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Grand Knight's Korner

My Fellow Brother Knights:

It's February which means it's almost Spring! I want to thank all the Knights for their outstanding volunteer efforts this past month, and we are very thankful that our Roses for Life bus had a great trip and made it safely back home! February is the shortest month of the year, but still filled with a lot of activity: **Felice Coeur's, Trivia night, Soup Kitchen,** our regular Business **Meeting on February 8th.** and the beginning of the upcoming **Lenten Fish Fries.** We could use volunteers for all, especially frying fish in the garage for the Fish Fries and we will need volunteers to man the beer booth.

The **4th degree** induction ceremony will be March 3. All my fellow 3rd degree Brother Knights, please consider becoming the highest level of Knight you can be!

We will begin planning for a major recruitment drive this Spring culminating in a **recruitment event**, so start to think about bringing in that neighbor or friend who would benefit so much by doing good for others.

Speaking of "Almost Spring", our annual Trivia night is February 10. Let's sell this out as this is our major fundraiser for our Council activities needed to carry us throughout the year. Details are inside.

Finally, just a reminder, our **Business meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM.** It is my hope that you have a blessed month and stay active in your council!

Yours in Christ,

Rob Libera, Grand Knight

Council Calendar

Council meetings for February 2018

February 8th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary – Cafeteria

February 8th Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting – Cafeteria

February 22nd Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – School Room 15

Council meetings for March 2018

March 8th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary- Cafeteria

March 8th Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting - Cafeteria

March 22nd Thursday, 7:00 PM - Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement



Event Calendar

Trivia Night – St. Joseph's

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Valentine Party

Fourth Degree – St. Louis Hilton (Airport)

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

St. Patrick's Party

Family Mass – St. Joseph's Church

Breakfast following mass at the Legion hall

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Sulphur Spring Road Clean-up – meet up after 8:30am mass

Feb 10

6:30 pm

Feb 12

7:45 am

Feb 24

7:00 pm

Mar 3

Noon – 10 pm

Mar 10

7:00 pm

Mar 11

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Mar 12

7:45 am

Mar 24

9 am



4th Degree held on March 3rd in St. Louis

Brother Knights and Ladies,

This time of year, has always been a time for looking back on the past year, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and to resolve to follow through on those changes.

In my reflections on the year just ended, the news was consumed by a world struggling with ongoing terrorism, religious persecution, and political chaos. On the opposite side of the spectrum, I saw through the Knights and our

Parish communities a tremendous outpouring of support, both physically and financially, to serve those less fortunate, to protect those who cannot protect themselves, and to evangelize to those who are in need of God's grace.

Looking forward, it is the ideal time to reflect on where we are with our relationship with God, our families, with our careers, and with the time we give to help those in need.

I am reminded of what I call the 20-5 talk I heard again recently. It goes like this: Suppose you woke up tomorrow and received two phone calls. The first phone call tells you that you have inherited \$20 million, no strings attached. The second tells you that you have an incurable and terminal disease, and you have no more than 5 years to live. What would you do differently, and, in particular, what would you stop/start doing? The focus is on how we allocate the most precious of all resources: Time.

As we look to the New Year, let us strive to give of the time we have so that we can be counted as one of God's good and faithful servants. We are busy planning to do just that

as an Assembly and we need your help. We have plans to support the VA, USO, continue our Assembly choir, etc. If you are not already part of the 4th degree, would you consider giving a small amount of your time to become a Brother Sir Knight and join our patriotic activities. If you are already a Brother Sir Knight, would you please give some of your time, talent, and treasure to those who have and are currently serving our country?

I look forward to the coming year. It promises to be busy and extremely rewarding to those who get involved. I wish all of you the best in the New Year and I look forward to seeing each of you as we support the core principles of the Knights – charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” - Jeremiah 29:11

Fraternally yours,

David Goetz

Faithful Navigator



New Years Eve Party

Our Council recently sponsored its second annual New Year's Eve Dance, *Rock'n the New Year*. The fun event was a chance to celebrate with friends from St Joseph's Parish and from around the St. Louis area. Guests enjoyed music by The Backstreet Cruisers (who played a nice variety of rock and roll music), a photo booth, adult beverages, and a surprise treat of Ted Drewes frozen custard. Attendance was 149 this year and the Council was able to net just over \$2,000 for the dance.

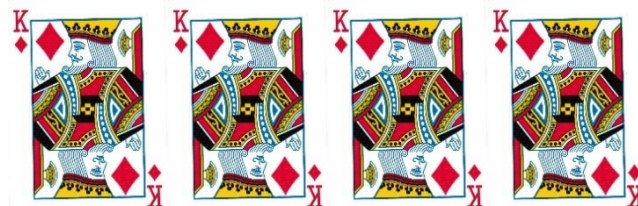
The event went off quite smoothly, with help from many Knights and their wives. Thanks to everyone that helped with Setup, Check-in, Bartending and Clean up, and to all the Knights who joined in the dance festivities. Special recognition to John Kaestner for arranging for the beer donation and to Ben Verhagan for donating the helium.

I am indebted to the dance committee, who met several times from August to December to plan the event. Gene & Sharon Banner (Equipment Rental), Stephanie & Joe Caratenuto (Decorations), Kathy Grinstead (Advertising), Larry Moore (Bartending), Jim & Dot Schuessler (Reservations & Event Lighting) and Gary and Aurelia Smith (Refreshments, Balloon Drop and Photo Booth) were all integral to the success of this event.

With the financial success and enjoyment from the event, the committee decided to have the event again next year and the band has agreed to perform. Mark your calendars for next December 31st. We would love to have even more Knights from our Parish join us for the next dance.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tony Grinstead



King of Diamonds 50/50

Starting this year, we will be having an enhanced version of our monthly 50/50 attendance drawing at each of our monthly meetings. It will be a progressive game, where if no winner is found, the jackpot will roll over to add to the next month's drawing. The winning ticket draws a playing card from the deck and if it is the King of Diamonds, that person wins 50% of the jackpot accumulated up to that time. Two tickets will be selected at each meeting. Non-winning cards picked are discarded as the game proceeds. Thus, the odds of winning and the jackpot goes up each month until the King of Diamonds is found. Played with a full deck of playing cards (52 cards, plus 2 jokers). If a Joker is picked, a \$5 award is given. The game will end at the December meeting where a winning ticket will be selected. **This new game should be fun to play – but you have to be there to win!**

The January roll over is \$23!



23rd Annual *Almost Spring* “
Trivia Night

Sponsored by *Knights of Columbus*

St. Joseph Manchester – Marian Council # 9522

February 10, 2018

Located at 567 St. Joseph Lane

Doors Open At 6:30 p.m.

\$20/Person Includes

Beer, Wine, Soda, Water & Popcorn

Reservations Joe 314.650.6000 –jsjc@hotmail.com



St. Joe Fish Fry Help Needed

Bartenders are needed to staff the beer sales during this season’s Lenten Fish Frys. We need two bartenders per shift (3:30 PM – 5:30 PM and 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM). The dates are; February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Please go to our website at www.kofc9522.org to sign up. Click “Events Calendar” and find the Date and Shift you would like to volunteer. Click that event to sign up. It’s that easy!

Uniform is regular clothes, but please wear your Knight name badge.

Canned Food Drive

We will be organizing another canned food drive again this year, which will be done in conjunction with the Fish Fry’s. More detail to come.



St. Joseph March For Life Bus Trip

Our trip started with 6:30 am Mass at St. Joseph’s. Father Gabriel celebrated the Mass and gave all of the travelers a blessing for a safe and productive trip. We had a total of 44 people on our bus. Sixteen were under the age of 18 and our oldest was 87 years old. We gave out six scholarships, so everyone who wanted could make the trip (a total of

\$1140 in scholarships). The Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary donated a total of \$680 to the bus trip. Thank you so much for making the trip possible. We traveled across America praying and giving witness to the unborn. We visited our senators and house representatives lobbying for the end to abortion and laws that protect the unborn. And of course, we marched, all in the name of LIFE. Let us all take time out of our day to pray for the respect of all human life, from the womb to the tomb.



Basketball Free Throw Contest held at St. Joe

Over 100 St. Joe elementary school students participated in the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw competition over the week of January 15th. Helen Buchanan, Rob Libera, Jim Scheussler, Tom Landzaat and Tom Will scored the competitors free throw skills in the school gym. Students ranged in age from 3rd to 8th grade and threw 15 shots each. The winners have been selected and will participate in the district finals on February 4 from 2-4 PM in the St. Joseph Parish Center. District winners will proceed to the Regional Championship on February 18th, noon, at the Duchesne High School Gymnasium (2701 Cypress Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301). The State Championship is Sunday, March 11th, noon at Fr. Tolton High School, 3351 E. Gans Rd., Columbia, MO 65201.

Winners from our Council

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Caroline Brandenburg	9	Caden Rushing
Gabby Wyatt	10	Chris Simon
Rylie Nolan	11	Alex Wichmann
Katlin Einwalter	12	Matt Mueller
Grace Sullivan	13	Evan Hill
Emily Naeger	14	Thomas Adams



Lily and Hammer Club Introduction

Most of the time when St. Joseph is pictured in artwork, he is holding one of three things: the Christ child, a staff with lilies sprouting out from it, or a hammer (or some other tool). Membership in this new club for benefactors of St. Joseph Parish will be limited to 400 people (this is less than a ¼ of our current parish census). To be a member of this new club a person or family must donate \$100. Members of this club, in addition to helping us build toward a financial secure future, will be able to win \$200 ten months of the year and

\$500 two months of the year. This fun and easy little fundraiser will earn the parish \$37,000 that will go straight into creating another endowment for St. Joseph Parish. Important Dates: May 1st (First Draw), June, July, August, September, November, December, January, February, March - \$200 Prize. October & April - \$500 Prize.

Souper Stars

The Knights continue to serve at the Gift of Mary Soup Kitchen. A big thank you to all of them for their continued service to the sisters and the community.



2017 Harley Davidson Raffle

The Missouri State Council is sponsoring a raffle for a 2017 Harley Davidson in support of Special Olympics and the Special Olympics Missouri Training for Life Campus. Drawing will be held April 28th, 2018.



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

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| 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 & John Kaestner |
| Jason Moore | Greta Haynes |
| Stephanie Caratenuto | Deacon Larry |
| Lucia Lindh | Margi Watowa |
| Lynn McMillan | Jan & Dave Flake |
| Cathy & Dick Glatz | Sue and Gerry Wilkes |
| Barb Lynn | |
| Pat Viazanko | |



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| Thomas Heller | February 4 |
| Patrick Lawler | February 14 |
| John Schilling | February 23 |
| George Chase | February 24 |
| Ronald Hantak | February 24 |
| Martin Longo | February 24 |
| Stephen Mosbacher | February 25 |