enlightenment. For Knights, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are a way of life and we better ourselves by making things better for others.

Our council added five new members to our ranks in February. Geoffery McKay, Jason Donjon, Ryan Crawford, and Matthew Buhr had their First Degree Exemplification on February 11th, and Myron Potthast has transferred his membership to our council. We welcome these men and thank them for their commitment.

Our congratulations also go to Sir Knight James Huch for his Fourth Degree Exemplification held on Saturday, February 27th at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Jimmy is a model Knight, involved in almost every event in which we are engaged, and is always helping others. Congratulations Jimmy. We're proud call you our brother.

Our 2016 Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, January 30th in the Knights of Columbus Room. We had 10 kids participate and they all did great. It takes a lot of nerve to get up in front of a group of strangers, all staring at you intently, anticipating your first mistake. First place was taken by 7th grader Alycie Caya, second place was taken by 7th grader Katie Grawitch, and third place by 4th grader Brock Murphy. Alycia, Katie, and Brock were invited to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee being held on March 19th in O'Fallon, IL. We wish them good luck.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Mardi Gras pancake and sausage dinner such a special event for our parish. Thank you for your sacrifice of time and talent so that the parish could enjoy one last celebration before turning our attention to the Lenten fast.

Our first Lenten fish fry started with a prayer for humility, solidarity, safety, and success lead by brother Knight Chris Neumann. We held our second fish fry on February 26th. Thanks to all who helped make both very successful. We need help with the two in March, especially for closing and cleanup. Contact me or Jim VonDerHaar if you haven't already chosen your shift.

The 2016 Knights of Columbus District 83 Free Throw Contest was held on Sunday, February 21st at Valmeyer Community Junior High and Columbia was well represented. Carson Jany, Dharby Tieman, Bryce Pautler, and Emily Pfeffer, who participated in our council's Free Throw Contest, will advance to the regional competition on Sunday, February 28th. I'm sure they'll do great.

February 16th was the date for this month's Card Lotto at Columbia Convalescent Center. This month we shared the event with some scout families for a great time and a noble service to others. The next Card Lotto will be held on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. Come share in the fun.

Also from Family Committee, a new version of Building the Domestic Church booklet was sent home from ICS and ICPSR. If you didn't get a copy there are some available in the kiosk in the back of church.

The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, March 13th after all Masses. Come give the gift of life and enjoy some of Steve Dressler's famous brownies. Thanks again to Jimmy Huch for faithfully leading this effort for many years.

At the February meeting it was my privilege to present a check in the amount of \$6234.24 to the Monroe Council for the Handicapped from the proceeds of our 2015 Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Denny Ward accepted the check on behalf of the Monroe Council with their thanks and gratitude. The Monroe Council for the Handicapped helps those with intellectual disabilities enjoy outdoor activities, sporting events, and social activities that most people take for granted.

We had four eighth graders participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest held on February 27th in the Knights of Columbus room. The essay contest was open to any parishioner who will be a high school freshman in the 2016-2017 school year. The Essays are read and evaluated by the Poor Clare Nuns in South County. The winner will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship paid over 4 years to the Catholic high school of their choice. Thanks to Al and Marilyn Ziegler for leading this for us.

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.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Years of Service as a Knight

Claude J Schroeder	65
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William E Killy	40
Ralph G Rahn	40
Joseph G Knaup	37
James W M Pulse	37
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Mark A Baldus	35
Raymond W Heinen	30
Nelson Bruce Overbey	30
David G Straub	30
James M Vogt	30
Bryan G Phillips	27
Arthur E Burlison	19
Robert D Coleman	19
Paul D Juengling	19
William J Seibel	19
Michael J Weiler	19
Todd C Burrell	17
Michael E Nowak	17
Robert J Schaefer	17
Ralph E Bostick	11
Jeremy B Stemler	10
Richard O Southard	3

Sir Knight James Huch (center) with fellow Fourth Degree Knights Mike Ledbetter, Mike Kish, Steve Dressler and Walter Novak.



Ten participants of the 2016 KC Spelling Bee held on January 30th. They all were respectful, courteous, and brave.



Winners of the 2016 Knights of Columbus District 83 Free Throw Contest. They move on to the Regional Contest at St. Clare in O'Fallon, Illinois.



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Thanks!!!

Calendar of Events

- General Membership Meeting** March 10th at 7:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross** Every Friday 2:15 pm in ICS Gym
7:00 pm in the church
- Sacrament of Reconciliation** March 6th at 3:00 pm
- 2016 KC Regional Spelling Bee** March 9th at 10:00 am
- Blood Drive** March 13th After All Masses
- Card Lotto** March 15th at 7:00pm
- Fish Fry Dates:**
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.