

The Fort Knight

April 2019



Brothers of 996:

Last month I started out by saying this will be short-- It wound up not as short as I was thinking. Again I say this will be short! Now I find it will indeed be short! In the process of writing this, due to my computer expertise I wound up deleting everything but my first line!! I guess that was an April Fools' joke on me!

In the initial Roman calendar April was the second month of the year until January and February were added in 700 BC. It is thought that the name April comes from the Latin word "to open" and describes the trees opening at springtime. It could also be that the name comes from the Greek Goddess Aphrodite. Some things you may not find in our monthly calendar that occur in April is/are: Autism Awareness Day, Earth Day, Arbor Day, National Poetry Month, National Arab American Heritage Month, Teacher Appreciation Week, Jazz Appreciation Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Cancer Control Month and my personal favorite- April Fools' Day!

Ya Know, a really cool thing about Catholicism is that many days of the calendar year are a cause for celebration. Nearly every day marks the feast day of a saint-- a day when that saint's holy life and deeds are remembered. Some days are holy days of obligation, which means that you're obliged to attend Mass that day.

You may not have heard the outcome of the Mardi Gras Party from last month- well it was a success! My thanks to all who helped! If I started to name all of you who helped with this project, surely I would miss someone. Thank you for your time and effort you put into the planning, the decorating, food prep, prize gathering, and work at the party itself! The net profit for this party was almost \$3000!!

I want to thank Robert Collins for his work painting the ballroom the last couple weeks! Again Robert took charge and got the ballroom looking FANTASTIC! I also thank fellow Knights Mark Urban, David English, Waylon Horn, Lusius Corbet, Rick Gramlich, for helping with the painting. If you haven't seen how nice the ballroom is come out to the "Fish Knights" and take a look.

On March 29th we would like to have all of our Past Grand Knights come out to the "Fish Knight" and have a group picture! This hasn't been done in quite a while and I think we are due! The Southside Jazz Band will be there as well so this should prove to be a fun evening.

Hope you all have a Blessed Easter, God Bless-

Thanks for letting me be your Grand Knight

**Matt Hutchinson GK
Council 996
Fort Smith**

Remember our Veterans

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- Friday April 5, 12 .19 Fish Nights
- Columbus Club Meeting on the 10 April
- April 24 Fourth Degree Meeting @ 7:30

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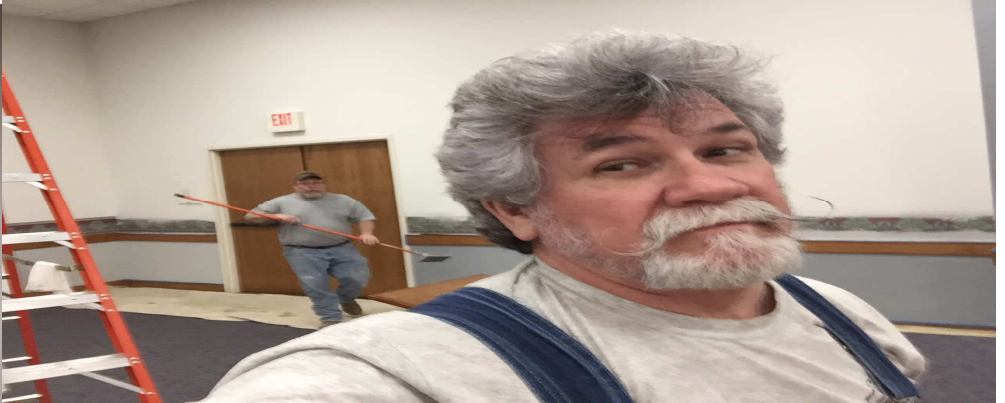
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out the Fort Knight Newsletter!
- New three month Calendar
- Message from Supreme
- Notes from Columbus Club



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

COUNCIL 996 KNIGHTS IN ACTION



**Fellow
Knights
Painting
The Hall**



KNIGHTS IN ACTION: AFTER THE TWISTER

3/21/2019



The sound was like a freight train. Rob Wilburn sat in his house praying as a tornado passed over his home. Wilburn, a Knight from Father Thomas Augustin Judge Council 13415 in Phenix City, Ala., and a district deputy for Alabama State Council, was concerned for his wife, Mary, on retreat in Holy Trinity community about 18 miles away.

“My concern was for her and to make sure that she got home safely,” Wilburn said.

While the storm moved across Alabama, Wilburns’ house remained intact, and Mary was unharmed. Rob said he was “just fortunate that it passed overhead of us.” Others weren’t so lucky.

At least **23 people died** because of the EF-4 category tornado that devastated Lee County, making it the **deadliest** U.S. tornado in the past six years. The EF-4, which ranges between 166 to 200 mph winds, was one of **12 tornadoes** that touched down in Alabama, Georgia and Florida on March 3. It was a mile wide and covered more than 24 miles before dissipating.

“You see acres of trees taken down, you see houses completely wiped out, while a house next door is still standing,” Wilburn said. “It’s eye-opening.”

As a cluster of tornadoes formed overhead, Earl Dawson, a Knight from Council 13415 and a former fire chief, got a phone call from his son, Daniel. Daniel shared that the volunteer fire department was deploying to Beauregard, Ala. — the center of the tornado’s destruction. Daniel worked search, rescue and recovery missions that day. But before the volunteer fire department arrived, there had already been six fatalities.

“A lot of firefighters had never experienced a mass casualty,” Dawson said. “Some of my co-workers also lived in the area [where] the storm hit.”

The next morning, Alabama State Deputy Jason Esteve informed Wilburn that the state council would assist Knights in Lee County. Wilburn began coordinating with distribution centers in Lee County and the surrounding areas.

Esteve’s commitment is consistent with the work of Knights around the world. Whenever there is a natural disaster, Knights help. During the **most destructive and deadliest wildfires** in California state history, Knights assisted neighbors and escorted students to safety. In the wake of hurricanes **Florence** and **Michael**, Knights raised more than \$1 million in disaster relief while also bringing supplies to victims.

And after the tornadoes in Alabama, Knights **assisted** with needed items including shovels, totes, gift cards and clothing as well as volunteering to remove debris from victims’ homes.

Wilburn first attended Emergency Management Agency (EMA) safety briefings, then sent out calls to action to K of C councils in Lee County. On March 9, just six days after the tornado, a group of Knights, from Council 13415 and Auburn University Council 8696 answered the call.

They were advised to go to three sites in Salem, Ala., 11 miles away from Beauregard. At the first site, they cleared downed trees surrounding a man’s damaged trailer that had been thrown 45 feet from its foundation. Dawson was working a chainsaw while others operated heavy machinery, including a bulldozer, to haul away trees and other debris.

Another local Knight who joined the efforts was Theodore Johnson, who described the devastation.

“The home had been lifted off of its foundation, dropped, and lifted and dropped a second time by a tornado,” Johnson said.

The Knights then drove down the road to help an elderly couple whose home had two chimneys ripped out and fallen trees around their property. Afterwards, they helped a man clean-up his trailer. The trailer still stood, but everything inside was destroyed. Some residents, Johnson said, told the Knights that it is “unlikely that they will be able to rebuild and will probably move in with family somewhere else in the area.”

Yet, despite the immense damage, spirits were high and the commitment to helping neighbor was strong.

Neill Briggs of Council 8696 said that he, like the other Knights, planned to continue volunteering in the tornado-affected area in the coming weeks.

“As Knights we are citizens of our communities and the greater community of God,” Briggs said. “We have an obligation to demonstrate charitable actions of the order, especially in times of natural disasters.”



Knights of Columbus
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March meeting will be 3-27-2019 at 7:30 pm

April meeting will be 4-24-2019 at 7:30 pm



Greetings Sir Knights,

The February meeting was informal as we did not have enough in attendance when it began to have a quorum. We will have nominations and appointments of delegates to the state convention at the March meeting, if interested, please attend. We will also have nominations for officers for the next fraternal year, all are welcome. Elections for officers will be during our April meeting.

Corporate Communion was poorly attended, perhaps my sending the bulletin late effected this. Thanks to the Five Sir Knights and their wives (2) who were able to attend, also Thank you to Father Mario for allowing us this opportunity to be together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

No St Patrick's Day Parade was held.

Many Decisions are being made in our country affecting the unborn, immigration, the death penalty and health care to name a few. Please keep your elected leaders in your prayers as well as our brothers and sisters affected by these decisions.

Jimmy Ciulla reported that George Fritts following his coronary artery surgery had a stroke.

Anne Maestri passed away, Wife of Robert.

Basil Koch passed away, Bother of Gilbert Koch and Emily Ray (Sammy).

John Neils passed away in Washington, February 2nd.

Please keep all of our brothers and their families in your prayers. Also keep me and my family in your prayers.

Faith, Hope and Love are some good things He gave us and the Greatest is Love.

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BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



GET INVOLVED!

Faith In Action Program Model

The new program model takes its inspiration from the Building the Domestic Church initiative, and it greatly emphasizes the faith and spirituality of all Knights of Columbus. In other words, the foundation for this program model is the Building the Domestic Church initiative. Those councils that thoroughly implement the Faith in Action Program will be living and exemplifying the Domestic Church.

Be a Leader

Take a leadership role in your council, your family and your parish in becoming the Domestic Church. It's what we signed up for as Knights of Columbus. By choosing to be Knights, we have chosen to be different from secular society and to live our faith boldly. Living as the Domestic Church is extremely effective. Throughout all of Judeo-Christian history, there has been nothing more effective at evangelizing the culture than regular, everyday people choosing to live their faith at home and in the public square. Salvation history was changed forever by a family.

Encourage your brother Knights to **live the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge**. It allows all Knights of Columbus to be united in a simple challenge each month to live their faith.

Make intentional choices based in prayer. Each time you choose to live your faith and refrain from activities that pull you away from God, you are living the Domestic Church.

Teach others and exemplify that it is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.



THE SUPREME CHAPLINS MONTHLY CHALLENGE

This Month's Challenge
March 2019

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. (Gospel for Mar. 31, Lk 15:20)

My brother Knights, here we encounter upon some of the most stunningly beautiful words in the entire Gospel: the reunion of the prodigal son with his father. As Jesus describes the scene, I invite you to put yourself in three different sets of shoes. First, imagine that you are the father, seeing your own flesh and blood, your son, coming home. Second, imagine that you are the prodigal son, expecting the worst, but finding that your father is moved with compassion. Third, imagine that you are the hard-working older brother, watching this reunion from a critical distance. Becoming the man we are means that we can learn from all three: embracing others with the mercy of the father; running to our heavenly Father like the Prodigal, and with the older brother, hearing the father's words spoken to us—that "all that I have is yours'."

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to be like the Prodigal Father by making the first move: take the first step toward another person in your life to encourage or forgive them. Secondly I challenge you to prayerfully write a list of things in your life for which you are grateful.



Council 996

Program Director

Upcoming events

Brother Knights,

Last Month we had a great Fish Night we were very busy in the Kitchen. Thanks to all who came out to support us.



Upcoming events: **Fish Knights**

March 22 - **Trivia Night**

March 29 - SHS Jazz Band

April 5

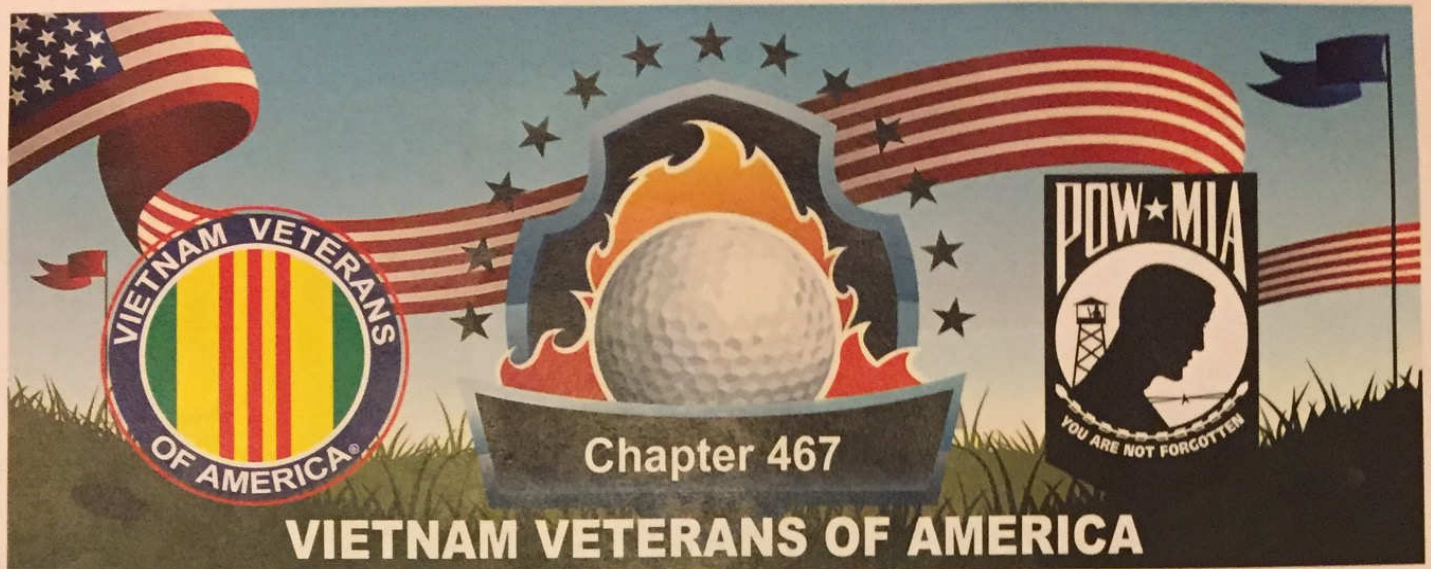
April 12

April 19 - Kids' Egg Hunt



Come enjoy a great meal and if you can invite a friend or if you can come and help out let me know we always can use a helping hand!!





VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

3rd ANNUAL

GOLF
TOURNAMENT

2- Person - 18 Hole Scramble

\$150 Entry Fee per team - Due by April 2019

Friday, April 26th, 2019

(Alternate Date for Inclement Weather, May 2019)

9:00 Am to 2:00pm SHOTGUN Start

Eagle Crest Golf Course

3926 Golf Course Dr.

Alma, AR 72921

Lunch Provided

Flights and Payout determine by number of entries.

Copy of Rules and Tee Box will be provided.

Door Prizes

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Fort Smith, Ar 72917

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**All players are required to wear appropriate golf attire, collard shirt and soft spikes or spike-less shoes.
No tank tops, sweat pants, or cut-offs allowed. All short/pants must be hemmed.**



Knights of Columbus

Council 996

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www.columbusacres.com

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2017-2018 Council Officers

Chaplain Fr.	Juan Guido
Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Deputy Grand Knight	Carder Ferguson
Financial Secretary	Marc Lux
Treasurer	Mark Urban

2017-2018 Columbus Club

Carder Ferguson ,President

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 6:30 P.M. All Council 996 members are invited and encouraged to Attend



Families in Need of Prayer

Sick

Betty Uerling, Tony Scherrey, Edie Gouger, Bud Gouger, Ardell Gramlich, George Fritz had a Heart Attack.

Eternal Afterlife :

Military

Logan Collins stationed in North Carolina

If there are any notifications for the Sickness or deaths please contact Matt Hutchinson at GkkocHutch@gmail.com



COLUMBUS CLUB

1. Last Month was busy from catching up from February. As Grand Knight Matt Hutchinson stated in his letter that the hall is painted and it really looks great!! Thanks to all who help out from getting the paint to painting and clean up really did a great job.
2. We talk about spring clean up on the Acres and pulling up the parking curbs in the front of the hall. The first date is Saturday April 13 2019 and if weather is bad then it will be Saturday April 27 2019
3. Since the Boy Scouts are Chartered by the Columbus Club. Troop 3 ask us for permission to start up a Girls unit with the Troop 3. Columbus Club will support their request so they can start up a Girls Unit.
4. The Board on Columbus Club has decided to meet monthly until further notice.
5. Still taking donation for the Lights both Outside and inside.
6. We have started cleaning up the Front office and get it back to a functional office with updating and replacing aging office equipment.
7. Please note on the calendar when the Acres are rented and when the Hall is rented. Spread the word for renting we have a awesome place and need to fill more spots!
9. The Acres needs a new wheel for the Kubota Tractor cost at \$98.00.















Columbus Club Next meeting is 10 April 2019 at 6:30pm



Pope Pius XII Council 996

April 2019









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm	2 Bingo 7 PM 	3 Business Mtg 7:30 pm 		5 6 PM FRY-DAY NIGHT Lenten  FISH FRY	6 
7	8 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm Lunch rental 	9 Bingo 7 PM 	10 Columbus Club MTG at 6:30	11	12 6 PM FRY-DAY NIGHT Lenten  FISH FRY	13
14	15 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	16 Bingo 7 PM 	17 Social Mtg 7:30 pm SOCIAL HOUR	18 	19 6 PM FRY-DAY NIGHT Lenten  FISH FRY	20 
21	22 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	23 Bingo 7 PM 	24 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	25	26	27
28	29 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	30 Bingo 7 PM 				



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May 2019







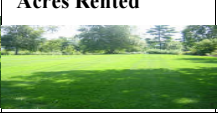





















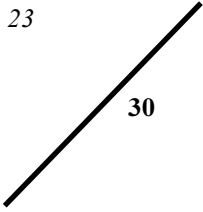
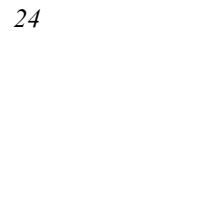



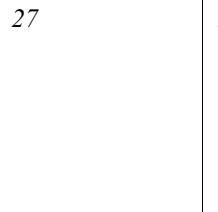
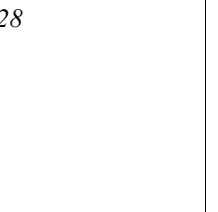
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	2	3 IC Carnival  Acres rented 	4 IC Carnival  Acres and Hall Rented  
5 Acres Rented 	6 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	7 Bingo 7 PM 	8 Columbus Club MTG at 6:30	9	10	11 
12	13 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	14 Bingo 7 PM 	15 Social Mtg 7:30 pm 	16 	17 CTK Carnival 	18 CTK Carnival  
19	20 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	21 Bingo 7 PM 	22 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	23	24	25
26	27 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	28 Bingo 7 PM 	29	30	31	



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June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Acres rented 
2 Acres Rented 	3 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm Acres Rented 	4 Bingo 7 PM  Acres Rented 	5 Business Mtg 7:30  Acres rented 	6 Acres Rented 	7 Acres Rented 	8 Acres Rented 
9 Acres Rented 	10 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm 	11 Bingo 7 PM  	12 Columbus Club MTG at 6:30 Acres Rented 	13 	14 	15 
16 	17 	18 Bingo 7 PM  	19 Social Mtg 7:30 pm 	20 	21 Family Night 6 pm 	22 
23 	24 	25 Bingo 7 PM  	26 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	27 	28 	29 