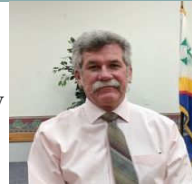


The Fort Knight

March 2019

Brothers of 996:

This will be short this month as we have been very busy lately with the Mardi Gras--



The first thing I would like to do is to thank everyone who helped with the success of the Mardi Gras party!! At this time we do not have all the numbers for a full report of the results, but it does look as though we did make a profit! Although it is good to make a profit, the big thing is that a lot of people came out to our Hall and had such a good time! The people who came out had nothing but good comments about the evening. That is what made this party a success! There will be a more detailed report later, after we get all of our numbers in. Again, thanks to all who put in so much work to make this party so much fun!

Speaking of Mardi Gras, questions always arise about Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and Lent at this time of year- If you have had questions regarding these, maybe this will help you answer or even understand it a little bit better. The following is something I found on line to the question of what is the literal meaning of Mardi Gras-

Mardi Gras is an annual festival held in France on the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday" -- meaning it is the last opportunity to eat rich food before the fast of Lent begins. Beads used on Mardi Gras are gold, purple and green, with these three colors containing the Christian symbolism of power, justice and faith, respectively.

The first American Mardi Gras took place on March 3, 1699, when French explorers Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Sieur de Bienville landed near present-day New Orleans, Louisiana. They held a small celebration and dubbed their landing spot Point du Mardi Gras. Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting and repentance....Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that your dust, and to dust you shall return." On Ash Wednesday, Catholics and many other Christians will have ashes applied to their foreheads in the shape of a cross. People generally wear the ashes- which symbolize penance, mourning and mortality-- throughout the day to publicly express their faith and penance. Because it is the first day of Lent, many Christians often begin marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and abstaining from a luxury, festivity, or food that they will not partake in until Easter Sunday arrives. Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast to replicate Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

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
- Friday March 8, 15, 22 ,29
Fish Knights
- March 27 Fourth Degree
Meeting @ 7:30

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out the Fort Knight Newsletter!
- Knights in Action
- New three month Calendar
- Message from Columbus Club and Supreme

Remember our Veterans

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

February 2019

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Gospel for Feb. 10, Lk 5:10-11)

“They left everything and followed him.” My brothers, these words shock me every time I hear or read them. If we are honest, we have to admit how hard it is to leave everything to follow Jesus. After all, we are so good at taking stuff with us as we attempt to follow him—our pride, our possessions, our desire for power, more comfort and pleasure. We attempt to drag this heavy luggage along, or sometimes try to sneak little trinkets into our bags to take with us: maybe it’s our wandering eyes, our temper, a critical spirit, or our workaholicism. But Jesus and his disciples travel lightly. He invites us to leave everything and follow him. Let’s experience this genuine freedom of being his disciple: a freedom which hits the open road with our Lord, free of everything that hinders us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to join other Catholic men who are striving to “leave everything and follow him.” Join them for some time of prayer, fellowship and encouragement, possibly at a Knights meeting, for breakfast, or a drink after work. Secondly I challenge you to be open with a brother in Christ about some area of your life where you are facing challenges. “Leaving everything” means that we also need to leave behind our pretense and appearances, and meet each other as true brothers.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATED AND DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 600 COATS A WEEK AHEAD OF THE BIG GAME IN ATLANTA



‘Super Bowl-Sized’ Coats for Kids

More than 600 children in a first communion class at Mission San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church in Forest Park, Ga., received new winter coats from the Georgia State Council Knights of Columbus last weekend, just before a cold blast hit the area.

The event, which was held on the grounds of the Church, was the largest Coats for Kids single distribution event in Knights of Columbus history. The Coats for Kids event has become a Super Bowl tradition in recent years with the Knights holding a distribution event during the week leading up to the big game in the host city. This season, the Knights have distributed more than 130,000 coats in the United States and Canada.

“This is one of our signature programs for the Knights of Columbus, our coats for kids program. We’ve had it for 10 years now we’ve given away over half a million coats to needy kids and families really all over North America. It’s been wonderful,” said Knights of Columbus Senior Vice President Mark McMullen.

“Georgia was proud to host the Super Bowl Coats for Kids event this year,” said State Deputy Mark Corrigan. “We have had a long-term commitment to the Coats for Kids program in Georgia placing 6,000 warm winter coats on Georgia kids in just the past two years. I believe that the hand of Father McGivney guided us to Mission San Felipe de Jesus where we found 600 kids who needed coats. A joint effort between the Georgia Knights, Supreme, and the Mission produced an outstanding event.”

The excitement among the children was electric as they waited for their new winter coats by joining in prayer and song with their teachers and Father Jacques Fabre, the administrator of San Felipe de Jesus Mission Catholic Church. The children, all from the Forest Park area, ranged from ages 4-10.

Prior to receiving the winter coats, the first communion class heard from former Atlanta Falcon player Brian Finneran (listen to his comments [here](#)), former Atlanta Falcon Assistant Coach Eric Sutulovich, and Atlanta Falcons and Braves Chaplain Father Kevin Peek. All three emphasized to the children the importance. Also on hand were Georgia Tech Wide Receiver Brad Stewart and Atlanta Falcons team mascot Freddie. Finneran, Sutulovich, Stewart and Freddie the Falcon posed for pictures, exchanged high fives and signed autographs for the excited coat recipients.

Gabriel Fuentes, whose daughter attended the event and received a coat, expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus. “I am happy because my daughter is happy and I am thankful to the Knights for doing this for my daughter and our community,” he said. Ken Weber, Georgia State Coats for Kids Chairman, was instrumental in coordinating the event and said it was one of his proudest moments as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

“Seeing those coats on the backs of those kids today made me very proud to be a Knight of Columbus,” said Weber. of recognizing and embracing their individual talents and gifts.





Knights of Columbus

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March meeting is 3-27-2019 at 7:30 pm



Greetings Sir Knights,

First, my apologies for last month's newsletter not being delivered. Second, this is why we must go paperless. The bulletin was posted on kofc996.com, go to the newsletter library and February 2019, we are on page four.

The next bulletin will also have the second mailing of dues notices.

We still need a replacement for Joe Lubke's Inner Sentinel position thru June 2019.

Corporate Communion at St Boniface will be March 3, 2019 at the 8:00 am Mass. The hall and cafeteria at St Boniface are being used that weekend so we will be going to eat together Dutch at a local restaurant.

We will be seeking nominations for delegates to the state convention in Little Rock on April 26, 27, 28, 2019. at the February meeting. The March meeting we will be taking nominations for Officers in our assembly for the upcoming fraternal year.

March 17 is a Sunday and St Patrick's Day, I expect there will be a parade that weekend in Ft Smith, probably Saturday the 16th. Please consider walking with the Honor guard as we represent the Knights of Columbus for the last time in the old regalia in the parade.

Sir Tran Khoat was released from the hospital and is in a local nursing home. His wife passed away January 23, 2019 at 9:00 am at mercy, please keep him and her in your prayers.

Sir Binh Le is recovering at home.

Cassien Uerling is at Coventry house with Alzheimer's disease.

Irene Seiter is home after several weeks at chapel ridge due to her broken ankle.

George Fritts is recovering after coronary artery surgery.

Please keep all of them and their families in your prayers.

50/50 drawing was donated to the chalice fund.

Anto Hoang was not present for the \$40 attendance drawing

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COUNCIL 996 KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Casino Night in Poteau 21 Feb 2019



MARDI GRAS 23 FEB 2019





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COUNCIL 996 KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Knights on the Move at St Scholastic 2 February 2019





Council 996

Program Director

Upcoming events

Brother Knights,

Last Month we had a great Family Night (**Taco Night**) we were very busy in the Kitchen. Thanks to all who came out to support us.



Upcoming events: **Fish Knights**

March 8

March 15



March 22 -

March 29 - SHS Jazz Band



April 5

April 12

April 19 - Kids' Egg Hunt



Fish Knights

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!!





Fish Knights

Every Friday during Lent

6:00pm at Knights of Columbus Hall

\$8.00 per plate

• Fish • Fried or Boiled Shrimp • Pizza (\$2.00 per slice)

Dinners include Hushpuppies, Fries, & Coleslaw

March 8

March 15

March 22 – Trivia Night

March 29 – SHS Jazz Band



April 5

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Carry out orders available beginning at 5:30pm.

Call 479-649-7144





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

Eternal Afterlife : Anne Maestri wife of Robert Maestri

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. Sale of land: We did not accept the offer that was given to us for two acres we made a counter offer to them and they have reply we are to high.
2. The lights in the Hall and front entrance are replaced thanks to all who came to help. We have around 57 more to replace, in the Lounge and Meeting Room Kitchen and part of the Hallway and Front Office and Bathrooms. **This will save on the Electric Bill.**
3. The Outside Security Lights we need to replace. We installed one and still have a total of 10 to replace and we have to replace the Photocell in them too. Also will have to replace the Flagpole light, we are working on Led Model.
4. We had an Energy Audit on the hall trying to find out where we can cut back on Electricity. We are doing most of the right things but still room for improvements like **Updating equipment** making sure all lights and thermostats are turn off or down when we leave the building.
5. We are working on Smart thermostats there a total of 6 we are looking at the best options for what we do out here.
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. We are working on taking up the parking curbs at the front of the building. And then repainting the lines. We will keep you posted when we need help.
8. During the Energy Audit we did find out we have two 20 ton AC unit for the Hall and rest of the building we have two 5 ton units and one 7 ½ ton and one 3 ton unit. All around 1999 year models. The 7 ½ ton is 2005.
9. We are updating the Key Control to the Hall and Acres. There is a number of unassigned keys and misplaced keys! Please see Carder to update the Key Roster. If you already seen Carder and he got your numbers you are good to go! With changes in Positions in the Knights of Columbus and Columbus Club, if you are not an current Officer or Approved by them or by the Columbus Club to have keys then you will need to turn your keys in!
10. We are working on the Bylaws for the Columbus Club. The last date of the Bylaws we can find were in 1966. Also we cannot find any amendments in the Minutes of meeting. Tyler Hodgens is working on them.
11. Rentals are up so far some of the new rentals are coming from Fianna Hills.
12. The Acres needs a new wheel for the Kubota Tractor cost at \$98.00.
13. Coming up soon a work day on the Acres will keep you posted when.
14. Want to thank everyone for their Ideas and Suggestions on keeping the Building and Acres running. All is much appreciated but as any group we need manpower to accomplish them and funds. When an idea is brought up we will work hard to prioritize it and to get accomplish if it something that the Columbus Club Board votes on and approves.












Columbus Club Next meeting is 13 March 2019 at 6:30pm



Pope Pius XII Council 996

March 2019
















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April 2019



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May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Mtg 7:30 pm 	2	3 IC Carnival 	4 IC Carnival
5	6 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm	7 Bingo 7 PM 	8 Columbus Club MTG at 6:30	9	10	11
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