



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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June/July 2023 Newsletter

Blood Drive

Because the May Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood Drive was cancelled, please consider bringing a friend with you to the blood drive on Friday, July 7, 2023, from 8am until 1pm, to make up for the loss. Invite your family and friends, and come give the gift of life.



Monroe County Fair Workers Needed

The 2023 Monroe County Fair will be held Sunday, July 23rd thru Sunday, July 30th. Once again, we need Knights to work the volunteer shifts to benefit our council. There are currently nine open spots for the beer stand and token booth, and seventeen open spots for the parking and gate duties. If you would like to work some of these shifts on behalf of our council, please [click here](#) for the beer stand and token booth sign-up sheet or [click here](#) for the gate and parking sheets.

July 4th Hamburger Stand

Thanks to all the guys who volunteered, or were going to volunteer to sell hamburgers and Ted Drewe's at the American Legion on July 4th. The event was cancelled due to the severe weather that knocked out power to most of Columbia and the surrounding area for days. We're thankful that no one lost their life because of the storm and we're thankful for all those who came to the aid of people in need.

Queen of Hearts Raffle

Immaculate Conception Parish will be the beneficiary of a Queen of Hearts raffle taking place on Tuesday evenings starting July 11th at Sunset Overlook, 11604 Bluff Rd. in Columbia. The various ministries and parish organizations have been asked to donate time to sell Queen of Hearts tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets. The council has accepted the request and will staff the raffle on Tuesday, August 8th and Tuesday, August 22nd, from 4pm until 7. We'll need about six knights to handle the tank, but would be glad to see as many as possible show up to support the events.

Faith and Family Formation

Inspired by the success of the Knights' *Into the Breach* program, we will be promoting a weekly scripture exploration and discussion program on Wednesday evenings, beginning in mid-August at 6:30pm, in the garden level fellowship hall. Lasting no more than an hour, the timeline is set so as to accommodate parents who have kids in PSR, as well as kids in ICS. All adults are encouraged to attend. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Pro-Life Committee

Kevin Hutchinson is looking for people join him on the Pro-Life committee. Our council works in close partnership with Life Network of Southern Illinois in Waterloo and with the Illinois State Council and K of C Supreme to help parents in crisis to choose life and then to support them after their babies are born. It is one of the most important ministries we have in our mission. Contact Kevin at k.hutchinsonaia@gmail.com if you can help.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact David Bodinet at dbodinet@gmail.com (618) 910-4885 or contact Jim VonDerHaar at gk@kofc6165.org or at (314) 494-8874. Our order is open to any practical catholic male, 18 years old or older.

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June Continuous Years of Service as a Knight

Kim K Feltz	47
Keith J Jackson	34
William M Taaffe	30
Michael C Ledbetter	19
James J VonDerHaar, Sr.	18
Edward I Williamson	17
Keith A Huels	14
Donald L Lewis	12
Phillip E Weaver	4

Thanks!!!

July Continuous Years of Service as a Knight

Alan J Lesko	23
Dale R Diesel	21
John W Adams	15
Dwayne Daniels	14
Fr. Eric J P Wagner, C.R.	13
Scott P Daigle	12
Michael A Braun	5
Bob J Wachtel	5
Fr. Nick Fleming	3

Major Degree Exemplification and Fr. McGivney Mass

We will host a Major Degree Exemplification on **Thursday, August 10th** at 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church. We will also celebrate Mass in honor of the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney immediately after at 7pm. Afterward, we will retire to the garden level for refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend Mass and the exemplification, including members from surrounding councils. Contact GK Jim VonDerHaar if you would like to participate in the Mass as lector, minister of hospitality, offertory, singer, musician, etc.

Council Election Results

Officer elections were held at the June Council meeting. The 2023 list of officers is as follows: Grand Knight, Jim VonDerHaar, Deputy Grand Knight, Paul Smith, Treasurer, Jason Tucker, Chancellor, John Haubrich, Recorder, Matt Foster, Warden, James Huch, Inside Guard, Dave Bodinet, Outside Guard, Ray Farley, Advocate, Adam Randle, 3 Year Trustee, Jonathan Gilbreth, 2 Year Trustee, Pat McDermott, 1 Year Trustee, Pat Grawitch, and Membership Director, Dave Bodinet. Fr. Carl Sherrer has accepted appointment as Chaplain and Tom R. Braun has accepted appointment as Spiritual Companion. Matt Sainz will continue his third year of his three-year appointment as Financial Secretary. Carl Scheffert continues to serve as District Deputy and Greg Mehochko is our insurance field agent. Thank you, brothers, for stepping up to run the council in service of others.

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.



Intellectual Disabilities Drive

This year's Tootsie Roll Drive will be held the weekend of **September 15th and 16th**. Please put it on your calendar and look for sign-up sheets online soon.

Next Council Meeting and Degree Exemplification

The next council meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 13th, at 7pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Come for the business and stay for the fellowship.