



# Knights of Columbus

## George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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August 2016 Newsletter



### Grand Knight's Message

HOT HOT HOT! That describes July, both with the weather and with the Knights of Columbus. We were very busy last month and are set to continue that trend into the weeks to come. It's sometimes tough to keep up with all we have going on, so I'll try to keep it concise.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> nearly 30 of our brothers helped to raise money by selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and Ted Drewe's frozen custard at the concession stand in Legion Park. The weather was uncooperative all day, with spot showers keeping many people from coming out. Our thanks to Mel Stuckmeyer for donating nearly 40 pounds of home grown tomatoes, which were a big hit. Thanks to Patrick Dent, Katie Grawitch, Maddie VonDerHaar and her friends for taking the Ted Drewe's on the road and selling it out in the crowds. After a very slow day our business went into overdrive the last 3 hours of the day. We ended up selling everything we had just before the fireworks began. Thanks to all who made it go so smoothly. And thanks to Katie Grawitch for leading us in the national anthem to kick off the fireworks.

Nick Matrisotto and his crew led family Card Lotto this month at Columbia Convalescent Center. It was great to see the kids get involved in helping people they have never met. The residents always light up when children are around. They love the energy and enthusiasm the kids bring to the room. This is a great way to show the love of God by visiting the sick and the lonely.

Truly one of the corporal works of mercy. August Card Lotto will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to sell raffle tickets for the nativity set we have on display in at gathering space at church. We will be selling raffle tickets after Mass in the coming weeks for \$10.00 apiece. If you would like to help sell tickets after Mass, or at work, or at your ACTS meeting, please contact Keith Renner at [kcrenner63@gmail.com](mailto:kcrenner63@gmail.com) or see him after Mass. We will pull the winning ticket at the Fall Festival and Hayride on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from this raffle will help to fund the charitable donation we will make in the coming months.

The Knights once again worked 10 shifts at the Monroe County Fair and their wages were donated back to the council. The shifts included selling beer tokens, collecting entry fees at the gate, and parking cars. We got a break from the heat the last week of the month which made working a little more comfortable. Time flies when you are trying to keep from getting run over by giant 4x4s and dually trucks. Thanks guys for taking the risk.

Our blood drive this month saw 34 donors attempt to give, however we only collected 28 units. In contrast, we collected 35 units last July. Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. The summertime always brings



a need for extra blood donations. Please spread the word and bring someone new with you. Give the gift of life. Give blood.

All are welcome to join us for Back to School Social Night on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided, along with live music and activities for the kids. Whether you went back to school, your kids went back to school, or you're just tired of back to school commercials, come enjoy the fun and help us kick off the weekend.

As August gets into full swing we will be looking for volunteers to help solicit donations to help those with intellectual disabilities. The 2016 IDD- Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting donations from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. We will be collecting at the usual spots. Contact me as soon as possible to get the shift and location you prefer. Or to make it more convenient for you, we will call you to set up a time. **We are also in need of someone to lead this event.** Please contact me at [gk@kofc6165.org](mailto:gk@kofc6165.org) or at 314-495-0742 if you would like to donate your time and talents to this worthy cause. We have few charitable events that bring so much to so many in need.



Vivat Jesus!  
Pat Grawitch



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Right: Brothers Steve Wilson (left) and Nick Matrisotto (right) serve a customer at the concession stand at Legion Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Left: 2016 KC Officers and Trustees at the Installation of Officers on July 11, 2016.

*Thanks!!!*

Left to right: Matt Buhr (OG), Jim VonDerHaar (IG), Mike Heller (W), Mike Behnen (T), Pat Grawitch (GK), James Huch (C, obscured), Todd Hildreth (DD), Joe Dent (3 Yr Trustee), Kevin Hutchinson (FS), Bob Stadler (T), Father Carl Scherrer (Chaplain).

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.

### Calendar of Events

**Eucharistic Adoration-** Every Tuesday-

Reservation Chapel

**Council Meeting-** August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**Card Lotto-** August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Blood Drive-** August 18<sup>th</sup> After All Masses

**Back to School Social-** August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**IDD/Tootsie Roll Drive-** Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> All Day

**Raffle Ticket Sales-** After all Masses

See Keith Renner to sign up

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