



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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December 2017 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Message

No holiday fluff I'm cutting to the chase...This is to all Knights but especially our brothers who have not been active for a long time and are reading this message. It shows you still have an interest in the mission of the Knights. Since the start of the year (July 1st) we brought back the Soccer Challenge and had 2 new events (car show and poker)- that's huge. If you have any ideas for events that the Knights could be running, maybe something we did in the past and no longer do, call me at 618-779-1183. To this end we will devote 30 minutes of our January meeting and each Knight will be asked to give one idea in 90 seconds or less. Also in January I will be appointing a few Knights to collaborate and produce a report on membership retention. We want to grow our membership but we also want to keep our members.

Vivat Jesus
Pat McDermott

WHAT'S GOING ON...

Thanks for your support of the 2017 Vocations Raffle. We sold a good deal more tickets this year than last, and the proceeds will go to help local seminarians. As a reminder, our parish Vocations Committee, headed by brother Knight John Haubrich, has launched the Chalice for Vocations program. We encourage every household to sign up to host the chalice at their home and pray for those who choose vocations over careers. We pray that God will stir the hearts of more young men to serve His people as priests.

A reminder that the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our parish patroness, will be on Friday, December 8th. This is a holy day of obligation and Masses will be at 8:15am and 7:00pm.

The First Annual KC Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament is on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:00 in the garden level fellowship hall at Immaculate Conception Church. The buy-in is \$50.00 and the payout is 50% of the take. If you are a card player, come and have some fun and support a good cause. If you don't play, tell your family and friends who do. Proceeds go to help support our commitment to the Catholic Education and Activity Center.

Merry Christmas

The Parish Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9th, in the ICS gym. Doors open at 5:30PM, with dinner at 6:45, and dancing until 10:30. Music will be provided by "A Family Affair" and Santa will stop by for a visit. Tickets are \$12.00 per adult (ages 13 and up), children ages 7-12 are \$6.00, and kids 6 and under are free. Reservations are required and we ask you to please pay in advance. Contact John Haubrich at kcchristmasparty@gmail.com or call him at 618-281-6021. Thanks to Mike Ledbetter for leading this event each year.

Family Card Lotto will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00pm at Columbia Convalescent Center. For Christmas, prizes include Kleenex and chocolate and not just fruit. Contact Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092 if you would like to help, or just show up.

The KC Free Throw Contest will be held on, Saturday, January 20th, at 8:00am in the ICS gym. Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are eligible to participate. Registration will open at 7:30 and warm-up will begin at 8:00. Visit our website to download the registration document or arrive early to register at the door. We need 4-5 people to help with registration and scoring. Contact John Adams at 314-749-6064 or Brian Repp at 314-479-3027 if you can help. Thanks to John and Brian for stepping in to lead this event.

The Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee will be held on the same day, Saturday, January 20th, at 10:00am in the KC Room. All kids from the Columbia schools, grades 3 thru 8, are eligible to participate. Please arrive around 9:40 to register at the door.

We have commissioned a search committee to find a replacement for Financial Secretary Kevin Hutchinson. Kevin has served our Council as Financial Secretary for 7-1/2 years and is looking to retire from this position. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer yourself to serve our Council in this capacity, please contact Pat McDermott at gk@kofc6165.org or at 618-779-1183.

We don't have a regular Council meeting in December, so our next Council meeting is Thursday, January 11th at 7:30pm in the K of C room in the Garden Level. If you know someone looking to help others and having a great time doing it, have them contact Pat McDermott at gk@kofc6165.org, or at 618-779-1183, or Steve Dressler at 618-281-7889 or dresslersg@charter.net. We can make arrangements to conduct an Admission (First) Degree if we have candidates who want to join our Order.



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PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2017

MUSIC
 PROVIDED BY
 "A FAMILY AFFAIR"

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM
 Doors open at 5:30 PM
 Dinner starts at 6:45 PM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
 Please contact John Haubrich
 at (618) 281-6021 or e-mail
 kchristmasparty@gmail.com

and be Merry!

Tickets: Adults 13 and older : \$12
Children ages 7-12 : \$6
Kids 6 and under : FREE!

Thanks!!!



Calendar of Events

- Eucharistic Adoration-** Every Tuesday
9:00am-10:00pm in the Reservation Chapel
- Texas Hold 'em Poker-** December 2nd at 7:00
- KC Council Meeting-** No Meeting in December
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception-** December 8
- Parish Christmas Party-** December 9th
- Family Card Lotto-** December 19th at 7:00pm
- Blood Drive-** January 14th After All Masses
- KC Free Throw Contest-** January 20th at 8:00am
- KC Spelling Bee-** January 20th at 10:00am



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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 contact Pat McDermott at mcdermott.pat91@gmail.com or at (618) 779-1183. Our order is open to any practical catholic male 18 years or older.