



Brothers,

I know as Grand Knight I should have some great words of wisdom as our Country confronts this pandemic. But, I will leave that to people smarter and more qualified than I am. I will however let you know what the Knights and our Council are doing or not doing. We will not have any Council meetings or events until further notice. This also includes Columbus club, no rentals are scheduled and those that were; have been postponed.



I have sat in on a few Webinars with Supreme Council over the past couple of weeks. They have been covering ways to have a meeting online, and ways to have our election of officers. I do not plan on trying to put one together yet, but if this continues into May and June we will have no choice. We will have to get officers in place before July 1, 2020. We are looking into the simplest way to have an online meeting for all of us. We will keep you informed by email, and next Months Newsletter.

As many of you know we have had our Lenten Fish nights; drive through pick up only. We did this with a small group of cooks, two outside and two inside with one filling the orders and four runners, keeping our contact to a minimum. We were unsure about continuing the fish night even with to go orders only, but with the overwhelming response, not in numbers but in the thank yous we received, we are glad we did. Our plan is to continue through Good Friday, but we will be watching and listening as the pandemic continues to change. We will decide weekly and even daily and I will send out an email each week probably on Thursday evening. I also want everyone know that we are not doing this only to make income but also to give an option to our brothers and sisters. We will monitor each person helping, if they are sick or have been in contact with anyone who has been sick they will not be allowed to help.

Please take a look at the calendar because everything has changed. I have removed all events from each month. I will add back to the calendar as I receive info on upcoming events. I will also send out emails if something comes up between our newsletter.

I am going to borrow something from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson;

Leave no Knight or neighbor behind, Please take the time to insure all in your circle of family and friends have anything and everything they need. Especially the elderly make sure they are able to get their medicine and groceries. Remember Charity!!

Our Council will be on the alert for anyone or any group that might need help in this time of need. If you hear of anything that our council can help with, let us know.

Remember no Council or Assembly meeting
April 1, 2020

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- **Bingo is canceled until further notice.**
- **Council and Assembly meetings canceled until further notice**
- **Wow, this is sad to write**
- **All events canceled until further notice.**

FORT KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Matt Hutchinson and Mark Urban in Subiaco at their carnival, cooking funnel cakes of course. A big thanks to everyone that helped us help them.



Knights of Columbus



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Greetings Sir Knights,

Sirs our April meeting is canceled, we will try again in May. In March we voted on and approved the resolution for our full-time students and active-duty military to only be required to pay the chalice fund of \$15 per year, the \$25 dues fees are waived. Concerning our chalices, Mike Heathcott has found a better price for our chalices, about \$150 including engraving.

Art said our membership is up to 142 sir knights. State Convention has been canceled, basically, all KofC activities are canceled.

We were going to nominate officers for the next fraternal year at our May meeting? I expect we will be nominating and voting in May.

As I type this, I think it has been raining since October 2018! Coronavirus has shut down our Masses for the near future and our adoration chapel as well. I believe all Christians are under attack, Palm Sunday and all Holy Week services including Easter are forbidden. First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are canceled or postponed, Candidates entering the Church may or may not be allowed to enter at the Easter Vigil. I am lost, I am angry, I continue to pray but I still struggle, if you feel as I do, continue to pray, our hope is in the Resurrected Christ, He will see us through to the end. I am sure we have all seen the poem where the man was walking on the beach during his life and there were always two sets of footprints except during the challenging times, He asked the Lord where He was during The painful episodes in his life, why was there only 1 set of footprints? The Lord said, "there was only one set of footprints because I was carrying you through the trials." I believe He is with us, carrying me now, even as the devil tries to separate us from God.

Good of the Order, My mother-in-law Isabel Jordan had her pacemaker installed and is doing well. Mike Ferguson's Brother-in-law Jerry Seifert had Brain Surgery. Khoat Tran is back in Coventry. Tran Do is losing his battle with cancer. Matt Hutchinson's daughter Sara is expecting a child, she has Crohn's Disease,

Thank you for past prayers and please keep them coming.

Mark Urban donated the 50/50 to the chalice fund, thanks to Mark
An Doc Tran was not present for the \$50 drawing.

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

FN rick gramlich

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Council 996

Upcoming Events

Brothers,

Lenten Fish Fries

Fish nights will be as Scheduled through Good Friday for drive through pick up only. We will monitor the pandemic and if we need to cancel we will let everyone know, look for emails regarding status.



All other events canceled until further notice

Thank you,

Art Rideout

Council Program Director

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

All Columbus club meetings Canceled until further notice.



**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**

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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.

Please keep Tom and Marypat Stoddard and family in your prayers, Patrick Scherrman father of Marypat Stoddard passed away on March 14.

The Family of Sir Knight and Brother Jason Bugeja

Doris Moschner passed away this week. Mother of Brother George Moschner and the late Sir Knight Anthony Mosschner.

Military

Jacob Ferguson Fort Sill FORSCOM, Seth Simson 188th Wing



Pius XII Council 996

April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Assembly meeting 6pm. Council meeting 8:30pm 	2	3	4
5	6 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45pm 	7 Bingo 7 PM 	8 Columbus Club Meeting 6:30pm 	9	10	11
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45pm 	14 Bingo 7 PM 	15 Social Mtg 7:30pm 	16	17	18
19	20 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45pm 	21 Bingo 7 PM 	22	23	24	25
26	27 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45pm 	28 Bingo 7 PM 	29	30		



Pius XII Council 996

May 2020



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					1 IC Carnival <i>Canceled</i>	2 IC Carnival <i>Canceled</i>
3	4 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm <i>Canceled</i>	5 Bingo 7 PM <i>Canceled</i>	6 <i>Assembly Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7:30pm</i> 	7	8	9
10	11 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm <i>Canceled</i>	12 Bingo 7 PM <i>Canceled</i>	13 Columbus Club Mtg at 6:30 <i>Canceled</i>	14	15 CTK Carnival <i>Canceled</i>	16 CTK Carnival <i>Canceled</i>
17	18 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm <i>Canceled</i>	19 Bingo 7 PM <i>Canceled</i>	20 Social Mtg 7:30 pm <i>Canceled</i>	21	22	23
24 31	25 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm <i>Canceled</i>	26 Bingo 7 PM <i>Canceled</i>	27	28	29	30



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June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm <i>Canceled</i>	<i>2</i> Bingo 7 PM <i>Canceled</i>	<i>3. Assembly Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 730pm</i> <i>Canceled</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
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