



# Knights of Columbus

## George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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January 2026 Newsletter



### Christmas Ham Sales

We sold over 100 hams this year just in time for Christmas. Our thanks to everyone who helped sell and distribute the hams and to all those who supported us through their purchases. We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2026.

### Free Throw Contest

The 2026 Knights of Columbus Council 6165 Free Throw Contest will be held on Saturday, **January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am** in the Michael L. Kish gym. The district free throw contest will be held in Waterloo at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School on January 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Fish Fry

### 2026 Fish Fry Season

The dates for the 2026 Fish Fry season are as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and again on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

[Click here](#) to sign up online to work.

### Blood Drive

We collected only 15 units from 17 donors that were signed up at the January blood drive. Our thanks to James Huch for running the whole show for us. The next drive will be held **Friday, March 6, 2026, from 8am until 1pm**. Tell your family and friends and come give the gift of life.



### Pathfinders Scripture Discussion

Pathfinders is a group of men who meet on Saturdays at 7:30am to read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. We start with music and prayer, read the readings for the Sunday Mass, and discuss what the Holy Spirit brings to light. They are always finished in an hour. Come join us this Saturday to see what it's all about.



### Fourth Degree Corner

The 4th Degree continues to plan 2026 Honor Guard events for the various parishes and schools served by the Assembly. 2026 dues statements were mailed at the end of December. If you did not receive a statement, please contact Wes Hoeffken ([hoeffken@htc.net](mailto:hoeffken@htc.net)).

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Waterloo.

### Next Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting will be on **Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7pm** in the Knights of Columbus room. Come to discuss the issues, stay for the fellowship.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact Matt Sainz at [financialsecretarykc6165@gmail.com](mailto:financialsecretarykc6165@gmail.com) or Grand Knight James Huch at [gk@kofc6165.org](mailto:gk@kofc6165.org). Our order is open to any practical catholic male, 18 years old or older.

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### Years of Service as a Knight

Michael J Budde	46
Jerome C Gilbreth	46
Daniel A Kish	41
Allen L Ziegler	41
Michael G Gibson	38
Joseph R Gundlach	28
Paul J Butler	26
Kevin W Hutchinson	22
Mr Thomas R Braun	14
Kenneth L. Schreder	14
Jonathan M Gilbreth	9
Louis F Reitz	9
David P Bollone II	9
Matthew K Foster	4



*Thanks!!!*

Santa Clause visited us at Card Lotto on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and we gathered in the cafeteria to sing Christmas carols on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We meet at Bria Nursing Home for Card Lotto on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:45pm and finish up by 7pm. There are few ministries more needed or more worthy.



We had nearly 30 people attend the 2025 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party at Joe's Pizza. A great time was had by all. We enjoyed good food with great friends.



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### In Memoriam

We pray for our brother knights and all who were taken from us this past year. Conscious of the emptiness their absence leaves behind, may our hearts be filled with the blessings they gave us.

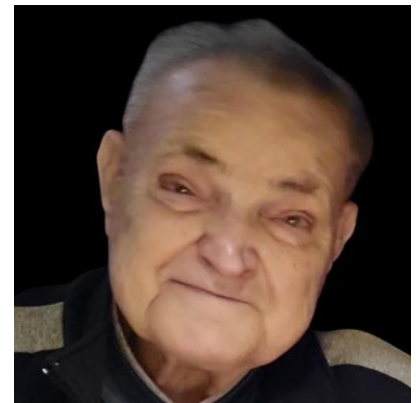
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



J. Michael (Mike) Heller  
January 16, 2025



Edward J. (Jim) Vogt  
January 26, 2025



Robert L. Byerley  
April 21, 2025



Walter A. Novak  
October 22, 2025



Robert J. Braun  
October 29, 2025

**Tempus Fugit. Memento Mori.**