



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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September 2015 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Message

Back to School. I still get a pit in my stomach when I hear the words. It means the end of summer, spent vacations, colder weather, and dying trees. But with the new school year comes a busy schedule filled with sports, extracurricular activities, and Tootsie Rolls. Yes, September is Tootsie Roll season and we need your help.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, this year the Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th. Each year we participate, along with all the other KC Councils nation-wide, to solicit donations that go to help children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Please contact Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net or Pat Grawitch at gk@kofc6165.org if you would like to volunteer to collect donations. We need you!!!

Another annual event that your KC Council proudly supports is the Life Walk to support Life Network of Southern Illinois. This year the Life Walk will be held on Saturday, September 19th in Waterloo. There is a 5K run which starts at 9:00am and a 1.8 mile walk that starts at 9:15am. Since many of our Knights will be collecting donations for the IDD our council has donated \$500.00 to help support this life saving ministry. The support for women who chose life is the greatest of our ministries, for without life nothing else really matters.

The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, September 20th in the garden level fellowship hall at Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road. Come give the gift of life and enjoy some refreshments and good company.

A last minute call for help was sent out by Nick Matrisotto in search of volunteers for Card Lotto on Tuesday, August 18th. As is always the case, you showed up to make it happen for nineteen residents of Columbia Convalescent Center. Nick sends his thanks for those who helped "Feed the Soul" by filling the needs of others.

On Friday, August 28th, the family committee coordinated a Back to School social night together with ACTS and ICY. This event provided a venue for the kids to relax with their friends after the first week of school. Father Carl started the event with an action packed opening prayer. Snacks and root beer floats served to get the kids hopped up on sugar and caffeine. Then they ran off most of their energy on the back lot. Teenagers Morgan Ladyman and James Haller entertained us with great songs and some fine guitar playing.

For the first time in a long time the George R. Kutterer Council 6165 will be hosting a first degree ceremony prior to our general membership meeting on Thursday, September 10th in the Knights of Columbus room at Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road. The first degree ceremony will start at 7:00pm with the general membership meeting immediately following. Come support the men who want to join our council and participate in the great works we do. Candidates should arrive no later than 6:45. Knights, please arrive before 7:00 so we can start the ceremony on-time.

Vivat Jesus!

Pat Grawitch



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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. We are having a first degree ceremony on August 10th at 7:00pm with our general membership meeting immediately following. Come join us and help support the men who have already decided they want to be a part of our great council.



Left to right: Knights Chris Bayer, James Huch, Pat Grawitch, Steve Dressler, Columbia Mayor Kevin Hutchinson, and KC District Deputy Todd Hildreth kick off the 2015 Tootsie Roll Drive in support of people with intellectual disabilities.

Years of Service as a Knight

Harold C. Stemler	61
James R. Schmidt	46
John P. Kinane	38
Richard A. Kish	38
John R. Kish, Jr.	38
Denis U. Ling	38
Donald R. Neff	38
Michael S. Lawlor	37
Kenneth J. Ebers	35
Gregory J. Howell	35
Marty A. Raeber	33
J. Michael Heller	28
John S. Olsson	28
Mark W. Brigman	23
Richard S. DeLaria	15
Ron L. Dexter	15
Eugene W. Ehrhard	15
Kevin D. Hennes	15
Michael T. Romano	15
Allen O. Siegel	15
Joseph R. Murphy	12
Keith C. Renner	12
Ian C. Hayden	9
Scott M. Hippisley	8
John P. Soetaert	8
Josh R. Smith	7

Calendar of Events

Labor Day Picnic September 7th All Day

First Degree Ceremony September 10th 7:00pm

General Membership Meeting September 10th 7:30pm

Card Lotto September 15th 7:00pm

IDD Tootsie Roll Drive September 18th 6:00am-6:00pm
September 19th 8:00am-4:00pm



Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tournament

September 18th 12:00pm

Life Network LifeWalk September 19th 9:00am

KC/Red CrossBlood Drive September 20th 8:00am

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