

The Fort Knight

January 2019

Brothers of 996:

I would like to wish you and your families a Joyous Christmas and God's Blessings for the New Year!!

As we Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, I often wonder how and why some people think he was just a legend or did not exist at all!

Monday at mass, Fr. Norman read from Matthew about the lineage of Jesus. This went back FOURTY TWO generations!! This is one of the ways Matthew is teaching us that Jesus was indeed a real walking, talking, living, breathing, caring, loving human being, with family ties just like you and I!

A good part of the time, non-believers ask why we even celebrate Christmas on December 25th- They go further saying things like, Nobody really knows when Jesus was born or that he was born in October or some other month.

First— As long as we do, does it really matter just when we celebrate the birth of our Lord? How many times do we celebrate our own birthdays on the weekend instead of during the week?

Second— If they really don't believe in Jesus life- - how do they know he was BORN in October???

Brothers, this year has flown by- We have made it through a difficult time with things like replacing our lawn mower and the lighting in the ballroom, not to mention just keeping the lights on! Brothers, this was not an easy year for us, though it was wonderful when Fr. Matt and his parish of Sts. Sabina and Mary GAVE us a lawn mower, the Fourth Degree helped us pay for the lights and a couple brothers helped us with large and gracious financial donations. We cannot depend on this to happen all the time. We need to make some decisions on how we can make some money for ourselves- fundraisers.

We are having our 2nd annual Mardi Gras party on February 23rd, this should do well but, will not sustain us for long. Bingo is doing well, (although we could use more help working) and sometimes the only thing that keeps the lights on! If you have ANY ideas that may help, please bring them to our business meetings on the first Wednesday of each month!

With the New Year comes the time for our annual dues. **Brothers** there are between **70** and **90** of us who are two or more years behind in their dues —PLEASE NOTE— If you pay your 2019 dues we will forgive all previous years unpaid! Please take advantage of this one time offer.

Our Members Christmas party is this week, Wednesday the 19th at 6:00. This is always a fun evening so please join us. We will play Dirty Santa for those who wish bring a gift limited to \$10 to \$15 please.

Santa will be visiting the Kids at Heart 2 Heart on Thursday the 20th at 4:00. This is a good time for the Knights to support Heart 2 Heart by cooking hot dogs and helping Santa pass out gifts to the children. Contact Matt Hutchinson or Robert Collins if you would like to join us! 883-0868 or 883-1698.

**Thanks for letting me be your Grand Knight
Matt Hutchinson**



SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- ◆ January 1 Blackeye Peas meal at 11 am
- ◆ January 2 Business Meeting
- ◆ January 18 Family Night
- ◆ January 23 Fourth Degree Meeting

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out the Fort Knight Newsletter!
- New three month Calendar
- Message from State and Supreme



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Memos from your Brother Knights

Tempus Fugut, Memento Mori.

These are the watch words of the Knights of Columbus. I have heard these words and repeated them many times in the years since joining our order many years ago. I have known what they meant, but appreciate their sentiment so much more today. Time flies, remember death.

A few months ago, I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. Those were some scary words to hear from my doctor. I had a lot to read up on and learn, to help in my decision to move forward. This unwelcome news that I received was going to change my life in some profound ways. My wife's uncle had recently lost his life to this disease, and her father is dealing with it now also. My doctor shared that I had some options to consider, and advised me to take my time, but not too much, to make an informed decision. I could do nothing, and probably live a good 10 to 12 years. Or I could consider some medical options to prolong my life. I felt like the Burt Reynolds character from an old movie "The End", and I knew that I wanted to live.

Sharing my diagnosis with my family would be difficult. My wife Marypat has been my rock throughout this journey, and was with me when I received this bad news. She helped me share with my father and mother in law, who were incredibly warm and comforting. My father in law Pat sat me down and told me that I was not alone, and while many people get cancer, mine was my own to deal with. And he encouraged me to learn as much as I could, to deal with this problem head on. In the following hours and days, I would contact my children and siblings to share my diagnosis, and fears, while striving to remain strong.

The ensuing days, weeks and months have been so enlightening and rewarding for me. When I reached out to my siblings, two of my in laws reached back to offer kind words and help. They had loved ones, strangers to me, that have been through this battle. They asked if I would be open to sharing with these strangers, to help sort through what I was dealing with. I replied yes, and it still amazes me that these two men that I do not know, could be so comforting to me. It was this comfort that gave me strength to stand up at one of our meetings and asked for your prayers.

We say a lot of words in our meetings, that become so routine. I truly appreciate my Brother Knights that approached me with kind words in sharing their own journey with this disease. Likewise, my brothers that came forward to ask some questions, and assured me that I was not alone. That is the biggest lesson that I have learned through all of this. Our words matter, and simple acts of kindness have such immense meaning in life. The love and support that I have received from family, friends and strangers has been humbling, and rewarding. And so from the bottom of my heart, I offer a profound "Thank You" to all those who have reached out to me during my struggles, and all those prayers that we routinely offer. Those prayers make a huge difference, in ways that you may not realize. This whole experience and journey makes me want to be a better man.

From my family to yours,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



What is the Domestic Church?

It is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering prayer.

It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, "In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith."

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.

It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely



THE SUPREME CHAPLINS MONTHLY CHALLENGE

FOR DECEMBER 2018

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ...Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Gospel for 12/23, Lk. 1:39; 41-42)

"In great haste": my brother Knights, these three words teach us volumes! Mary set out "in great haste"—and the rest is history. Mary is the first evangelist. With the incredible news of the annunciation, she wastes no time fulfilling the command to visit her cousin Elizabeth. My brothers, we know that so many things can weigh us down and prevent us from delivering the good news to others with that speed and urgency. The Lord knows our every sorrow, weakness, fear, or excuse. And yet He invites us to look to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and call upon her intercession. May we be known as her reliable sons who likewise carry the news "in great haste," leaving behind everything that impedes us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to pray at least a decade of the Rosary daily. Secondly, we are often in situations in which faith topics come up and we choose to say nothing. This month I challenge you to engage in those conversations and share what you love about the Catholic Faith.



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No December Meeting, Merry Christmas

January Meeting is 1-23-2019 at 7:30 pm



Greetings Sir Knights and Merry Christmas,

Sir Knight Joseph Lubke, our inner sentinel, has accepted a job with the State Attorney Generals Office for the foreseeable future, accordingly we will be seeking nominations at our January meeting for a replacement to finish his term thru June 2019.

Concerning the e-mailing of our bulletins, Council 996 has offered to place a copy of our newsletter on their website for viewing. This will not be our formal communication of the monthly newsletter but serve as an auxiliary platform for our members to view it. I will still need your e-mail address so you may receive the monthly bulletin from me and any additional messages during the year. My Thanks to Susan for many years of dedicated service in getting out our newsletter every month. Thank you Susan.

The December bulletin will have a card in it to place your email address on, along with your dues notice, please mail in along with your dues as quickly as possible, thanks. I would like to complete this change before the state convention in April.

I still hope to have a Corporate Communion in the new year. I have not spoken with Father Mario yet but hope to have a date chosen by our January meeting, most probably in February.

Our Honor Guard will be changing uniforms, July 1 2019 our Old Regalia will no longer be acceptable, this has been an ongoing change since 2017. We will be seeking a new Marshall of the Honor Guard as Mike Heathcott will be retiring, Thank You Mike for your faithful service. Any volunteers will be joyfully accepted. The new uniforms may be ordered from the supreme web site. The new Uniform will consist of a blazer, slacks, tie and beret. The blazer and the beret have the fourth degree emblem.

As of our November meeting Sir Tran Khoat was in ICU at Mercy after a severe stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Sir Le Binh is home recovering from abdominal surgery please keep him in your prayers.

Chau Peter Lee donated the 50/50 drawing to the chalice fund.

Daniel Pfeiffer was not present for the \$35 attendance 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

Program Director

Upcoming events

Brother Knights,

A year is gone and a new year is on us again. I want to thank everyone for the continue support that you have given this council over the years. I appreciate all that had help for the council events we have had.



December we had our Christmas party and another Hugh success thank you for all who help in the kitchen and the Gift exchange too. Hope everyone had a great time!!

Upcoming events:

Tuesday **1 January 2019** at 11 am we will have Blackeye pea meal and Friday **18 January 2019** is Family night at 6 pm



Sunday **3 February 2019** Super Bowl at 4 pm and Family Night Friday **22 February 2019** at 6 pm.



March will start **Fish Night** Starting **Friday 8 March** and next is **15 March** and **22 March**. 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!!



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2019

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Christ the King Parish, Little Rock



Fr. Joseph de Orbezo



Fr. Patrick Friend



Fr. Stephen Elser

"Priestly Voices on Christian Manhood"



**Early Bird
Registration \$25
Students \$10**

Breakfast by Knights of
Columbus
Lunch from Corky's BBQ



Agenda

Rosary 7:30 am
Mass 7:50 am
Reconciliation All Day
Conference 9am - 2pm
Fellowship 2-3pm

**Registration and information available at
www.arcatholicmen.com
facebook.com/ArkansasCatholicMensConference**



"The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference has become the premier event for Catholic men in Arkansas. Please make plans to join me for this years conference. You will leave inspired and equipped to be the man God has called you to be." - Bishop Anthony Taylor, Diocese of Little Rock



Mobile Ultrasound Donation

26-12-2018

Showing our commitment to the protection of the unborn and their mothers, the Knights of Columbus throughout Arkansas raised \$84,500.00 for the purchase of a mobile ultrasound unit. The State Council presented the check to Hope of the Delta which is a pregnancy resource center in Pine Bluff.

Presenting the check are Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Taylor, State Deputy Roy Anderle and his lovely wife Cathy, State Secretary Alan Halman, State Treasurer Lloyd Cambre, State Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Couple Dale and Mary



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www.columbusacres.com

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2017-2018 Council Officers

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

2017-2018 Columbus Club

Henry Moore, 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

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

Sick

Betty Uerling, Anne Maestri, Dickie Spahn, Tony Scherrey, Edie Gouger, Ardell Gramlich, wife of the late John Gramlich, Bud Gouger, Tom Stoddard, Gary Barker, Gregg Pair, Miles Hutchinson(Matt Hutchinson Brother)

Deaths Mike Burkepile's Mother

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



Pope Pius XII Council 996

January 2019



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | <i>1</i> New Year Day Blacked Eyed Pea Meal at 11 am | <i>2</i> Business Mtg 7:30 pm | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | <i>8</i> Bingo 7 pm | <i>9</i> Columbus Club Mtg at 6:30 | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13</i> | <i>14</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | <i>15</i> Bingo 7 pm | <i>16</i> Social Mtg 7:30 pm | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> Family Night 6 pm | <i>19</i> |
| <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | <i>22</i> Bingo 7 pm | <i>23</i> 4th Degree Busi- ness Mtg 7:30 pm | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | <i>29</i> Bingo 7 pm | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> | | |



Pope Pius XII Council 996

February 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Super Bowl 4 PM | 4 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | 5 Bingo 7 pm | 6 Business Mtg 7:30 pm | 7 | 8 Cooking for JDC At Sebastian Cty 4:30pm | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 12 Bingo 7 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 19 Bingo 7 pm | 20 Social Mtg 7:30 pm | 21 Casino Night Poteau 6 pm | 22 Family Night 6 pm | 23 Mardi Gras at the Hall 5 pm |
| 24 | 25 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6:45-9pm | 26 Bingo 7 pm | 27 4th Degree Business Mtg 7:30 pm | 28 | | |



Pope Pius XII Council 996



March 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 Troop 3 Boy Scouts Mtg 6 pm to 9 pm | 5 Bingo 7 pm | 6 Business Mtg 7:30 pm | 7 | 8 Fish Night 6 pm | 9 |
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