



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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September 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

As the summer comes to a close we are faced with some very important events coming that will shape the world around us. We have the Immaculate Conception Labor Day Picnic, the Tootsie Roll Drive, and the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta as a Saint. It's not a stretch to link all three events together. May the example of Mother Teresa inspire us to give of ourselves to help our parish and our community wherever and whenever possible.

The family committee is very busy these days giving of their time and talents to brighten the lives of others. On Friday, August 26th the family team hosted Back to School Social Night in the garden level fellowship hall. Brother Tom R. Braun made pizzas, the kids made their own ice cream sundaes and blew off some steam after the first week of school. Nick and his team also run Card Lotto every month at Columbia Convalescent Center. This month's Card Lotto will be played on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00PM and the Knights will be helped by two 8th grade confirmation clusters. What a great way to teach kids about corporal works of mercy and giving to those who are most in need.

On Saturday, September 17th the Knights will be sponsoring the 2016 Life Walk to benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois. In addition to a general sponsorship we will also sponsor any of our Knights who

participate with a separate donation of \$25.00. If you will be participating, please contact me or one of the officers so we can make a donation on your behalf.

The 2016 Campaign for Those with Intellectual Disabilities will be held on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th. We will be collecting donations from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. We will be calling on September 1st seeking Knights to solicit donations. If you haven't heard from us already and want to make sure you get your favorite shift, please contact me as soon as possible at gk@kofc6165.org or at 314-495-0742. We have few charitable events that bring so much to so many in need.

On September 18th we will once again conduct a Knights of Columbus, Red Cross Blood Drive in the garden level fellowship hall. We will set up for the drive on Saturday the 19th after 5:00 Mass. We need help greeting and registering donors on Sunday morning, and then we will reset the hall back to the way we found it at 1:00PM. Thanks as always to Jimmy Huch and Steve Dressler for spearheading this for us. Please come and help out, and while you're there, stay and give blood.

We are still selling nativity set raffle tickets after each weekend Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 apiece and the drawing will be held at the Fall Festival and Hayride on Saturday, November 12th. If you would like to help sell

tickets after Mass, or at work, or at your next ACTS meeting, then please contact brother Keith Renner at kcrenner63@gmail.com or see him after Mass. The proceeds from this raffle will help to fund the charitable donations we will make in the coming months.

Vocations raffle tickets will be in the mail soon. Proceeds from the raffle go to fund the Support a Seminarian project, whereby we give monetary and spiritual support to a candidate who is studying for the priesthood. Our Council is committed to supporting our seminarians whenever and wherever the need presents itself.

Join us in the KC Room for our next Council meeting on Thursday, September 8th. God willing, we will conduct a First Degree Exemplification at 7:00PM prior to the meeting. We have one potential candidate. If you know of someone who would like to join our ranks, it's not too late. Contact Steve Dressler at (618) 281-7889 or at dresslersg@charter.net.

On a more somber note, please join me as we pray for Sean Newton, the brother of our brother knight Doug Newton. Sean was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident last weekend. We pray that God will send His comfort and His strength Sean's family and to Doug and his extended family in their time of need.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Years of Service as a Knight

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| Ian C. Hayden | 10 |
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Thanks!!!



Grand Knight Pat Grawitch (left) and Deputy Grand Knight Pat McDermott (right) accept the first donation from Columbia Mayor Kevin Hutchinson to kick off the 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive

Calendar of Events

Eucharistic Adoration- Every Tuesday

9:00am-10:00pm in the Reservation Chapel

First Degree Exemplification- September 8th 7:00pm

Council Meeting- September 8th at 7:30pm

IDD/Tootsie Roll Drive- Sept. 16th and 17th All Day

Blood Drive- September 18th After All Masses

Card Lotto- September 20th at 7:00pm

Men's ACTS Retreat- September 22nd – 25th

Raffle Ticket Sales- After all Masses

See Keith Renner to sign up

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.

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