



# The Knightly News

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## Grand Knight's Korner

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay homage to the Queen of Heaven". During this month Christians, both in Church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, "... the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from Mary's throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). The custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century.

Knighthood, Patriotism, Family, and devotion to Mary all converge in May. Fellow Brother Knights, we all have the opportunity to take just a few moments this month as fervent soldiers and visible Champions of our Catholic Faith to participate in all of that in May. Say the Rosary at home, or join us just before the May Council meeting on May 10. At the Council meeting we will have a dynamic guest speaking about our St. Louis USO. We have our annual Family picnic with food and games on May 6---come and bring your extended family! In addition to our signature activities helping those less fortunate this month such as Soup Kitchen, come to the 9:00 am Mass on Memorial weekend Sunday to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for God, Country, and for the freedom we enjoy today. What an opportunity we all have in May to strengthen our Knighthood character and values.

Have a blessed May, hope to see you several times this month, and as always, May God keep you in the palm of His hand.

Rob Libera, Grand Knight  
Vivat Jesus

## Council Calendar

### Council meetings for May 2018

May 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary – Cafeteria

May 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting – Cafeteria

Voting for officers

May 24<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement

### Council meetings for June 2018

June 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM – Rosary – Cafeteria

June 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:30 PM – Council Meeting – Cafeteria

June 28<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM – Planning Meeting – Notre Dame Basement



## Event Calendar

### Family Picnic – Manchester Park

Come celebrate with your brother knights and families

### Felice Cuores – St Clare of Assisi

Patriotic Celebration – war your red, white, and blue

### Knights Card Club – Notre Dame House - Upstairs

Play some cards and socialize with brother Knights

### Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

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

Come honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice

### Bingo – Parish Center – doors open at 6PM

Come with your friends and play Bingo!

### Family Mass and Breakfast – St Joseph’s Church and Legion Hall

### Soup Kitchen – Meet at Legion Hall

### Knights Card Club – Notre Dame House - Upstairs

Play some cards and socialize with brother Knights

### Knights Officer Installation and Dinner – St. Joseph’s Church and Family Center

Installation of officers, awards, and dinner

### VBS Cookout – St. Joseph’s School

Help cook and serve a lunch to vacation bible school

**May 6**

1pm

**May 12**

7:00 pm

**May 15**

1:00 pm

**May 14**

7:45 am

**May 27**

9:00 am

**June 2**

7:00 pm

**June 10**

TBD

**June 11**

7:45 am

**June 15**

1:00 pm

**June 26**

7:00 pm

**June 29**

TBD



### King of Diamonds 50/50 Progressive Jackpot

The April rollover amount is:

**\$81**



### Knights Plant Sale to support Special Olympics

Please shop for your Spring flowers, plants, and planting supplies at Weithop greenhouses, who in turn, will support the Knights with every sale!

During the month of May, Weithop’s will give the Knights of St. Joseph’s Marian Council a percentage of everything you

buy to support the Special Olympics. Just print and bring the coupon below and present it when you checkout —that’s all there is to it! Weithop is located at 2463 Barrett Station Rd road between Manchester road and Dougherty Ferry.

What a wonderful way to get great Spring plantings and support Special Olympics!

## Knights of Columbus Charity Plant Sale

At Wiethop Greenhouses 2463 Barrett Station Rd.  
 For St. Joseph’s Manchester  
 Knights of Columbus  
 plant sale runs through 5/31/18



### Knight’s Card Club

Six people attended the new card club game on Tuesday, 17 April in the Notre Dame house upper level from 1:00-3:00. We played a game called 3/13; but other game suggestions are welcome. The next game will be on Tuesday, 15 May at the same time and place. All future games are planned for the third Tuesday of every month. The games are informal, fun and all are welcome.



### Can We Help You?

The Handi-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 others through the Handi-Helpers, please contact Tom Landzaat for more information.

### Handi-Helpers Out in the Field

Handi-Helpers are back on track after a slow start to 2018. Thanks to support from Maureen O’Reilly from the parish office to get our announcement in the bulletin for 4 weeks in a row which brought some new leads for us in April.

The first project that was tackled was rebuilding and tightening the benches from an Eagle Scout project in 2007 behind the Notre Dame house.







With the help of Tom Will and Jim Schuessler we were able to get all four benches back to full operation for future outdoor events. The only thing that needs to be done is to stain/seal the benches to protect them from the weather.



The second project was from a parishioner who is having health issues and needed help with her gutters and downspouts as a result of a large limb falling on her home last fall. I assembled a crew of Tom Will, Fred Lueckenotte and myself to get things fixed. Fred and I were able to get the damaged gutters removed on the west side of her house and exposed a 12' section of rotten fascia behind the gutter that needs to be replaced.



In addition, Tom Will raked and blew the entire yard and we bagged the debris.



Fred and I reconnected the two downspouts to the house and reconnected the drain system to move the water away from the house to the back yard. The parishioner was thrilled with what we had done in such a short period of time for her. Jim Schuessler and Fred will get the new fascia painted and installed. Then we will get some bids on new gutters on the west side of her home.

The final project for the month we tackled was the installation of a garden around the Monument and Cross of the Unborn on the St Joseph grounds. I had gotten approval from Father Pastoris and Joyce Jones to get the project started. My crew for this project was Jim Schuessler, Tom Will, Dick Glatz and me.





I worked up a design that would provide a focus for the monument using patriotic colors of double red roses, white Shasta daisies and deep blue salvia. It took a great deal of work to strip off the sod,



dig the holes (complete with several large boulders),



We conquered the boulder

plant the plants



Here's another one!





and get a load of mulch to complete the project.



It took us most of a day to complete,



but it was the most rewarding for all the Knights who participated in the project. It is a wonderful addition to the St Joseph grounds and will be maintained by our Knights council. There are also plans in the works for an all school mass for the dedication of the garden.



Many thanks to all my brother Knights for their help and support working on our Handi-Helpers projects.



**Bingo!!!!**

Our first bingo will be on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 6:00pm and the first number will be called at 7:00 pm...

Looking for volunteers to set up and take down.

Any helpers with bingo must be registered with the state.

Please call number below or e-mail: [joecaratenuto@hotmail.com](mailto:joecaratenuto@hotmail.com)

Thank you

Joe Caratenuto

314.650.6000

“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”

- Pope Francis





### Soup Kitchen Update

As of today we have accounts for 228 community activity hours and served 1,140 meals. The construction on the new soup kitchen is mainly finishing the interior of the building. Due to bad weather the completion date has slipped a few months with June or July as new completion date.



### A message from our Field Agent

Hello, My Fraternal Council Leadership,

I am excited to announce that we are hosting a K of C Insurance/Member Benefits Night! May 22nd, Starts at 7:00, doors open around 6:30. Incarnate Word Basement/Cafeteria (13416 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017). Ryan Lister, Knights of Columbus General Agent and I will present:

- Discussing the History of the Knights
- Sharing Insightful Insurance Concepts, KofC Products & Ideas.
- Providing Snacks & Door Prizes.

This event is open to any Catholic Family in our Parishes. We are going to try to communicate information via Bulletins as well. Hopefully this can help serve as a recruitment event as well.

We hope to see you there, and we thank you in advance for sharing this information! (If you would like some printed flyers to share within church bulletin boards please let me know)

Sincerely,

Justin Schneller  
Field Agent - Knights of Columbus  
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### Knights Accomplishments

#### April

- Supported Felice Coeurs Dance for the developmentally disabled on April 14
- Collected over 1,000 pounds of food during our lenten fish fry that was delivered to food pantries.
- Cleaned up Sulphur Springs Rd
- Completed planting flowers around the Memorial to the Unborn on the parish grounds
- Repaired benches behind Notre Dame House
- Began repairs of a parishioners house
- Fixed a bed frame for a parishioner
- Held AED/CPR classes, which were open to all parishioners

#### 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. 197 guests attended with 36 volunteers, 6 from Marian council.
- 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 local Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries
- 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:

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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 |
| Frank & Rita Holland  | Penny Hartley         |
| Bruce Verkruyse       | JoAnn & John Kaestner |
| Jason Moore           | Greta Haynes          |
| Stephanie Caratenuto  | Deacon Larry Damato   |
| Lucia Lindh           | Margi Watowa          |
| Lynn McMillan         | Jan Flake             |
| Cathy & Dick Glatz    | Jean Tedesco          |
| Barb Lynn             | Sue and Jerry Wilkes  |
| Pat Viazanko          |                       |

Passages:

Ronnie Willis brother of Knight Myron Willis after a long bout with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Myron and wife Barbara are with the family in Deltona Florida, burial to be this Saturday.

Dave Flake father of Knight Dave Flake after being diagnosed with leukemia a year and a half ago collapsed yesterday while walking his dog in the neighborhood. He was taken to the hospital where he later went into congestive heart failure. Details to follow.

May they both rest in the peace of Christ. May their families feel God's loving presence and consolation.



May Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------|
| Craig Basler      | May 1  |
| Jack Burke        | May 6  |
| Joe Caratenuto Jr | May 6  |
| John Cashion      | May 8  |
| Keith Jasin       | May 8  |
| George Prsha      | May 8  |
| Sol Hamway        | May 14 |
| Ben Verhagen      | May 14 |
| Vince Burkemper   | May 17 |
| Joseph Haack      | May 18 |
| Mark Tamboli      | May 18 |
| Jim Massmann      | May 22 |
| Daniel Corwin     | May 31 |
| Louis Gibbons     | May 31 |



**Welcome New Members**

A big welcome to new members, David Giuliani and Joseph Lafiore. Glad to have you with us!





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](mailto: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](mailto:tom.will@sbcglobal.net)

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#### **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](mailto: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.

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#### **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 Mathew Cherparambil