



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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July 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

Congratulations and thanks are in order as we enter into July. Father Chris Reuter celebrated 50 years of service to God through service to His people on June 26th. Father Chris is an inspiration to many who see him work tirelessly for the poor and marginalized of our society. When he took his vow of poverty it was in solidarity with those who are poor and in need of hope and help. Whether at work in the inner city, ministering at a prison, working to establish Our Brothers' Keepers, or at Sunday Mass, Father Chris has taken Jesus' message of forgiveness and hope to people who desperately need it. He inspires people to step out of their comfort zone and get their hands dirty doing the Lord's work. Thank you for all you do and congratulations on your Jubilee.

Thanks, also, brother Mike Romano and his family for stepping in to lead Card Lotto at Columbia Convalescent Center in June. Every month the Knights bring the message of mercy and hope through the simple sharing of time and conversation. "Mercy is love in action. And there is no better way to put love into action than to visit the sick and share with them our love." **By Fr. Donald Calloway from 'Beautiful Mercy'**. As a part of the Family Initiative we will hold Family Card Lotto on Tuesday, July 19th. Bring your entire family and teach your kids about corporal works of mercy.

Thanks to those who helped orchestrate the Midsummer Night's Festival. Joel Dunphy and Steve Dressler did most of the prep work again this year. With few dates available on the calendar this year, we held the event on the Saturday before Father's Day. In spite of a light turn-out from attendees we had several Knights

who worked from set-up to clean-up to make it enjoyable for those who came out. Special thanks to "new guys" Bruce Wicklein and OG Matt Buhr, PGK Bob Stadler, Warden Mike Heller, Chancellor Jimmy Huch, brother Dave Boser, everyone else who helped, and their families for letting them share their time.

And thanks to the men who have offered to serve our council in leadership positions. Voted in by acclamation are your officers for 2016-2017: GK Pat Grawitch, DGK Patrick McDermott, Recorder Mike Behnen, Treasurer Bob Stadler, Warden Mike Heller, Chancellor James Huch, IG Jim VonDerHaar, OG Matt Buhr, Advocate Adam Randle, 1st Year Trustee Keith Renner, 2nd Year Trustee Mark Funfsinn, 3rd Year Trustee Joe Dent. Also continuing to serve our Council are Chaplain Fr. Carl Sherrer, Lecturer Keith Renner, Membership Director Steve Dressler, Financial Secretary Kevin Hutchinson, and District Deputy Todd Hildreth. Thank you for your service and your leadership.



Once again we will be selling ice cream, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and pulled pork sandwiches at Legion Park on **July 4th**. We'll start serving at 11:00am and will go until we run out of food or the fireworks start. We have already pressed into service a good contingent of Knights to help set up, cook, sell, and clean up. But we can always use more hands. If you have some time to give, please contact me at 314-495-0742 or at gk@kofc6165.org or

Jim VonDerHaar at 314-494-8874 or at jvonderhaar@bhhsselectstl.com. It's a busy event so time goes by quickly. It's a great way to spend some time with your brother Knights and generate revenue to pay for our other events throughout the year. If you can't work, please come by to support our council with your purchases. Enjoy some great food and stay for some great fun.



As usual, brother Jimmy Huch is planning the next Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive being held on Sunday, July 10th after all Masses. If you can help set up after 5:00 Mass on Saturday the 9th, or help reset the Fellowship Hall after the drive on Sunday, contact Jimmy at jjhuch001@hotmail.com or see him at Mass this Sunday.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have purchased a nativity set that we will raffle off at the 2016 Fall Festival and Hayride. Brother, PGK, Trustee, and Lecturer Keith Renner has volunteered to lead this program for us. If you haven't been contacted by Keith already, we will need Knights to help sell tickets, promote the raffle, and support the venture with ticket purchases. Please contact me or Keith Renner at kcrenner63@gmail.com to sign up for a shift.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Years of Service as a Knight

+	Fr. Gary G Hogan	30
	Alan J Lesko	16
	Laclede F Wilson	15
	Dale R Diesel	14
	Willard M Hayden	14
	John W Adams	8
	Dwayne Daniels	7
	Jerod J Merz	6
	Fr. Eric J. P. Wagner	6
	Scott P Daigle	5
	Thomas P Junker	5
	Jeff G Pratl	4

Thanks!!!

Nativity Set Raffle

After each Weekend Mass
 Each ticket costs \$10.00- Only 400 will be sold
 Drawing to be held at the Fall Festival and Hayride
 Saturday, November 12, 2016



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.

Calendar of Events

Independence Day/Hamburger Stand- July 4th
Blood Drive July 10th After All Masses
Installation of KC Officers- July 11th at 7:00pm
General Membership Meeting- July 14 at 7:30pm
Card Lotto July 19th at 7:00 pm
Raffle Ticket Sales- After all Masses
 See Keith Renner to sign up

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