



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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December 2015 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

As I sit down to put together this month's newsletter my craving for turkey has died a painful death, my Black Friday deals are gone, and my anticipation for the coming Christmas season is in full swing. During Advent we are called to patiently await the birth of the Lord and reflect on what we can do to prepare for His second coming. As I look back on my previous months as Grand Knight of one of the most active councils in our district I pause to think of all the things we do for our community, our parish, and each other. To be a catholic gentleman is not a spectator sport, it is a challenge to help others who are in need regardless of your own needs or wants. And it makes me very proud to be a part of a Knights of Columbus Council that does just that. My hope for you this Advent and Christmas season is that you will be able to take stock of your blessings, your family and friends, and look toward a future full of promise and opportunity.

We kicked off a busy November by welcoming in the fall season with the parish Fall Festival and Hayride. The family committee (Ted Haney, Brian Repp, and Nick Matrisotto) organized a night of prayer, fun, and food. We started the night with a living rosary with everyone participating. Knights provided the chili and hot dogs, with side dishes brought by parishioners and served potluck style. Ed Schaefer and his family once again provided the hayrides, and we sang along to music

played by Chuck Renner. Thanks to everyone who made this such a great event.

We sold 51 books of vocation raffle tickets to help support seminarians working to become our newest priests. Our council will donate \$500.00 to support a seminarian in the Belleville Diocese with the proceeds from the vocations raffle. Good luck to all who entered and thank you for your support.

We had 44 people attempt to give blood at this month's Red Cross blood drive, coordinated by brother knight Jimmy Huch. We were able to collect 42 units which will eventually help 126 strangers. Jesus said that whatever you do to the least of my people, you do to Me. Thank you for all who give the gift of life.



Our parish Christmas party, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, December 12th in the ICS gym. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 6:30. The cost for adults is \$12.00, children ages 7-12 are \$5.00, and kids under 6 are free. Admission includes chicken dinner, beer for the adults and soda for the kids with music provided by A Family Affair, courtesy of brother knight Dwayne

Daniels and his family. Contact John Haubrich at 618-281-6021 or kcchristmasparty@gmail.com. **We are in desperate need of a Santa Clause for the evening. If you or someone you know can help us with this in our time of need, please contact Mike Ledbetter at michael.c.ledbetter@gmail.com or 618-972-9986.** Please respond as soon as possible so we can work out the details. We also need help with set-up on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

Come play Card Lotto with the residents of Columbia Convalescent Center, this month on December 15th at 7:00pm. We play on the third Tuesday of every month. If you want to be a part of this worthy ministry contact Nick Matrisotto at stlouisareamaps@aol.com or just show up. We welcome all takers and you will have a great time.

Join us for our next membership meeting on January at 7:30 pm. If you know someone who would like to be a part of our active council, please contact me at gk@kofc6165.org (314-495-0742) or Steve Dressler at dresslersg@charter.net (618-570-9284).

Look for information on the KC Spelling Bee and KC Free Throw Contest coming up in January.

From my family to yours, we wish you all a very blessed Christmas and hope that you have a great new year.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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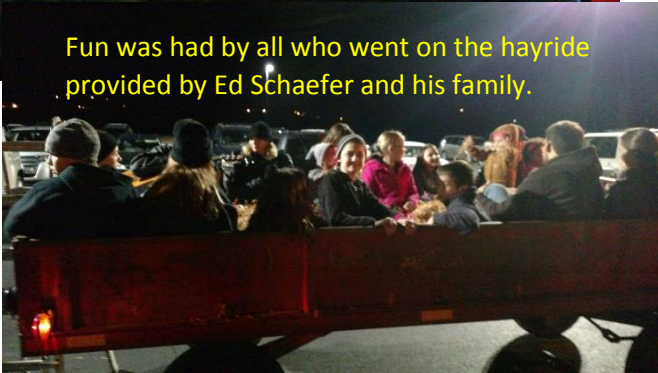
Years of Service as a Knight

Thanks!!!

Earl A. Reichert	60
Dennis A. Kish	50
James H. Janson	49
Charles J. Caesar	48
Michael L. Fromme	48
Edilberto Maglasang	48
Dennis M. Gruchala	44
Steven G. Kopec	36
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Everett D. Jenkins III	26
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The Fall Festival was started with the Living Rosary.



Fun was had by all who went on the hayride provided by Ed Schaefer and his family.

Fall Festival and Hayride

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Calendar of Events

Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8th

Parish Christmas Party December 12th at 5:30 pm

General Membership Meeting No Membership Meeting This Month

Next General Membership Meeting January 14th

Card Lotto December 15th, 7:00pm

KC Spelling Bee January Date to Be Determined

KC Free Throw Contest January Date to Be Determined

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.