



# The Knightly Knews

The monthly newsletter of the Knights of Columbus Council #10795  
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## Grand Knotes from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year Everyone!!, 2017 was another successful year for our council. Once again we received the Star Award, one of the highest honors from supreme. Congratulations to our past Grand Knight Mick Morrell, and all of our council members on this award. We hope to continue this great tradition in 2018. Being a Star Council greatly reduces our per capita fees to Supreme; however, part of earning this reward comes from growing our membership. To retain our status as a Star Council, we need to improve on our slow start on membership growth this year.

Because of this, I would like to use January as a new member recruitment month. We need everyone's help with recruitment. Do you know fellow parishioners who would make good Knights? Maybe someone you met at a SVdP event like a basketball or volleyball game, while at SPREE, helping at or attending Mass, working the pennies table, or through another SVdP organization. If so, invite them to attend our new member orientation on January 21st at 6:30PM at Church in the school media room. This will be followed directly by a first degree ceremony. If every Brother could identify one person, just think we would have over 150 people at our orientation. It would be great if we could add even 20 new Knights to our council in January. Our council needs your help to grow, with more Knights we may be able to offer more events and fundraisers. To help with our recruitment efforts, we are still looking for a couple of Knights who would like to serve as our Councils Membership committee co-chairpersons.

In other news, please see the articles about the fish fries, pancake breakfasts, one rose one life, and basketball free throw contest as we are still looking for volunteers for all of these great events. The fish fry signup sheet is online and is filling up, so pick your favorite slots before their gone.

Our Meeting this month is a week later than normal on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at SVdP. Wishing you and your families the best for this new year.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron Frisse  
Grand Knight



## **January Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday due to conflict on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**Hanneman Hall**

**Rosary: 6:30 PM  
Meeting: 7:00 PM**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Please continue praying for our Brother Knights Don Popp and Don Bengier, both of whom are battling cancer.

If you know of any Knight or a member of his family who has recently died, is sick, in distress or is in need of our prayers for any reason, please contact Grand Knight Ron Frisse so that the prayers and support of this council may be offered.

The Knightly Knews is the monthly newsletter of the Knights of Columbus Council #10795. All articles, suggestions, or critiques are welcome and should be directed to the editor: **Ron Frisse** at 402-715-4879 or [rfrisse@cox.net](mailto:rfrisse@cox.net) Deadline for submission of articles or notes is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next month's newsletter. If you have a change of address or email, please notify Financial Secretary **Matt McConville**



### **2018 Dues**

Matt McConville, Financial Secretary

The New year has started, help us get an early start on dues collections by paying your 2018 dues this month. Dues are \$30 for the calendar year (unless you are a priest, deacon or Honorary Life member).

You can also support Nebraska's Buck-A-Month Club, a program that supports various Knights of Columbus pro-life efforts, by adding \$12 to your payment.

Pay your dues online! Go to the SVdP Knights (Council 10795) website at [www.svdpomahaknights.org](http://www.svdpomahaknights.org) to pay your dues using a debit/credit card or your existing PayPal account. Please include your name and member number when submitting payment. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [matt.mcconville@hdrinc.com](mailto:matt.mcconville@hdrinc.com) or by phone at (402) 515-5265.

If you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to Knights of Columbus. Please send your payment to me at the address below. Thank you!

**Matt McConville**  
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## Blood Drive News

Mike Friederich

Thanks to all who helped make our last blood drive a success including Brother Knights **Jerry Uhing** and **Mike Gidden**, who helped man the registration table.

We collected 19 pints of blood for patient care out of 24 who signed up. Thanks for taking time out of your Sunday morning to help others in need. We hope to see you at the next blood drive on March 04, 2018.



## KC Free Throw Contest

Mark Havermann

It is time for our Annual KC Free Throw Contest. Kids ages 9-14 boys and girls will compete in our Basket Ball Free Throw Contest. **Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017** in the SVDP Gym.

Sign in will start around 6:45 and shooting will begin at 7 PM and usually lasts an hour.

Boys & Girls from ages 9 - 14 will compete shooting free throws and the top winner in each category will move on to the district contest. Please let me know if you can help count baskets and rebound for the contest. We need to be there about 15 minutes early so we can set up 6:45ish.

We present awards that night for all the winners and have a friendly Knight contest of our own.

Volunteers will be needed so Please send an email or call **Mark Havermann** if you can help? [MarkHavermann@gmail.com](mailto:MarkHavermann@gmail.com) or 402-871-7284



## January Food Bank

Dave Pastor

This month's Food Bank Team is captained by **Dave Pastor**. Deliveries are scheduled for Sunday, January 21.

Members of his team are: **Damien Anderson, John Bellavia, Mike Hugo, Brad Kearney, Tom Meehan, Todd Camp, Tom Calvert, and Chuck Manternach**. Next month's food bank team is captained by **John Smith**.



## One Rose, One Life

by Scott Kerr

We will be conducting our annual One Rose, One Life campaign at all the Masses on the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

This collection supports pro-life organizations, events and initiatives throughout the state of Nebraska including the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, local pregnancy centers, the Pope Paul VI Institute, and the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

I will need volunteers at each Mass to help pass out prayer cards and donation envelopes to parishioners as they walk into Mass. I will also need help counting the donations after each Mass.

If you can help, please contact Scott Kerr at [skerr777@cox.net](mailto:skerr777@cox.net). Thanks so much for your help!

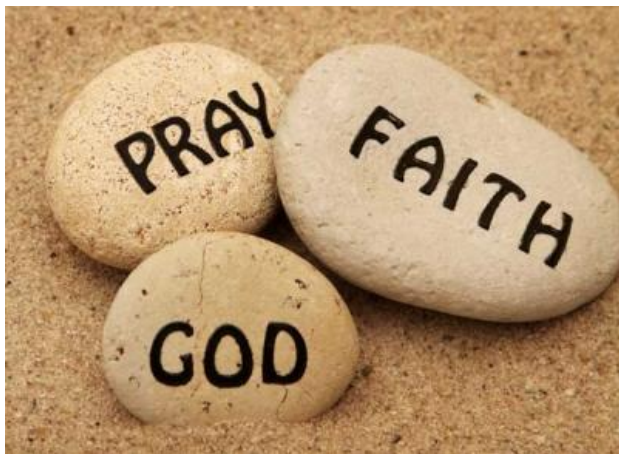


## Attendance Drawing

The starting amount at our next meeting will be \$47. You never know you might be the lucky one holding the ticket that deaws the ace.

## January Knight Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Brad Kearney	Jan-3
David Thalken	Jan-4
Daniel Guetterman	Jan-5
Robert Ramaekers	Jan-7
Todd Christensen	Jan-8
John Blach	Jan-9
Robert Vlock	Jan-11
John Wewel	Jan-13
Joshua Brandl	Jan-13
Thomas Halpin	Jan-14
Chad Marquis	Jan-14
Joseph Pelster	Jan-17
Thomas Blechschmidt	Jan-17
Steven Gulseth	Jan-19
Robert Elliott	Jan-20
Randall Niehaus	Jan-20
Brad Smith	Jan-20
Joshua Boesch	Jan-22
Scott Heim	Jan-22
Thomas Rerucha	Jan-26
Damien Anderson	Jan-28
Gerald Meysenburg	Jan-29
Jon Pick	Jan-29
Michael Gidden	Jan-30
David Pastor	Jan-31







## Next Pancake Breakfast January 28th

Jack Wojtas

Our next pancake breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. It follows on the heels of a very successful December breakfast that benefited our local St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone who helped make that event such a success.

The January breakfast will kick off Catholic Schools Week. We have coordinated with the school administration to provide students to assist with serving breakfast and clean up. This collaboration worked very well last year. The students must have had a good time because they asked to participate again this year.

If you are able to work at the breakfast, please sign up using the SignupGenius website. We still need help on all three shifts.

Signup link is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45a8ae23a13-pancake>



## New Member Drive

**Know someone that would make a good Knight invite them**

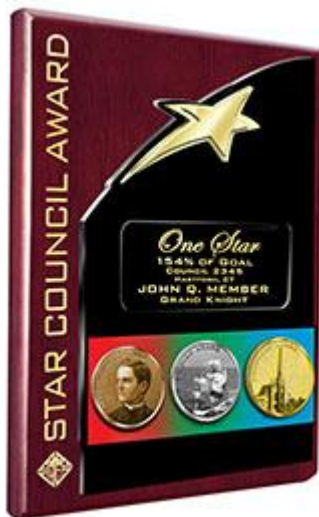
On **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the Media room, we will hold an orientation meeting for prospective Knights and follow that with a first degree ceremony at about 7:30. If you know of someone who would make a good Knight, please invite them to attend. And please join us as well. It is always nice to have a good turnout.

Our council has not grown much this year and it would be great to add some new Knights before fish fry season starts.

## 2018 Nebraska Knights of Columbus Handicap Bowling Tournament!

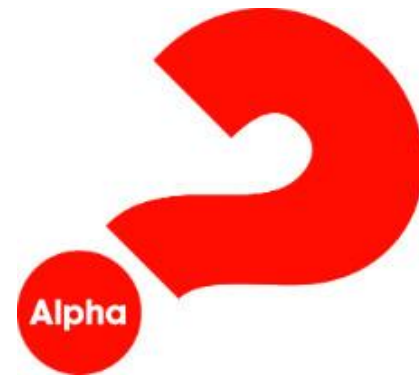
**February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, &  
February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**If you are interested in this years Knights bowling tournament there is a separate PDF attached to the newsletter email with information**



**Congratulations to St Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus Council 10795 for earning the distinction of Star Council**, one of the organization’s top awards for the 2016-17 fraternal year. The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder’s, and Columbian Awards.

“Receiving the Star Council is quite an honor for us. We’re extremely proud of this accomplishment,” stated Mick Morrell head of the local council. The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic lay organization providing members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, families and young people. Please offer your congratulations to the “men in blue” at St Vincent de Paul and continue to support their fund raising activities.



**Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
January 9 through March 27  
St. Vincent Room**

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore life, the basics of Christianity and ask questions in a friendly and informal environment. Open to anyone seeking a new or renewed relationship with God, Alpha has three key elements: meal, talk, discussion. We explore the big issues around faith and address questions such as How Can I Have Faith and Is There More to Life Than This.

Alpha is a safe place to share thoughts and ideas, however there is no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. **No Fee.** Call Jenni Vankat at 402-496-7988 or [vankatj@svdpomaha.org](mailto:vankatj@svdpomaha.org) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

*Remember to check out our St. Vincent de Paul Knights website at: <http://svdpomahaknights.org/>*

**Knight of the Month**

**January 2018**

***Ruben Vega***



**Family of the Month**

**January 2018**

***Kevin and Debbie  
Smith Family***

The Grand Knight has declared **Ruben Vega** as the Knight of the Month for January 2018.

Ruben recently became a Knight, joined our council, and hit the ground running by immediately getting involved in pancake breakfasts and Pennies from Heaven. Ruben is an excellent addition to the Knights of Columbus and our council.

Thank you Ruben for your service, and congratulations on this deserved recognition of your dedication to our Council, our Church, and our Community

The Grand Knight has named **Kevin & Debbie Smith** as Family of the Month for January 2018.

Kevin has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for the past five years and is our council's Communication Chairman. He is a leader in the kitchen during our fish fries from set up through clean up. Kevin also helps out with the Farmers Market, Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Pancake Breakfasts.

Kevin and his wife Debbie are involved in volunteer work with the Stephens Center and Debbie works the condiment tables at our annual Fish Fry's.

Thank you, Kevin & Debbie, for your service, and congratulations on this deserved recognition of your Dedication to our Council, our Church, and our Community.

**2018 Proposed Budget**

I am planning to present our 2018 proposed budget at the January meeting, due to the amount the budget will be proposed and then the final vote will be held in February to approve the budget for 2018. A copy of the budget to be voted on will be included in the February newsletter



## FISH FRY 2018

Ron Frisse



Fish Fry time is rapidly approaching, Lent is earlier this year than normal. This is one of our largest fundraisers throughout the year. Like last year, we would like to request that you sign up using the SignUp Genius website. To access the signup please follow this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BABAC22A46-svdp1/>

The more people we get to volunteer, the better we can spread out the work. We'd like you to consider working a minimum of two of the dinners or even more if you can work it into your schedule and enjoy helping out. Wives are also invited to sign up along with your children if they are in 6th grade or above. Younger children will not be allowed to assist with beer, cashiers, or the fry tent. Please signup any family members on the singup site as well. It takes over 60 people for our fish fry to be successful. This year the dates for the fish frys are:

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>

Last year we served over 1000 dinners on several nights, our goal this year is to reach 1000+ dinners on all 6 nights, this can only happen with all your great volunteer help.

Attached at the end of the newsletter is a flyer that you can share with your friends, coworkers, neighbors etc, about our fish frys.

We plan to keep our prices the same as last year for our dinners and beverage sales. The prices will be \$ 9 for Adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for Kids (age 4-12), but remember if your volunteering you eat free that night. Our beverage prices will remain at \$8 for either a pitcher of beer or bottle of wine. Glass prices will be \$3 each. All prices include the sales taxes.

Serving time is 5:30 PM each Friday. Please arrive early (4:30ish) if you can to help with setup. One area on the singup that we are always short on and could use some volunteers for is the cleanup crew, if you are not available early on a Friday night, why not come out and have some fish and beer then help with clean up after the serving line finishes. The serving line deserves a break when finished to have some dinner too. Afterwards all the workers and the cleanup crew will work together to get things cleaned up .

If you have any questions about the fish fry or problems signing up send Ron Frisse an email at [rfrisse@cox.net](mailto:rfrisse@cox.net) Thank You again for all the help in the past and we look forward to working with everyone to deliver one of the best fish frys in the Omaha area. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the fry tent setup and moving equipment from storage, these can also be signed up on the signup page.





## *Ask Eligible Men to Join*

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.

Thank You, and God Bless  
Steve G Kluthe MDRT

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# St. Vincent De Paul Knights Council #10795 Calendar

January 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 Mantemach Rainbow Team 3	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Meehan Rainbow Team 4	12	13
14	15 	16  Meeting 7:00 Hanneman Hall	17	18 Krupa Rainbow Team 1	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25 Morrell Rainbow Team 2	26	27
28 	29	30	31	1 Mantemach Rainbow Team 3	2	3

Future Council Meetings, Feb 13 and Mar 13



# St. Vincent de Paul's

2018

**FISH  
FRY**



Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Cheese Pizza  
Mac & Cheese, Slaw, Bread  
French Fries or Baked Potato

Also available for purchase:  
Desserts, Soda, Beer and Wine

**Prices: Adults \$9**  
**Seniors \$8**  
**Kids (4-12) \$6**

Sales Tax Included in Price

**Credit Cards Accepted**

**Every Friday**  
**Feb 16 to March 23**

**5:30 to 8:30 PM**

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**14330 Eagle Run Drive**

**Carryout service**  
**available inside the**  
**school doors**



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