

# Knights of Columbus

## Council 996

### GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

#### SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- December 6th-Bible Study and Business Meeting
- December 13th-Columbus Club Mtg.
- December 20th-Members Christmas Party
- December 27th-4th Degree Mtg.



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Brothers- First I want to wish all of you and your families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! As many of you know, during our Thanksgiving Potluck, we presented the check to The Kistler Center. A good part of our efforts were concentrated on our State Convention being held in Fort Smith this year- This made the Golf Tournament kind of a rushed job. All the same, we were able to make a contribution of \$5500 to Kistler!!! Now that we have a handle on this tournament, I think we will surly be able to see it grow each year! I was able to speak with some of the teams from this year; they all enjoyed themselves and would love to be included in next year's tournament! This shows me that our commitment to The Kistler Center will be able to continue! GREAT JOB, GUYS!!

This year, I have been particularly proud to be associated with Knights of Columbus 996! On top of hosting a very successful convention and a very successful golf tournament, we were able to donate enough money for Heart 2 Heart to purchase their new ultrasound unit!! I think these three things were terrific and we should all be

proud of these endeavors!!! My thanks go out to all of you who participated and aided in the success of these projects!! That said, with the coming of 2018, it's important we start looking at ways to increase our bank account. We are really feeling a crunch at The Hall. There are several things around The Hall that need attention. Our building and our grounds equipment need repair and replacement, as do most of our lights in the ballroom. There are several other things that need to be addressed and updated, as well. On top of all of this, the cost of keeping the utilities on, alone, is eating us up. It doesn't sound like a whole lot at first, but when you put everything together, it starts to add up, quickly.

Exciting news! We have scheduled a dance for February 10th! The proceeds of this dance will just be for KoC 996! It sounds a little selfish, after we did these other projects for charity (and, I might add- we did them well), but we won't be able to continue to help these charities- or any others- if we don't help ourselves first.

Our BINGO program has been WONDERFUL!! I thank God we have it AND the amazing group of guys who work it!! Our BINGO nights have pulled us out of many tight spots. Imagine where we'd be if we didn't have it to fall back on! However, right now, even that

great program isn't enough to keep us above water. This upcoming dance should be a fun way for us to take care of KoC 996! To celebrate us! In mentioning BINGO... Please consider trying to donate some of your time to help with BINGO. This terrific team of Knights has been doing it for SOOO long now-- some since it's inception!! It really is a good time and is not difficult at all, but understandably, the team could use a break. It's tiresome for those having to do it every, single time. We should SUPPORT them as they support KoC 996! Please come out and do your part! It's always a fun time!

The Columbus Club is going to try to have a meeting regarding our financial situation this month. Please try to attend this meeting. While so many of us are busy with seasonal commitments, we haven't set a date as yet, but we will be sure to announce it as soon as we can. Please think of some money making projects to involve more Brother Knights that we can do in 2018 to help get us back into a better financial situation.

Merry Christmas, God Bless and Happy New Year!

Matt Hutchinson  
Grand Knight 996  
Fort Smith, AR  
Remember our Veterans!

## COUNCIL LECTURER - - D C . G R E G

Advent (Lat. ad-venio, to come to), admonished to prepare themselves according to present usage, is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and embracing four Sundays. The first Sunday may be as early as November 27, and then Advent has twenty-eight days, or as late as December 3, giving the season only twenty-one days. With Advent the ecclesiastical year begins in the Western churches. During this time the faithful are

worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love, thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

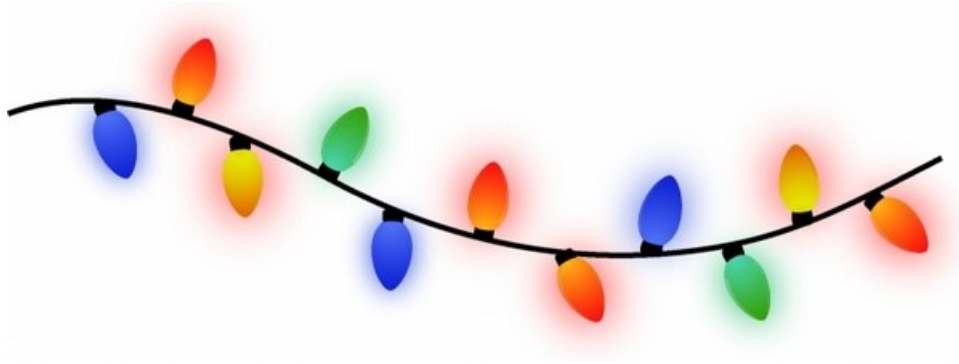


## NEW YEAR'S DAY MEAL!!

Our annual New Year's Day Black-Eye Peas and Hog Jowls meal on New Year's Day will begin on January 1st at 11:00am. Come out to the Hall for a good food, fellowship, and a new start for a new year!!!

# WELCOME 2018!!!





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM**

**SPOUSES ARE WELCOME.**

**SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.**

**DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE**

**\$15 LIMIT**

**PRIZES FOR BEST & UGLIEST  
CHRISTMAS OUTFIT.**



## D E C E M B E R   B I R T H D A Y S

1st-Robert Hatwig, William Lux

3rd-James Cullen

5th-Charles Kleck, Ryan Meyers

6th-Kenneth Blaschke, Michael Stec

7th-Bill Weidman, Benjamin Moorehead

11th-John Spradlin

12th-John Bice, Steven McAllister,

Anthony Scherrey

13th-Michael Cain

14th-Robert Mersberger

15th-George Burrell, Mike Heathcott

16th-Richard Anders

17th-Raymond Schoen, Chris Millard

18th- Tony Reith

20th-George Moschner, Noel Sanger

21st-Frank Hug, Jr., Tim Koenigseder,

Paul Lux

22nd-Andrew Hudgens

23rd-Danny Oldham, Richard Keel

24th-Bill Soller

27th-Herman Lutz, Dr. James Post

28th-Keith Mason, Rodney Riser,

Stephen Smith, Jon Woodham

29th-Arthur Gramlich

30th-Michael Locknar, Bart Barry

31st- Kenneth Long

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS!

## F A M I L I E S   I N   N E E D   O F   P R A Y E R

**Sick:**

Tony Spahn, Harold Willie, Beverly Heathcott, Kathy Fuhman, Betty Uerling, Jim Foldvary, Anne Maestri, Tia Marsh, Robbie Foldvary, Dickie Spahn.

**Deaths:**

Scott Koch, son of Gilbert and Doris Koch, Elizabeth (Betty Hoover), widow of the late Brother Lee Hoover, and sister of Rosemary Lelamis, and the late Jerry and Eugene Ahlert, Gisberto "Gigi" Giuliani, father of Mark Giuliani, Leona Schwartz, sister of Bob Schwartz.



# DECEMBER 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
					Hall Rented	Hall Rented
3 Advent Begins	4	5 Bingo 7pm	6 Bible Study 6:30 Business Mtg. 7:30	7	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception	9 Hall Rented
					Hall Rented	
10 2nd Sunday of Advent	11	12 Bingo 7pm	13 Columbus Club 6:30pm	14	15	16
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17 3rd Sunday of Advent	18	19 Bingo 7pm	20 Members Christmas Party 6pm	21	22	23
					Hall Rented	Hall Rented
24 4th Sunday of Advent	25 Christmas Day	26 Bingo 7pm	27 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30	28	29	30
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Christmas Eve						
31 New Year's Eve						



CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB OR ON  
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**Knights of Columbus**  
**COUNCIL 996**

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**Discover a World of Good Things in the  
Knights of Columbus**

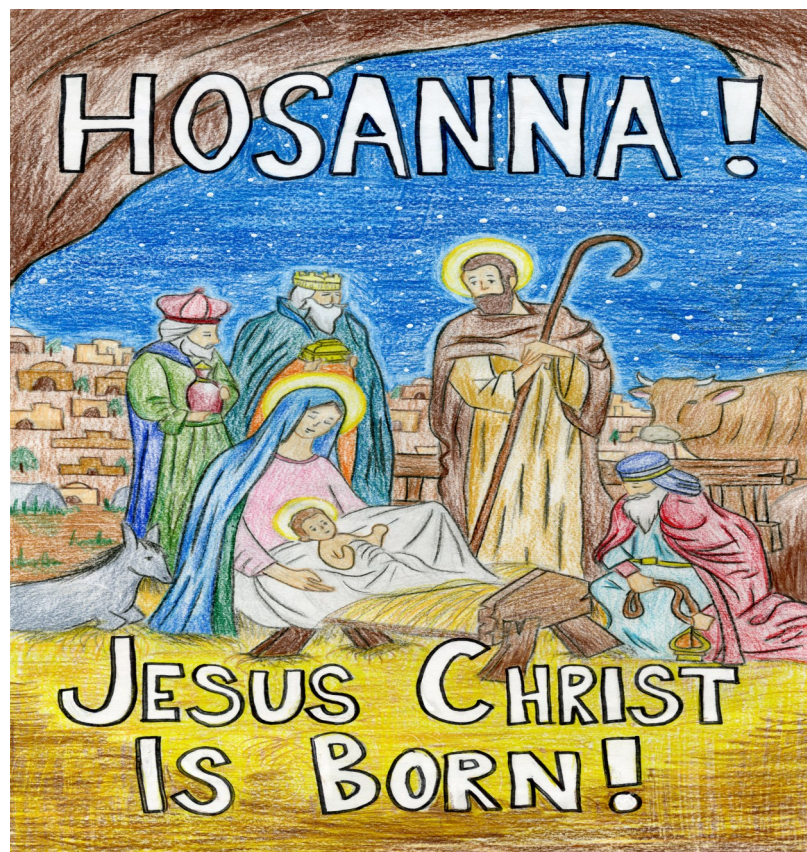
**2017-2018 Council Officers**

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

**2017-2018 Columbus Club**

Joe Luebke, 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.*



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