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Grand Knight's Korner

Happy Easter to all my Fellow Brother Knights!

What a busy Lenten Season we had! Take time to read the entire newsletter and you will get a feel for just how involved we Knights are with all aspects of our Parish Community, the variety of good works and deeds we do for both the Parish and those in need, and how we have prepared ourselves for this Blessed Season.

With Easter comes Spring, a traditional time to “start anew”, to start “fresh”. People undertake spring cleaning and start that new exercise program to get their house and body in shape—how about a little spring “cleaning” for the mind and the soul?! Some good works and prayers and fellowship with like-minded Catholic men?! So I ask you again:

“Do you have just 1 or 2 hours this month?”

The Event roster is listed on the next page, and April 12th is our next Council meeting. In case you haven't been lately or haven't heard, we have reformatted the meeting to give your more time for fellowship and food for thought as we go forward with our activities. Speaking of ‘food-for-thought’, we are also planning some pot luck offerings this month, so it'll be fun. The 2018/2019 nomination slate of Officers for the next fraternal year will also be read, with voting occurring at the May meeting. Speaking of May, mark **Sunday, May 6** for our annual Council **Family Picnic**—and *bring the family*, including those “adult kids” and the grandchildren! A fun time with food, beverage, and some games; and another good opportunity for fellowship and to catch-up. Even if you only have an hour—stop by!

Here's wishing you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter Season, and—as always---- May God keep you healthy and in the palm of His hands,

Rob Libera, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

Council Calendar

Council meetings for April 2018

April 12th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary – Cafeteria

April 12th Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting – Cafeteria

April 26nd Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement

Council meetings for May 2018

May 10th Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary – Cafeteria

May 10th Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting – Cafeteria

Voting for officers

May 24nd Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement



Event Calendar

Easter – Have a Blessed Day

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Celebrate the Cardinals – wear your Cardinal red

Knights Card Club – Notre Dame House - Upstairs

Play some cards and socialize with brother Knights

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Bingo – Parish Center

Come with your friends and play Bingo!

Family Picnic – Manchester Park

Come celebrate with your brother knights and families

Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Patriotic Celebration – wear your red, white, and blue

Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

Knights Card Club – Notre Dame House - Upstairs

Play some cards and socialize with brother Knights

Veteran’s Memorial Mass– St. Joseph’s Church

Apr 1

Apr 9

7:45 am

Apr 14

7:00 pm

Apr 17

1:00 pm

Apr 30

7:45 am

May 5

6:30 pm

May 6

1pm

May 12

7:00 pm

May 14

7:45 am

May 15

1:00 pm

May 27

TBD



King of Diamonds 50/50 Progressive Jackpot

We’ve started the King of Diamonds game at our monthly business meetings. Remember, after two tickets are drawn, each 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. Non-winning cards picked are discarded as the game proceeds. Thus, the odds of winning and the jackpot goes up each month until the

The March rollover amount is:

\$58

Remember you must be present to win!

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.

Knight’s Card Club

Our council is starting an afternoon card club social for those knights who would like to get out during the day to have a little socialization time with brother knights. The initial plan is to meet once a month on the third Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Notre Dame House (upstairs). Besides cards or games, we will have an opportunity to socialize and discuss what is going on in the council. If you have questions, call Jim Schuessler (636-527-1934).



We wrapped up the Free Throw Championship for 2018 with our Grand Knight awarding council winners, certificates, and Knights of Columbus basketballs at St. Joseph’s School on March 9th during a school assembly.



Canned Food Drive

We met our goal by collecting 1,015 pounds of food during the parish Fish Fry’s.

Thanks for all your help!



First Responders Eat on the House

Our Council thanked our first responders by buying them dinner at the St. Joseph’s Fish Fry on Friday March 16th. A total of 19 meals were sponsored.

Thank you to all our First Responders!



Rob also presented district medals to two of our students who won at the district level. You can see the blue ribbon of the district medal on the student on the left.

All the winners with certificates, basketballs, and both district medals. Congrats to everyone that participated!

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Wally Novak, Tom Landzaat, and Tom Will achieved the 4th degree on March 3rd at the Airport Hilton.



Congratulations to our new 4th degree Knights!



Along with Rob Libera, Denny Pezzani, Jim Scheussler, and Tony Grinstead.



Relaxing in the hospitality room



Wally, Tom and Tom were graciously supported by their wives at the event.



Can We Help You?

The Handy-Helpers of the Knights of Columbus are here for older or disabled parishioners who need help with small projects around the house with no cost to them.

Do you know of anyone in the parish needing help?

Please contact the St. Joseph's Parish office at 636-227-5247 to get your request scheduled.

If you are interested in helping other through the Handy-Helpers, please contact Tom Landzaat for more information.



CPR /AED training classes offered

The two options are:

Sat April 14th morning, 8am – 7 open spots available

Wed April 25th evening, 5:30pm – 2 open spots available

The classes will be held at Lafayette Industries Workshop, [179 Gaywood Dr.](#) in Manchester (across from Academy Sports). The class will take about 4 to 5 hrs. Class size is limited to 8 students. To register for the class, call or email:

Jim Schuessler

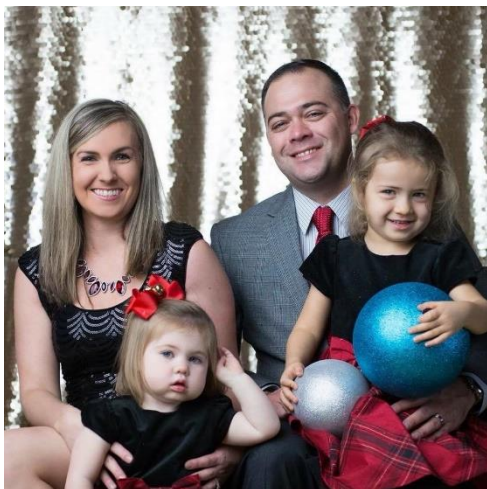
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Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Saint John Paul II

New Field Agent Justin Schneller



Hello Brother Knights, I am Justin Schneller your new Field Agent. I recently moved to Chesterfield last year from Columbia MO. I was recently a Gov/Ed Sales Manager, and Marketing Manager for AT&T for the last 16 years. I recently

started with the Knights March 1 after taking a Severance Package with AT&T a few months ago. I do have a lot of experience with Business, and some prior Insurance Experience with American National Ins. I recently sold my last rental property in Columbia MO a few months ago. I owned and managed 3 properties for the last 12 years. I am happy to conclude that Business in my life, being 2 hours away. Ha. Ha. I am also a Army Veteran with Missouri National Guard. I served from 2000 to 2008. I attend Columbia College MO with a Duel Major in BS Management and BS Marketing very close to graduating with both degrees in about 4 more classes.

Next week my new Knights of Columbus West County Office opens! It is located at [13990 Olive Blvd. Suite 203-1 Chesterfield](#). It is a nice place to meet if you feel more comfortable or more convenient than meeting in your home.

I have met with about 20 Brothers in the last 3 weeks, and it has been great. I have had some great conversations about Life Protection, Legacy Life Insurance Products, Long Term Care, Disability Income, and Retirement Annuities. I enjoy helping Catholic Brothers with products/solutions that actually mean huge benefits/protection to families.

In my personal life, I am married to Jennifer, and have two daughters. Jacqueline is 5 and Juliet is 3. My wife started with Monsanto last year, and is a Project Manager in the Finance/IT Division. We attend Incarnate Word, and that is also my Home Council. So things are going pretty good for us. God is Good, and has provided for us. It has been a turbulent time, and he has paved an awesome path for me. I look forward to meeting with you, serving with you, and getting to know you personally as well.

Sincerely,

Justin Schneller

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A message from our Field Agent

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members, equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in

October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order. During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet?

NOW, we can use the WWW.KNIGHTS.NET OR WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS websites to help Catholic Friends and Family to join INSTANTLY, and then we can get them to Transfer to your Council later on a few months later. Your Council still gets Credit towards Star Council!

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members. As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Contact me anytime:

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Knights Accomplishments

March

- Handed out basketballs and certificates to parish winners of the Free Throw Basketball Challenge
- Sponsored St Patricks Day Felice Cuores Party for those 18 and older who are physically handicapped or developmentally disabled
- Volunteers to fry fish, cook food, tend bar, and serve others at the Parish Fish Fry’s
- Donated the beer and wine sold at the Lenten Fish Frys
- Donated 19 meals to our First Responders at the Fish Fry on March 16th

February

- Held canned food drive at all St. Joseph’s Fish Fry’s to benefit Gift of Mary Soup Kitchen
- Held Almost Spring Trivia Night, collecting \$2.900 for charity
- Sponsored district Basketball Free Throw Championship in the Parish Center
- Sponsored Valentine’s Day Felice Cuores Party for those 18 and older who are physically handicapped or developmentally disabled

January

- Handy Helpers repaired damaged ceiling and wall
- Sponsored annual Basketball Free Throw Challenge at the parish
- Organized ‘Roses for Life’ in the parish, delivering a petition to our Senators and Congressmen in Washington, DC asking them to Respect Life and the rights of the unborn.



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



April Birthdays

Bruce Verkruyse	April 1
Bob Cartwright	April 2
Edwin Vandeven	April 5
Matthew Willis	April 5
Sal Tedesco	April 6
James Christman	April 8
Robert Brandt	April 11
Curt Metzger	April 12
Hugh McMillan	April 13
Michael Wilkes	April 15
Kevin Fogarty	April 17
Brian Carroll	April 19
Kevin McGowan	April 22
Tom Anstoetter	April 23
Nick Smith	April 23
David Shaw	April 25
Daniel Smith	April 26
James Oswald	April 28
Wally Nowak	April 29



Welcome New Members

Mike Albers transferred in from his Council in Chicago



Please help in assisting in the publication of this newsletter by providing feedback and by submitting an articles and/or pictures. If you have an article to submit, please forward it to me, Tom Will at tom.will@sbcglobal.net

Deadline for the next newsletter is 10 days prior to the first of the month.

If you know a member that would like a printed copy of this newsletter, please contact me at tom.will@sbcglobal.net

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER!

Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo to be placed in the Membership Rosters. If you go to our website <http://www.KofC9522.org> you can view the pictures. If there is not a picture by your name, don't be alarmed, just email me at tom.will@sbcglobal.net with your photo and it will be placed next to your name.

If you have any suggestions or comments about our council site, please let me know.



Our Officers

Grand Knight – Rob Libera
 Deputy Grand Knight – Ed Cox
 Financial Secretary – Jon Campbell
 Chancellor – Pete Blitzer
 Treasurer – Brian Carroll
 Advocate – Vince Burkemper
 Warden – Bob Depelheuer
 Inside Guard – Mark Huseman
 Outside Guard – Michael Wilkes
 3 Year Trustee – Terry Altepeter
 2 Year Trustee – Joe Caratenuto
 1 Year Trustee – Art Bowles
 Recorder – Jack Burke
 Lecturer – Steve Zaegel
 Membership Chairman – Larry Moore
 Program Director – Jim Schuessler
 Chaplain – Father Matthew Cherparambil