

The Fort Knight

February 2019

Brothers of 996:

I hope this finds you and your families healthy and enjoying the new year.

For any First Degree members who are interested in going on for your Second and Third Degrees, there is an Exemplification in Hot Springs, AR on February 10th. Please let me know if you are interested, I will need to RSVP by February 3rd. Also anyone who has already gone through this Exemplification and would like to observe it-also contact me. The cost to go through the Exemplification is free, but the cost to observe is \$10. (Covering lunch etc.)

We have a Casino on February 21! PLEASE WE NEED HELP! This is always a fun night, great food, and they pay VERY WELL!!

We will meet at the Acres and car pool to Poteau, leaving the Acres by 5:30. Mark your calendar, the AR Knights of Columbus State Convention is April 26th at the Double Tree 424 West Markham, Little Rock. More information will be shared at the next business meeting.

The New Year Black Eyed Pea Meal this year was another WINNER! Jayne, Jerry and Dicky Spahn we thank you as well as Art Rideout. This was a Delicious meal! We thank you one and all for your hard work and talent in the kitchen! This holds true for the Family night we had on the 18th as well with the added help here of Robert Collins and Carder Ferguson!

Everyone get ready the Fish dinners will be starting as Lent is coming closer with the mention of Lent coming closer, means the Mardi Gras party is coming closer!

Super Bowl Sunday is February 3rd. Come on out and join us- This always proves to be a great time with lots of fun and laughter, no matter if the Patriots are playing or not!

Friday February 8th we will be feeding the kids at the detention center again. Please contact Gus Coopenhaver at 221-4559 if you would like to help. There are usually some girls at the detention center as well so we can always use some women to help with this as well.

Mardi Gras!!! February 23 is the date of this fund raiser! We need to make this a real money maker brothers! Last year we had a LOT OF FUN as did all the people who came. We are having the same great meal: Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Jambalaya, and Bread Pudding!! Oreo Blue is again going to provide the music for us! Our Women's Auxiliary is providing a Photo Booth for this event this year and there will also be a Cash Bar (you will need your ID for this). We are in the process of gathering some nice things for a silent auction. If you can help with this, it would be FANTASTIC! Again, if you do not wish to help or cannot help with this endeavor, PLEASE come out to support us and bring some friends!!

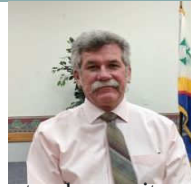
We had an energy audit on Friday January 18th. We are looking to see what we can do to lower our energy bills. The first thing we are looking at is to change out our lighting throughout the Hall from florescent to LED. Saturday the 26th several of us came out to change ALL the lights in the ballroom and lobby!! My thanks to this crew of dedicated Brothers and Jayne Spahn—Dicky Spahn, Robert Collins, Carder Ferguson, Gary Barker, Mark Urban, Mark Schultz, Timothy Schultz, Lucius Corbett, and Thanks to Art Rideout for tacking care of our lunch!!

The Fourth Degree has graciously agreed to pay for the new LED lights in the Ball Room! **Thank you** Gentlemen! To do the rest of the building, will be costly- and we are asking if our members will help us with this. A donation of \$60.50 will cover the cost of one light. We are also looking at replacing the thermostats with "smart" thermostats. These can be controlled remotely on a cell phone. With these we do not need to be at the Hall to adjust the temp. If someone forgets to set the temp, correctly when leaving the Hall, it can be checked on it and do the necessary adjustments from home. These thermostats are roughly the price of two of the LED lights.

Any of our brothers who are behind in your dues-- two years, three years, four years.... please - pay your dues now- and we will forgive the past years. We are getting ready to eliminate members who are no longer paying dues and not responding to our requests for payment or they think that because they haven't paid in a while they no longer belong-- Well you may still be on our books- just delinquent in your dues. We can bring you back up to date and re-instated if you just pay this year's dues.

In the next few pages you will find two letters one from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and a forwarded message from Roy Anderle our State Deputy regarding the One Church Drive.

God's Blessings on you and your families-
Thanks for letting me be your Grand Knight
Matt Hutchinson
GK 996



SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- February 3 Super Bowl @4 pm
- February 21 Casino Night @6 pm
- February 22 Family Night @6 pm
- February 23 Mardi Gras @5 pm
- February 23 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 State and Supreme

Remember our Veterans



Memo from your Lecturer



We begin the season of Lent by joining Jesus in the desert where he is tempted by the devil. Satan tempts Jesus in three ways, which represent the same three tactics he commonly employs today to get us to break our relationship with God.

First, Satan tries to undermine Jesus' identity as the Son of God. He does the same thing with us—he tries to undermine our dignity and identity as sons and daughters of God. Second, Satan offers Jesus the kingdoms of the world. Satan tempts us too to seek power and influence in this world in order to further enslave us in an endless quest for control.

Finally, Satan tempts Jesus to fulfill his mission in a way other than the one ordained by the Father. In the same way, we are often tempted to find an easier or more “successful” way to live our lives, instead of trusting the Father's plan.

Jesus answers Satan in all three of these temptations with the Word of God because God's Word has power to resist and overcome evil. That is one reason why it is so important to become steeped and grounded in Scripture: in order to have a ready sword of truth which we can use to defend ourselves against the lies and snares of evil. Let us now join Jesus in the desert in this week's Gospel reading and learn how we can better resist the temptations of the devil in our own lives today

Deacon Greg



Worthy District Deputies:

As we discussed in our Mid-Year meeting, our State-wide project for January 1 to June 30th is to support the One Church drive.

All I ask is that each council holds one fundraiser in the next five months with the proceeds to go to One Church.

If you raise \$50 or \$5,000, as long as the Knights of Columbus is active in trying to help with the Church in Warren, Ar.

This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about...helping others!! It is great that we can help support a Catholic Church that is out-growing its present facility.

Along with the Bishop, we are helping to raise \$65,000 in order to receive a grant from Catholic Charities for the remaining money to turn a "farmer's co-op" into a Catholic Church! You can go on the DOLR website for more information. <https://www.dolr.org>

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. with "One Church" in the memo. Remember, I am only asking for one fundraiser from each Council. A piece of cake even for small Councils!! So, talk to your Councils and get them on board!!

Any questions, please call on me.

Thank you all.
God Bless
Roy Anderle
State Deputy
Knights of Columbus





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February meeting is 2-27-2019 at 7:30 pm



Greetings Sir Knights and Happy New Year,

I have little to report. We will be seeking nominations at our January meeting to replace our outer sentinel, Joe Luebke's term thru June 2019.

I have talked with Father Mario at St. Boniface and have scheduled our corporate communion for March 3, 2019 at the 8:00 am mass, one problem is the St Boniface hall is reserved that day, and we may have breakfast at the K of C hall.

There are two Fourth Degree Exemplifications in the coming months, one in Hot Springs, the other in Mountain Home if anyone is interested i will get them more information.

Concerning the emailing of our newsletters, if all Sir Knights of our assembly, not in council 0996, and all of our Widows, would send me their email address to rtgramlich@sbcglobal.net I will begin putting together a file for the emailing of our newsletter. Council 0996 has collected your email addresses already and will share them with us.

My Uncle Jim Whatley, lost his wife Natalie January 15, 2019. He is my mother Dorothy's brother; please keep Mrs. Whatley and my family in your prayers.

Irene Seiter (Ray) is recovering from a broken ankle and surgery from October, I believe she is now home.

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

FN Rick Gramlich
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Dear Brother Knight:

There have been times in our country's past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. That's why Father McGivney chose the name "Columbus" for our Order — because the discoverer was the Catholic figure from American history most admired and accepted at the time. In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice.

Sadly, it seems that in some quarters, this prejudice remains.¹ First, in 2017 a Notre Dame law professor was deemed unfit for a federal judgeship by a United States Senator who feared that "the dogma lives loudly within you." Now, two more senators have questioned a Brother Knight's fitness for the federal bench precisely because our Order holds firm to the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life and marriage.

Such attacks on the basis of our Catholic faith are hardly new. The Knights of Columbus was formed amid a period of anti-Catholic bigotry. We stood against that then, and we do so now. We have spoken out against persecution around the world for nearly a century. At the same time, here at home we stood against the Ku Klux Klan, including its attempts to ban Catholic education, and we published books on the black and Jewish contributions to American history decades before the Civil Rights movement. More recently, we stood with the Little Sisters of the Poor in their fight for religious liberty and have worked with both the Obama and Trump administrations — and both sides of the aisle in Congress — to help Christians, Yazidis and Shi'a Muslims targeted for genocide by ISIS.

From our very beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church. As with the Church, our primary motivation in everything is Christ's great commandment, that we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves.

As the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church explains, "Jesus Christ reveals to us that 'God is love' and He teaches us that 'the fundamental law of human perfection, and consequently of the transformation of the world, is the new commandment of love."

This love impels us to our great charitable endeavors on behalf of those in need. From inner cities in the United States to refugee camps in the Middle East our Order's donations over the last decade — more than one billion dollars and hundreds of millions of hours in volunteer work — are the result of this faith.

These works of charity have practical impacts that transform lives as we help people here at home and around the world. Our charity helped typhoon victims in the Philippines rebuild their lives and livelihoods; it brought prosthetics and rehabilitation to thousands of Haitian youth after the earthquake there; it puts coats on poor, cold children in some of our country's most impoverished neighborhoods each winter; it gives wheelchairs to those who otherwise could not afford them in countries like Vietnam and Mexico; and it provides education, housing and medical care to AIDS orphans in Africa.

This love also motivates us to stand with the Church on the important issues of life and marriage, precisely because the Church's teaching reflects and is based on that love. We stand with our Church because we believe that what our faith teaches is consistent with reason, is timeless and transcends the changing sentiments of any particular time or place.

We do not stand alone.



In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked “each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality.”

And our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that Roe v. Wade was “a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred.” He urged the Order to “to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision.”

My immediate predecessor, Virgil Dechant, said in 1977: “With some 1.2 million unborn babies being killed by abortion each year in the United States alone, we are confronted with an outrage against human life paralleled only by the ravages of a bloody war.”

Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions.

We must remember that Article VI of the U. S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order’s adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a Brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and by standing with our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so. Let us remember that our “Christian witness is to be considered a fundamental obligation.

Let us also remember that, from our founding, we have embodied the truth that a good Catholic is a good citizen who shows civility and dignity even in the face of prejudice.

As we begin 2019, Dorian and I wish you a new year filled with the joy and wonders of His love. Thank you as well for all the many ways in which you have brought joy into the lives of millions around the world. May the inspiration of our founder prompt us to greater confidence in that love and encourage us to even greater works of charity.

**Fraternally,
Supreme Knight
Carl A. Anderson**

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

January 2019

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Gospel for Jan. 13, Lk. 3:21-22)

Think about it. Do you really see yourself as a beloved son in whom your Heavenly Father is well pleased? To be honest, most men, including this archbishop, go through seasons when we don't seem to sense that our father is well-pleased. Maybe we see ourselves as self-made men who don't owe our father anything. Maybe we did not experience love from our dad, and the very idea of being beloved is ludicrous. Maybe instead of Jesus' actual words, we hear, "This is my wayward son, in whom I am much disappointed." Yet we know that we are baptized into Christ and share in his identity as the beloved son. Being beloved sons is the bedrock of our identity. The plain fact is that your heavenly Father is well-pleased with you.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to hear the Heavenly Father saying these words—"you are my beloved son"—personally to you, and reflect on your identity in him. I recommend that you do so, if possible, in Adoration. Secondly I challenge you to spend time with someone who loves you unconditionally. Ask them why? Their answer should give you a small glimpse of God's unconditional love for you.



Council 996

Program Director

Upcoming events

Brother Knights,

Last Month we had a great Family Night we were very busy in the Kitchen. Thanks to all who came out to support us.
Also Go Patriots!!!



Upcoming events:

Sunday **3 February 2019** Super Bowl
at 4 pm and

Family Night Friday **22 February 2019**
at 6 pm.



March will start **Fish Night** Starting **Friday 8 March** and next is **15 March** and **22 March**. Come enjoy a great meal and if you can invite a friend or if you can come and





MARDI GRAS



THE HALL at COLUMBUS ACRES

Saturday, February 23, 2019 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Doors Open at 6:00  Dinner starts at 6:30

 Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Jambalaya, and Bread Pudding 



OREO BLUE @ 7:00!!



Silent Auction



TICKETS: \$30.00 Per person in Advance

\$35.00 Per Person at the Door

Advance ticket purchase at KofC996.com or 479-883-1698

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Sunday, February 3, 2019

**Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors Open at 4pm**

Entry Cost:

21 and over - \$10.00

Ages 11-20 - \$5.00

Ages 10 & under are free

\$1.00 Beer, & Wine

Free Soda

**Come for a great time, free
food, & door prizes!**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2019

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Christ the King Parish, Little Rock



Fr. Joseph de Orbezo



Fr. Patrick Friend



Fr. Stephen Elser

"Priestly Voices on Christian Manhood"



**Early Bird
Registration \$25
Students \$10**

Breakfast by Knights of
Columbus
Lunch from Corky's BBQ



Agenda

Rosary 7:30 am
Mass 7:50 am
Reconciliation All Day
Conference 9am - 2pm
Fellowship 2-3pm

**Registration and information available at
www.arcatholicmen.com
facebook.com/ArkansasCatholicMensConference**



"The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference has become the premier event for Catholic men in Arkansas. Please make plans to join me for this years conference. You will leave inspired and equipped to be the man God has called you to be." - Bishop Anthony Taylor, Diocese of Little Rock



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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, Anne Maestri, Dickie Spahn, Tony Scherrey, Edie Gouger, Ardell Gramlich, wife of the late John Gramlich, Bud Gouger, Tom Stoddard , George Fritz had a Heart Attack.

Deaths

Military

Logan Collins stationed in North Carolina










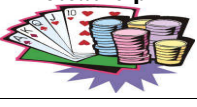




If there are any notifications for the Sickness or deaths please contact Matt Hutchinson at GkkocHutch@gmail.com



Pope Pius XII Council 996

February 2019













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3 Super Bowl 4 PM 	4 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm	5 Bingo 7 pm 	6 Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	7	8 Cooking for JDC At Sebastian Cty 4:30pm 	9 
10	11 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	12 Bingo 7 pm 	13	14	15	16
17	18 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	19 Bingo 7 pm 	20 Social Mtg 7:30 pm 	21 Casino Night Poteau 6 pm 	22 Family Night 6 pm 	23 Mardi Gras Party At The Hall 5 pm 
24	25 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	26 Bingo 7 pm 	27 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	28		



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March 2019















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April 2019



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