



St. Andrews Annals

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Major Degree	Feb 4
Super Bowl BBQ	Feb 4-5
Hospitality Training	Feb 5
Bishop Pickup	Feb 6-10
Confirmation Meal	Feb 19
Council Meeting	Feb 23
Breakfast Sunday	Feb 26
Council Fish Fry	Mar 3
Hospitality Training	Mar 7

What could a Knight do to celebrate Lent?

With Lent almost here, this is a good time for us to think about what Lent means to us as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Every year we are in a different place in our faith. Hopefully further along in holiness this year than last.

The staples of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We could ask ourselves, how are we going to spiritually move further in these areas this Lent? It is good to set goals at the beginning of Lent in each of these areas to hold us accountable during these six weeks. Lent is not always about giving something up, but giving more of ourselves to grow closer to God.

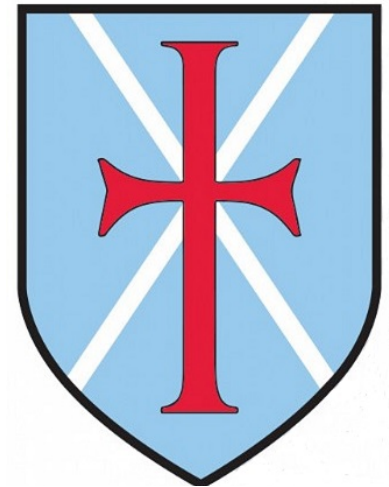
The goals we set should be manageable. Perhaps the goals could be as simple as praying a little more, coming to daily

Mass if possible, going to Friday Stations of the Cross, reading a spiritual book, coming to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction on Thursday evenings, or stopping in on Monday for Adoration during the day or going to the parish Sanctus Retreat on March 4th.

There are many ways of fasting that does not involve food, like fasting from criticism or negativity, gossip or fasting from a bad habit.

Almsgiving could be giving more generously of our time and talent in our parish or helping others.

Lent is a time for we Knights to strive for holiness. Let us use the three staples of Lent this year as our guide, to not only prepare ourselves for Easter, but in helping



others and ourselves to feel God's love and presence more fully through our Lenten sacrifices.

May you all have a Blessed and Happy Lent.

**Fr. John Mark Klaus,
T.O.R.**

Chaplain St. Andrews
Council #9868
Knights of Columbus

U.S. Conference of Bishops Bioethics Meeting

The U.S. Conference of Bishops is having a meeting to discuss Bioethics the week of February 6th. Bishops will begin arriving on Monday February 6th at various airports and will need to be shuttled to

their hotel. There are 112+ bishops arriving for this meeting. A number of bishops will be staying in town to attend the Dallas Diocese Bishop Installation. This will spread out the departure times over a number of

days. If you have an interest to help shuttle bishops you can log on www.bpup.us or contact Craig Modrzynski at 214-263-5275 or craigmod@gte.net

Ask Eligible Men to Join

*“God loves us just the way we are but He loves us too much to leave us that way.”
Max Lucado*

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting

during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our

greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Terry Peffers

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Council Member or Bigfoot?



A mystery has plagued the council for a while, Are the two pictured above, the same individual. Notice the long lumbering arms present in both picture. Both have been known to disappear for long periods of time, and neither has been seen with the other. The only creature more elusive is the rare, Retired Thibodeau (no picture available).

Chancellor's Corner – Fraternal Activity

Hello Brothers, I would like to bring you up to speed on some upcoming council activities.

This year we are beginning our Fifth Thursday Activity Schedule. What that means that in the months where there are five Thursdays we will be volunteering our time on that evening (there are 3 of these in 2017).

In 2017 we will be spending a few hours at the Tarrant Area Food Bank helping to inspect and sort food products for needy families in our area.

The first opportunity is on March 30th. I have made arrangements for 10 of us to work the 6:00 to 9:00 pm shift. Please check our calendar to sign up for the

event, there will be a map to the location posted there as well.

If anyone has an idea for something different in 2018 please let me know.

In May of this year we will be volunteering with the Special Olympics in Arlington at the UTA sports facilities. Stay tuned for the March newsletter for more information on this event.

Our worthy Financial Secretary included an activity preference sheet when he sent out the notification for dues. One of the sheets that I have received shows an interest in blood drives. When I was with St. Patrick Council 14679 we had two of these per year. This is a worthy cause

and we will be looking to run a blood drive of our own sometime this year. More to come.

Thank you Brothers for volunteering your time to help with our various activities (breakfast Sunday, Lent fish fries, ham smoking and sales..etc.). I would like to remind everyone that ANY volunteer activity you are involved with can be included in our annual volunteer hours, not just the church related one. For example, Habitat for Humanity, River Trash Bash Cleanup, visiting the sick and disabled ...etc. So if you were not aware that your time spent volunteering for non-Knights related activities can be counted, well now you are so please get the numbers to Bill Gigl for inclusion in our totals.

A word from the 4th Degree

The Patriotic Degree (or 4th Degree) are Knights who are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of their brother Knights. They are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement. These Knights glorify God by serving our communities and nation as though Christ were the one being served. They are unwavering on what is right and honorable and

work to keep God in the civic arena. These Knights defend laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty. They promote the civil society and respect for lawful authority. The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

If you are a 3rd Degree member in good standing and wish to step up and

fully embrace the Order then March 11th is your opportunity. This year's Spring Exemplification will take place in Carthage, Texas. Exemplification will take place all in one day beginning with registration at 10:30am and ending in a 5pm Mass. If you are interested please contact Sir Knight David Pels at pels66@gmail.com. For additional information see insert.



Knight hard at work

*If God were small
enough to understand,
He would not be big
enough to worship.*

K of C Free Throw Challenge 2017



St. Andrew Council 9868 held its annual Basketball Free Throw Challenge on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the SAS gym. It was a fun evening filled with good competition.

The winners at the Council level were:

- 9 year old – Carly Reed and Logan Bettinger
- 10 year old – James Reed
- 11 year old – Karoline Litke and Fernando Garza
- 12 year old – Hailey Francis
- 14 year old – David Gracia

The winners of the Council 9868 Free Throw Challenge also beat their competitors from Council 4101 in the District Competition, which was held after the Council competition. Our intrepid free throw shooters now move on to the Chapter competition February 11th at Nolan Catholic High School.

When you see our representatives in this years Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship please congratulate them and wish them good luck going forward.

“The best way to improve the team is to improve yourself.”
- Coach John Wooden



A Special Thank You

As the end of January comes to a close the council would like to thank all of you for the many hours that have been given to the council. A great many things were accomplished over the Holidays and through the month of January. None of this could have been accomplished without your efforts. Your individual efforts may have made a small

impact but together they are multiplied ten-fold.

A special thanks to the leadership not only those who have titles but to those who have stepped up to fill roles for activities as they were needed. Your help is greatly appreciated despite the good natured ribbing that you may have had to endure.

With the fraternal year

drawing to a close, consider consider your involvement in the council and ask, *“Is there more I have to offer the council that would further magnify their efforts and benefit our parish and community?”*

If the answer is yes, take a moment and speak to one of the council officers. There are things happening happening now as well as positions in the future.

A Look Ahead

Last October Supreme made some changes, direction was given to councils to move away from home corporations, which owned their own halls to councils more closely tied to individual parishes. This would free councils from roles in property management and allow them to focus on the health, welfare, and growth of the parish as a whole. Supreme created the Building the Domestic Church programs to encourage councils down this path.

Close ties to the parish and school have not been a problem for our council but most of our activity is centered

around cooking, Fish Frys, Frys, Breakfast Sundays and smoking hams are the the staples of our activity. activity. With the help of some very dedicated people, these activities almost seem to happen on on their own volition. Those organizing these events are not even sure how many Knights will show up, but they also do do not worry because you you always show up. Cooking will always be a council activity, and the parish would have it no other way, but we are not all cooks.

Your officers have discussed for several months how we might

expand into other areas and more fully support our parish. Some of the suggestions have highlighted areas that we individually already do but have not embraced as a group, i.e. Hospitality Ministry. Others have looked into our spiritual development which are key components of the Building the Domestic Church programs. These changes will provide opportunities for personal growth and council diversity and the more visible aspects can serve as a reminder to the parish of the council’s commitment and support.

“True prayer is asking God what He wants.”

- William Barclay

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S.K. William Otto

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S.K. Randall Poydock

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S.K. David Pels

Trustee One Year
S.K. John Thibodeau

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Council Meets the 4th Thursday of Every Month

Officer Meeting at 6pm

Council Meeting at 7:30

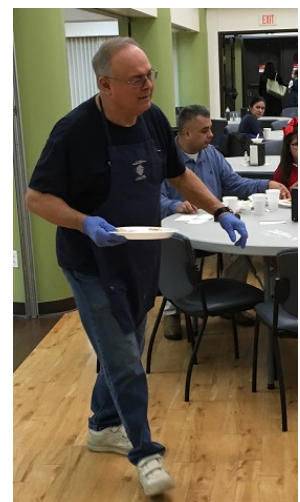
Council Meets in Rooms 146/147 in the Parish Hall behind St Andrews Catholic Church

3314 Dryden Road
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Just follow the picture!



Looks like a government project.
Great discussion taking place on placement but according to Randy Poydock they just need to follow the picture.



Look who is up and around





February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Assembly Social 6:30pm at Dixie Cafe	3	4 Major Degree at St. Andrew
5 Super Bowl BBQ 7:30am to 11am Hospitality Minister Training 2pm to 3:30	6	7	8	9	10	11 Diocesan Free Throw Competition at Nolan 11:30am
12	13	14 Valentines	15	16 Assembly 3022 Meeting 7:30pm	17	18
19 Confirmation Retreat Dinner 2pm	20 President's Day	21	22 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting No Location Yet	23 Council Officer Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting 7:30pm	24	25
26 Breakfast Sunday	27	28 Fat Tuesday				



March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 Council Fish Fry	4 State Free Throw 10am- San Antonio
5	6	7 Hospitality Minister Training 6 to 7:30pm	8	9	10 Council Fish Fry	11
12	13	14	15	16 Assembly 3022 Meeting 7:30pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Council Fish Fry	18
19 K of C Founder's Day	20	21	22 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting St Philip Lewisville	23 Council Officer Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting 7:30pm	24 Council Fish Fry	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Council Fish Fry	

