



Greetings Brothers,

I hope this letter finds each of you well. As we surge towards the holidays and the winter months, our council is starting to have more charitable work to do. We are going to host a casino night for Heart 2 Heart on Friday November 22nd. The casino night will be a joint effort between us and H2H so please take a look at the flyer included and let us know how you can volunteer. We will need help with dealers, collection of silent auction items and various other things. If you plan not to help I urge to come out and support H2H.



Our annual Turkey and Dressing pot luck will be on November 20th. Doors will open at 5:30pm with a social hour, then we will present the check at 6:30 and eat a great meal. Every member and family are welcome, just bring a side dish and if you can, bring a desert also. This years golf tournament was a success and I want to thank every member and wife that helped. And I want to thank all the players who came out to support the Kistler Center.

Looking ahead to January, I want to invite you to our lunch on new years day. As usual we will have black eye peas with cornbread. Doors open at 11am we will be there until 2pm. Of course it depends on how many come out on how long we will be there. I hope to see you there.

Faithful Navigator Rick Gramlich was very busy in October. He was involved in a very old Chalice that was found in Texas. It belonged to Sir Knight Mack Miller from our Fort Smith Assembly.

I have included in this newsletter a couple of letters explaining this mystery. There are some pictures from the presentation and the grave site on Sir Knight Mack Miller. You don't have to be a 4th Degree Knight to appreciate the story. I encourage each of you to read the letters and give FN Rick Gramlich a big thank you for his part in helping the Texas Assembly in getting the Chalice to a place of honor.

God Bless,
Robert Collins GK

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- Fish Fry 1st Friday of every Month
- 1st Wednesday of every Month Council Meeting 7:30pm and 4th degree assembly meeting 6pm. Light meal between meetings
- November 20th pot luck Dinner
- November 22nd Casino night to benefit Heart 2 Heart
- December 18th Members Christmas Party
- January 1st lunch 11am



Worthy VSM, To close the loop with you and everyone, on Saturday, 10/5/2019, the 4th Degree chalice inscribed with SK Mack J. Miller's name upon his death in 1966 by Assembly 25 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, that came into the possession of FN John Seifert (Assembly 2958) in Dublin TX, a couple of weeks ago, was presented to his 90-year old granddaughter, Ms. Callie Shelton, at her home in Paris, Texas, by FN John Seifert and PFN Mike Waguespack of Assembly 2958 (Granbury, TX), accompanied by FN Rick Gramlich of Assembly 25 (Ft. Smith, Arkansas), and SK Don Babb and Lady Cathy Babb, Assembly 3324 (Sulphur Springs, TX).

We then visited SK Mack's grave site in Paris, TX with the chalice. Afterwards, we presented the chalice to Fr. Denzil Vithanage, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Paris, TX, where the chalice will rest at the request of Ms. Shelton.

It was an emotional day for all of us as we returned the chalice to its rightful place. Ms. Shelton was extremely grateful.

Fort Smith Assembly 25 Fourth Degree Chalice Finds Its Home

Recently, a Fourth Degree chalice inscribed "SK Mack J Miller-Ft Smith Assembly-Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus-1874-1966" came into the possession of the Faithful Navigator of One Nation Under God Assembly 2958 (Granbury, Texas). The chalice was found in a box at the home of a now-deceased former parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dublin, Texas. Initial attempts to identify SK Mack J. Miller and his connection to Dublin, Texas, proved negative. As a result, Assembly 2958 reached out to Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick F. Horan Assembly 25 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, where it was thought the chalice originated, in an effort to identify a living relative of SK Miller so that the chalice could be returned to its proper home. Concurrently, Assembly 2958 began an extensive on-line search for information relating to Mack J. Miller that included reviewing records available in Ancestry.com.

Following several days of research, Assembly 2958 determined that SK Mack James Miller is buried in Paris, Texas. Additional research determined that SK Miller's wife, his son, and his daughter are also buried in Paris, Texas. As a result, Assembly 2958 contacted the Grand Knight of Our Lady of Victory Council 7696 in Paris, Texas, who is also a Sir Knight in Father Joe Dean Assembly 3324 (Sulphur Springs, TX), to determine if anyone had knowledge of the Miller family. After providing Council 7696 with a copy of SK Miller's daughter's obituary, Council 7696 was able to quickly identify a living granddaughter of SK Miller who is now 90 years old and currently a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory in Paris, Texas. It was also determined that SK Miller's daughter had been an active parishioner of Our Lady of Victory and was a member of the Altar Society there prior to her death in 1985.

During contact with SK Miller's granddaughter by Council 7696, SK Miller's granddaughter expressed her wish that the chalice should be returned to its proper home at Our Lady of Victory in Paris, Texas, where SK Miller, his wife, and children are buried and where several of his descendants were/are active parishioners. The mystery still remains, however, as to how the chalice found its way from Assembly 25 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, in 1966 to a former parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dublin, Texas, in 2019. Nevertheless, the chalice is now in its proper home.

Council 7696 Grand Knight was also able to locate the grave site of SK Miller at a cemetery in Paris, TX. The grave site was unkept and the marker was overgrown with grass. Council 7696 Grand Knight and his son have since cleared the overgrown grass and are repairing the marker at the grave site, as well as at the site of SK Miller's son.

SK Miller's Fourth Degree Legacy Lives On Four Generations Later

During its research, Assembly 2958 was able to identify and contact the great granddaughter of SK Miller's sister who has a family tree in Ancestry.com that contains a link to SK Miller. Following the identification of SK Miller's granddaughter in Paris, Texas, Assembly 2958 followed-up with the great granddaughter of SK Miller's sister. Her response was as follows: "I imagine this will mean a lot to them. My son is a Fourth Degree Knight at the University of Notre Dame. (jr year) His involvement with the organization is really important and special to him."

FORT KNIGHTS IN ACTION



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Knights of Columbus

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick F. Horan Assembly 0025

P.O. Box 180367

Fort Smith , AR 72918-0367



November meeting is 6:00pm Nov 6 2019

December meeting is 6:00pm Dec 4 2019

Greetings Sir Knights,

FC Art Sellers informed us we move up to 138 members, Sir Keith Mason is reinstated, Glad to have you back.

FC Art Sellers also has established a paypal accountant for our assembly. the address is kofcasy25@yahoo.com.

Paul and Taylor Bochat welcomed a baby boy into their home, Philip, on September 5, 2019, Congratulations from all of us.

FS Steve Alhert said he has only 6 months left in our meeting minutes registrar and FP mike Heathcott says he will order another.

The Eighth Annual Veterans Day Parade is Saturday November 9th at Chaffee Crossing at 12:00pm. Carder Ferguson Registered us, Thank you Carder, and we need to meet around 11:00am to get in position. SK Bernie Tougas will have his MULE (side-by-side atv) and trailer for our veterans to ride during the mile and 1/2 long parade. There is no throwing of candy this year for safety reason said the organizers, ? We only have to watch out for the horse waist. I really hope as many can make it as possible, we will be wearing our tuxedos (or dark suites) with social baldrics. NO capes , chapeaus, swords or gloves. In lieu of the previous attire, all are welcome including 3rd degree members who want to Honor our Veterans. This is not an Honor guard, this is a group of KofC showing our respects to our local vets. The Veterans Group has a Food Bank the day of the parade and will be giving out boxes of food, until they run out, to families in need.

SN Bernie Tougas informed us The VFW in Huntington, AR is looking for veterans and their families in need of a Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Dinner. Please call or email me and I will get you in contact with Bernie.

Bernie Tougas and Mike Ferguson will be preparing two crock pots of chili for our meal after the meeting Nov 6th.

Matt Hutchinson said thank you for the prayers. Pace Maker is working well.

Khoat Tran is still in Coventry.

William Tran is recovering following his stroke.

50/50 was won by Steve Alhert

\$50 attendance drawing was won by Ronald 'Pat' Meyers, He said "put it in the kitty".

\$30 attendance drawing was not won by William Tran.

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

FN Rick Gramlich

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479-831-3292





Council 996

Upcoming Events

Brothers,

Remember fish fry on the first Friday of each Month.

This years pot luck dinner to present Kistler Center

With the check form the golf tournament will be November 20th. All members and families are welcome
We will provide Turkey and some dressing.

Everyone please bring a side dish and if anyone can bring a desert also, deserts are always welcome.

Social hour starts 5:30pm to 6:30pm dinner at 7pm

see each of the fliers on the following pages on other events

Thank you,

Art Rideout



Fish Knights



You asked....we delivered!

1st Friday of every month!!

6:00pm at Knights of Columbus Hall

\$8.00 per plate



- **Fish**
- **Fried Shrimp**
- **Pizza (\$2.00 per slice)**

Dinners include Hushpuppies, Fries, & Coleslaw

Carry out orders available beginning at 5:30pm.

Call 479-649-7144





FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

**LIVE MUSIC,
HORS D'OEUVRES**

CASINO NIGHT

Benefiting Heart to Heart PSC

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

*The More Chips You
Have the More Prizes
You Could Win*

10203 Columbus Acres Rd.

\$40 Call and Reserve
\$60 Call and Reserve for Couples
\$50 Each at the Door

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Call 479-452-2260
Or
Text Lauren 479-806-8375
to Reserve



COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of every Month

6:30pm

Columbus Club Officers

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President | Gary Barker |
| Vice President | Matt Hutchinson |
| Treasurer | Marc Lux |
| Secretary | Art Sellers |
| 3 year Board | Dickey Spahn |
| 2 year Board | Tyler Hudgens |
| 1 year Board | Rick Gramlich |

Columbus Club

We voted at last meeting to add some electrical circuits to the ballroom to help with overloaded breakers that keep tripping during bingo nights. The work has been completed and the problems seem to be resolved. We also purchased a gas powered hedge trimmer to help with cleaning up the drive into the acres. The October 26th acres clean up was a rain out so we were unable to try-out the new trimmer. We will have to try it later. We hope to replace the outside lights in the near future. The money has already been donated we just have to go purchase and install them.

Next meeting will be November 13th at 6:30pm



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 996**

Meetings 1st Wednesday of every Month
7:30pm

Council Officers 2019-2020

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chaplain | Fr. Juan Guido |
| Grand Knight | Robert Collins |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Matt Hutchinson |
| Financial Secretary | Marc Lux |
| Treasurer | Mark Urban |

Visit Council Web Site at kofc996.com

Facebook: Knights of Columbus Fort Smith AR

**COLUMBUS HALL AND ACRES
RENTAL INFO**

Hall and Acres rental contact:

Jayne Spahn 479-208-3108

Hall Phone: 479-649-7144

The Hall and Acres are located at:

10201 Columbus Acres Rd.

Fort Smith AR 72916



F a m i l i e s i n N e e d o f P r a y e r

Sick

Please keep all members and friends in your prayers.

Military

Jacob Ferguson Fort Sill FORSCOM, Seth Simson 188th Wing

Donnie Fredrick 188th Wing

If there are any notifications for the Sickness or deaths please contact Matt Hutchinson at mhutchinson56@yahoo.com



Pius XII Council 996

November 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1. Family Night Fish Fry 6pm  | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 5 Bingo 7 PM  | 6. <i>4th Degree</i> <i>Assembly meeting</i> 6pm. <i>Council meeting</i> 7:30pm  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 <i>Veterans day</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 12 Bingo 7 PM  | 13 Columbus Club Mtg at 6:30 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 18 Bingo 7 PM  | 20 Thanks giving Pot luck and check presenta- tion | 21 | 22. <i>Casino Night</i> <i>Fund raiser for</i> <i>Heart 2 Heart</i> | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 26 Bingo 7 PM  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



Pius XII Council 996 December 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | 3 Bingo 7 PM  | 4 4th degree Assembly Meeting 6pm. 1st degree Council meeting 730pm  | 5 | 6 Family fish Night 6pm  | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | 10 Bingo 7 PM  | 11 <i>Columbus Club Meeting 630</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | 17 Bingo 7 PM  | 18 Social Mtg 6 pm Members Christmas Party | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve <u>No Bingo</u> | 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 <u>NO BINGO</u> | | | | |



Pius XII Council 996

January 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | <p>1. No meetings tonight !!!</p> <p>New Year Day Blacked Eyed Pea Meal at 11 am</p> | 2 | <p>3. Family fish Night 6pm</p>  | 4 |
| 5 | <p>6</p> <p>Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm</p> | <p>7 Bingo 7 PM</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>Columbus Club Mtg at 6:30</p> | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | <p>13</p> <p>Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm</p> | <p>14 Bingo 7 PM</p>  | <p>15 Social Mtg 7:30 pm</p> | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| 26 | <p>27</p> <p>Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm</p> | <p>28 Bingo 7 PM</p>  | 29 | 30 | 31 | |