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Grand Knight's Korner

My Fellow Brother Knights:

Come "home" to the Council for Christmas! : Our Council's **Christmas Party** will be on December 14th in the cafeteria; a short meeting takes place at 6:30, then dinner after, around 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for you, your wife and family to celebrate the Holy Season, get reacquainted with your fellow brothers, and have a fabulous meal—**RSVP to Dave Gockley** at 636-230-9189, or bandsaw363@charter.net.

The **Family Mass** will be **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 9:00 am**. The Knights Honor Guard—Fred, Sam and Art wearing their honor guard regalia, will walk us down the aisle and lead us to our reserved seats. We had a fabulous turnout last year—let's do it again!

The New Year's Party, sponsored by our Council, and is taking reservations now. What a great way to usher in the New Year. (Hopefully you know the date.....)

And once again—come to the Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 14. Not only is it one of our Signature events, we will be handing out checks to the charitable agencies who support those who need it the most. What a great way to get into the Spirit of Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Rob Libera, Grand Knight

Council Calendar

Council meetings for December 2017

December 5th, Tuesday, 7:00 PM – November Planning Meeting
 December 14th Thursday, 6:00 PM – Rosary - Cafeteria
 December 14th Thursday, 6:30 PM – Short Council Meeting – Cafeteria
 December 14th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Christmas Party - Cafeteria
 December 28th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – Notre Dame House

Council meetings for January 2018

January 11th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary- Cafeteria
 January 11th Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting - Cafeteria
 January 25th Thursday, 7:00 PM - Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement



Event Calendar

Sulphur Springs Road Clean Up -meet at church after 8:30am mass

Join your fellow Knights in cleaning up around Sulphur Springs Rd.

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Christmas Party with Santa

Family Mass, - St. Joseph's Church

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Council Christmas Party – St Joes Cafeteria

New Year's Eve Party – St Joseph's

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Welcome in the New Year

Parish Giving Sunday – St Joseph's Church

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Ladies Pancake Breakfast

Dec 9

9:15 am

Dec 9

7 pm

Dec 10

9 am

Dec 11

7:45 am

Dec 14

7 pm

Dec 31

7:30 pm

Jan 8

7:45 am

Jan 13

Jan 14

Jan 29

7:45 am

Jan 21

Rosary for those in Need

Did you know Knights gather each Wednesday to pray the rosary for those in need of prayers? Join your brother Knights each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Notre Dame house. See Larry Moore for more info.

Thanksgiving Turkeys for the Needy

This year again, our council teamed with the St. Vincent DePaul Society in our parish to provide 20 turkeys to be given to SVDP client families in our area to provide for them a special Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks to Art Bowles, who coordinates this yearly outreach with the SVDP society.

Message from Fr. Matthew

St. Joseph Catholic Radio wants me to do a special presentation on "Living the Sacramental Life" based on my book *The Eighth Sacrament* on December 5, at 7:pm in the parish center. Audio and video recordings will be in progress by St. Joseph Radio for our St Louis Catholic Network. I would, and they would deeply appreciate if you could show up and be part of the presentation.

WE NEED AN AUDIENCE !!!!!

Lots of love,

Fr Mathew



Rock'n The New Year New Year's Eve Dance

Doors Open @ 7:30 pm
Music & Dancing @ 8:30 pm ~ 12:30 am

Live Music by the *Backstreet Cruisers*
(thebackstreetcruisers.com)

Beer ~ Wine ~ Soda ~ Light Snacks
Noisemakers ~ Champagne at Midnight ~ Photo Booth
and... *A Special Surprise!*

Please bring appetizers and treats to share at your table
(but please leave your liquor at home).

ONLY \$35 per person!

Make your reservation now. Purchase through
St. Joseph Parish website: stjoemanchester.org
OR

Drop by the parish office & fill out a reservation form
~ Payment is required when you submit your reservation ~

For more information... Jim Schuessler - 636-527-1934 (home)
314-941-9371 (cell) or jimdotschuess@hotmail.com

Reservations may be made for a table of 8 (but you don't need a full table to
make a reservation). Reservations are non-refundable.

**Must be 21 or older to attend - no exceptions*

>>Beer for this event proudly donated by Anheuser-Busch<<

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Center
567 St. Joseph Lane
Manchester, MO



Rock'n the New Year

Name of purchaser _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Reservations at \$35 each _____ Total Enclosed _____

Please PRINT on the lines below the names of all persons for whom you are purchasing a reservation. If not known, enter TBD. If you need additional space, use the back of this form. Reservations may be made for a table of 8 (but you don't need a full table to make a reservation).

Reservations are non-refundable. Sorry, but no one under the age of 21 will be admitted.

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Marian Council #9522. Payment in full is due with reservation request.

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Questions? Call Jim Schuessler - 636-527-1934 (home) - 314-941-9371 (cell)
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567 St. Joseph Lane, Manchester, MO 63021**

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday December 14
6:30 p.m. Short business
meeting before dinner at 7:00.

St. Joseph Cafeteria

Please R.S.V.P. by December 7 to
David Gockley at
bandsaw363@charter.net or
call (636) 230-9189

By your last name, please indicate if you will bring a
side dish, dessert or salad/vegetable.

A-I

J-P

Q-Z

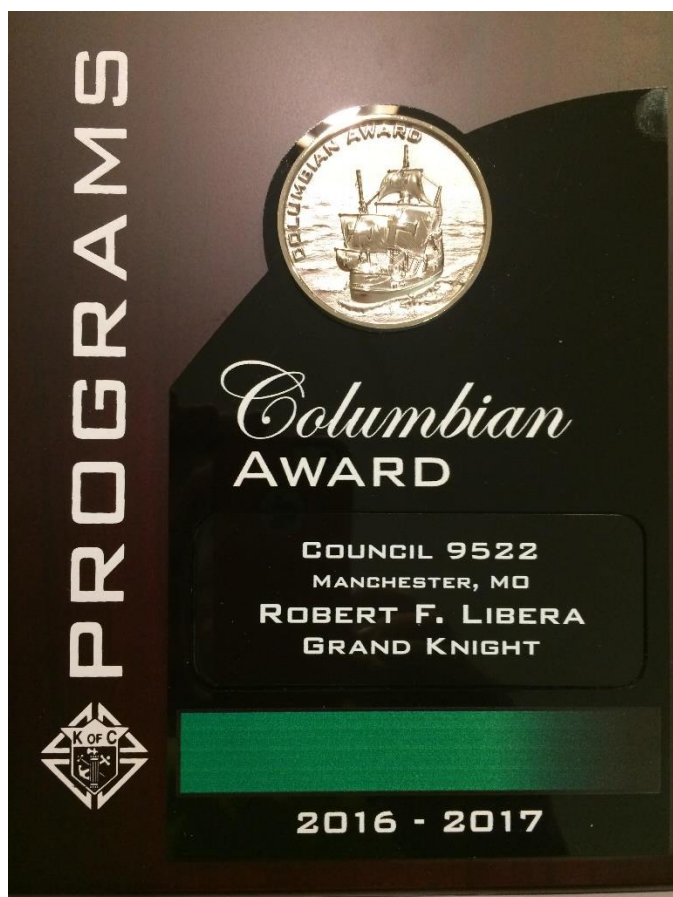
Dessert

Salad/Veg

Side Dish

The Columbian Award

Our Council was awarded the Columbian Award again this year and was presented to us at our November meeting by Sir Bob Walker, our Worthy District Deputy. This award recognizes those Councils who have fulfilled the required program elements in each of six categories - church, community, council, culture of life, family, and youth activities. Our Program Director, Sir Jim Schuessler, thanks all Knights who participated in the various activities and projects this past year that enabled our Council to qualify. We especially want to thank Brother Jim for leading this effort including organizing the rigorous application process that enabled our Council to be recognized with this prestigious award.



U-Knight Job Center

Check out the U-Kinght Job Center on our website at: www.kofc9522.org for job postings for you and others in need

Pro-life Monument

The new cross and pro-life monument that has appeared at St. Joseph is not new. This was a gift from our council given to Kennedy High School approximately 15 years ago. It originally was located next to the old highway 141 road in front of the school, but was moved to the rear of the school when the new highway was built. This magnificent cross was originally hand built by our brother knight Dave Gockley, and is about 8 ft. tall weighing about 100 pounds. When the school was being sold, brother Bob Cartwright alerted our officers about the monument and cross and suggested that we see about getting it removed from Kennedy and find a new home for it. Brother Jim Schuessler took on the project and talked to Kennedy's president and received permission to remove the monument and cross from the school grounds. Fr. Tom Santen thought that moving it to our parish grounds would be a suitable home for it and a worthy project for the knights to take on. So, the moving process started. A monument company was hired to move the several hundred-pound monument and reinstall it at St. Joe. The cross was in bad shape, with peeling yellow paint and it was severely laden with an insect infestation. Since it was determined to be salvageable, brother Dave worked on it for a month cleaning it up, filling insect holes and tunnels and painting it. A large mounting bracket with an extension pipe at the bottom was fabricated to mount the cross in the ground. The monument was installed at the south end of the parking lot and the cross was going to be placed right behind it. That is when the problems started on that cold morning of October 28th.



After digging down about one foot, a large rock was encountered and the hardy crew of Dave, Jim and Mark

Lauber (the young guy) were not able to break it up. Fr. Tim Noelker even stopped by to help, unsuccessfully!



Since dynamite wasn't an option, it was decided to move the hole another foot to the rear. This time they were able to dig the hole two feet down before hitting another rock. After about an hour of banging and digging away at it, they were able to pull the rock out by hand, almost having to stand on their heads.



But persistence won out in the end, and the 3-foot hole was finished. It took the three of them to lift the cross up and set it in the hole and to secure it in place with ropes. Concreted in place, it should last for a long time. If you haven't stopped to look at it closely, you should do so. The gold decoration on the circle of the cross was an added embellishment done by Dave's daughter, Lauren Gockley. We hope the monument and cross will be a reminder to all who pass by, that the scourge of abortion is still with us, and that we should continue to pray daily for an end to legalized abortion in our country.



Tootsie Roll Drive - Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities–

Final report: Gross collection: \$18,878.69 (increased by \$4000 over 2016). Collecting more than the other 4 Councils in the District. Thank you to store captains; Mark Hussman, Brian Carroll, Larry Moore, and all who helped with the drive.

Golf Tournament Results

The golf tournament netted the council \$ 8,701.71. The committee made a recommendation to distribute the funds to; the parish, Lafayette Industries, and Challenger Baseball. The motion for passed unanimously. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful fund-raising event.



Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick and in distress, especially;

Roy Schlumpberger	Bernie Landau
Frank & Rita Holland	Harold Sharpmack
Ann Funk	Gerri & Andy Villaire
Maureen & Jim Winkler	Tom Brown
Ron & Linda Hantak	Rich Triola
Myron Willis	Bill Fogerty
Sol Hamway	Gus & Carroll Baechle
Franka & Rita Holland	Penny Hartley
Bruce Verkruyse	JoAnn Kaestner
Jason Moore	Greta Haynes
Stephanie Caratenuto	Deacon Larry
Lucia Lindh	Daniel Miller
Lynn McMillan	Margi Watowa
Cathy Glatz	Mike Bick's daughter Erin
Barb Lynn	Jan & Dave Flake
Pat Viazanko	Sue and Gerry Wilkes
	Our Texas brothers and sisters



William Schafer, Jr	December 1
James Schuessler	December 1
Fred Lueckenotte.	December 4
Robert McAlexander	December 9
Bob Depelheuer	December 11
George Lindh	December 13
Mike Steinke	December 14
James Larson	December 22
Dave Gockley	December 23
Jon Campbell	December 27
Ed Cox	December 27
Mark Huseman	December 27
Mike Bick	December 28
Dirk Korczak	December 28
Dick Glatz	December 30