



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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May 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.

Respect for Life

The Illinois State Council Convention reminded us that our first and most important priority is to support and promote the respect for human life in all its stages. Life Network of Southern Illinois in Waterloo helps families facing crisis pregnancy to choose life. It also supports those families with parent education and training, as well as supplies they might need to care for their infant and toddler children. Life Network is constantly in need of supplies, such as diapers, baby food, infant and toddler clothing, strollers, and other items. At the May meeting our council voted to donate \$500.00 worth of supplies to help restock their shelves with specific needs.

Prayers Work

There was a group of about 70 or more people who gathered in the front yard of our dear brother, friend, and mentor to most every Knight, Steve Dressler and his wife Joyce to pray a rosary for them. Steve has been dealing with a list of health-related issues and Joyce has been by his side caring for him and taking care of the household. After the Rosary was done and the people departed, Steve talked for hours about how great it was to see everyone and how touched he was that we would come out to their house to pray with them. God bless you, Steve. We miss seeing you at the meetings.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thanks also to the Knights who helped make the Mother's Day pancake and sausage breakfast such a huge success. And thanks to the Koppeis family for donating the food supplies. Donations totaling \$532.00 were collected to help the Life Network of Southern Illinois in its efforts to help new mothers in crisis feed, clothe, and care for their children.

July 4th Hamburger Stand

The Knights will once again be hosting our hamburger stand at the American Legion on July 4th. [Click here](#) to sign up online to work.

Next Council Meeting and Degree Exemplification **Date Change**

Because conflicts with nearly all of our council officers, our next council meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 22nd**, instead of the 8th. Our council meeting will start promptly at 7pm. Please consider this your personal invitation to join us.

Continuous Years of Service as a Knight

Robert L Byerley	54
Ralph P Herrmann	54
Thomas J Kish	54
Terry L Riebeling	54
William G Shaw	54
Donald S Mehrmann	54
Daniel G Weilbacher	52
Albert G Kish Jr	49
Tom D Adams	38
Allyn J Konrad	38
Stanley John Waide Jr	38
Thomas O Fohne	37
Ronald C Ettling	35
Lawrence A Hanegan	34
Dennis A Krupp	34
Darrell G Miller	34
Paul M Thoma	34
Mark A Tisdale	31
Ryan R Hicks	25
Craig G Lundy	22
Ernst R Schoellhorn	22
Kevin P Schmoll	22
Adam W Randle	19
Christopher P Klingert	10
Keith W Heinen	5
Michael J Hunt	2

Thanks!!!



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Our Council was recognized for its activities that promote life, family, faith and community at the 125th Illinois State Convention on April 22nd. Also recognized at the State Convention was our brother, Financial Secretary, and great friend Matt Sainz. Matt received the Rising Star award for his full participation in all our activities, strong leadership as Financial Secretary, and his great example of what it means to be a Knight. District Deputy Carl Scheffert was also recognized with a Rising Star Award. Congratulations Matt and Carl.



The Knights stood on the overpass on I-255 to promote the respect for human life and to urge people to pray to end abortion on Saturday, May 20th. As we were packing up the signs to leave, we were approached by a young man, maybe 25 years old, named Marr who wanted to stop and say "Thank You" for what we were doing. He lamented the fact that so many of his peers give little thought to what happens during an abortion and seem unconcerned about the life that is lost. We were amazed that Matt drove so far out of his way just to show his solidarity with us. We pray that Matt continues to speak out about his respect for life and that he urges his friends and contemporaries to do the same.

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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