



THE FORT KNIGHT

PIUS XII COUNCIL 996

FORT SMITH ARKANSAS

Council meetings 1st Wednesday of every
Month 7:30 pm

July 2020

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Juan Guido
Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Collins
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Treasurer	Mark Urban
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Chancellor	Jason Bugeja
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1yr Trustee	Mike Heathcott
2yr Trustee	Tony Reith
3yr Trustee	Ted Reigel

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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm (Postponed)
- Council meeting July 1, 7:30pm (Postponed)
- Assembly meeting July 1, 6pm (Postponed)
- Columbus Club Meeting July 15, 6:30pm (Postponed)



Home of Assembly 25
4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Faithful Navigator: Mike Ferguson





**GRAND KNIGHTS
REPORT FOR
July 2020**



Brothers,

First, I want to thank each officer for saying yes to lead our Council over the next year. I want to also thank Matt Hutchinson for taking over again as Grand Knight as I step aside to become State Warden and do my small part to help lead the State of Arkansas Knights of Columbus. I believe our Council can have a successful year in each of our Parishes and our community. With the Covid 19 pandemic still strong in the US, the Knights have programs that can help lead us during these trying times. I am absolutely confident that we can be a strong group of Knights helping our Parish brothers and sisters along with our community.



The 4th of July picnic was held Saturday and was a huge success. We followed all of the State requirements for the safety of everyone I know each person there felt safe. The food was great, and bingo was a lot of fun, we were unable to have the horse shoe tournament due to the rain. The temperature was fantastic, and we were blessed to have such great friends come out and celebrate with us. Its nice to see that when we plan these events for our members and friends, and put so much effort in to making it a nice time for all of you, that so many come out and support it.

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. I take such pride in being your Grand Knight. Even though the last quarter of our year was under a pandemic and we were unable to meet and we missed several chances to serve our Parish and community, it was not a total loss. I hope each of you were able to learn something. I know I did.

I raise my glass to Matt Hutchinson and each officer and to every member of Council 996 for a successful year. These times are difficult, only you can make the choice to step out of the normal and lead, or sit back and watch us.

God Bless,

Robert Collins

Past Grand Knight

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Dear Brother Knight:

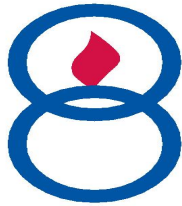
The recent news from the Vatican that Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney — clearing the way for his beatification — should inspire us all to redouble our efforts to come to the aid of those most affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, who are the very people our founder would serve at this time.

We can all take pride — as our venerable founder surely would — in the Order's response to the COVID-19 crisis. We have helped those in need through our support of food banks, by giving blood, and in countless other ways. We have given those unable to attend Mass spiritual sustenance through the Into the Breach videos and other faith formation initiatives. We have helped dioceses and parishes stay financially solvent. Because of these efforts, *Leave No Neighbor Behind* is more than just an ideal — it is who we are and what we do.

Our Order is continuing to grow during these challenging days, in part because men can now join our ranks online, from the safety of their homes using their computer, tablet or smart phone. And now, every man who joins the Order online will be directly helping our efforts to *Leave No Neighbor Behind*. Between now and June 30, every man who joins online and enters the code **GIVE2020**, will have 100 percent of his first-year dues (\$30) go directly to support *Leave No Neighbor Behind* initiatives. In addition, the Supreme Council will match every dollar generated from a new online member's first-year dues. Every man who joins online until June 30 will mean a \$60 donation to support *Leave No Neighbor Behind* programs.

Please highlight this opportunity to all prospects in your parish and community. Encourage each one that now is the time to join the Knights of Columbus. Now is the time to help us support our parishes and communities. Now is the time to help those most impacted by the coronavirus. Now is the hour of the Knights of Columbus!

Thank you for all that you do to help the Order grow and prosper during these challenging days. *Vivat Jesus!*



ARKANSAS RIGHT TO LIFE

Healthy Baby Boy Safely Surrendered at Arkansas' First Safe Haven Baby Box Location

BENTON – A baby has been saved in Arkansas via the first surrender at a Safe Haven Baby Box in Benton, Arkansas Right to Life Executive Director Rose Mimms announced May 28.

On Sunday, May 24, at approximately 5:01 p.m. a newborn infant was placed in the Safe Haven Baby Box located at Benton Fire Station No. 3, 2717 Edison Ave., said Mimms. The Safe Haven Baby Box location in Benton was dedicated Sept. 18, 2019.

“We are grateful that the Safe Haven Baby Box provided this mother with a safe, anonymous surrender alternative for her and her child. I applaud her bravery and the sacrificial gifts of life and adoption that she has given her son through the Safe Haven Baby Box program,” said Mimms.

To announce additional details of the surrender, a press conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, at the location of the surrender in Benton, and will feature Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, said Mimms.

Arkansas Senator Cecile Bledsoe applauded the Arkansas Legislature for supporting the Safe Haven Law and the impact it is having on saving children.

“I am so grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature who joined with me to add the baby boxes to the Safe Haven law. A few days ago, instead of leaving a baby by the side of the road or on a doorstep, someone placed a newborn baby in the Safe Haven Baby Box where the baby was warm and protected. Arkansas now has the first baby saved through the baby boxes ...a beautiful and healthy baby boy! What a miracle! Jeremiah 1:5,” Bledsoe said in a statement.

Arkansas Right to Life has promoted the Safe Haven Law and Safe Haven Baby Boxes through an on-going statewide billboard campaign that began in Harrison in June 2019. Since then, billboards have been placed in 13 Arkansas counties.

Mimms stressed the importance of the billboard campaign and the importance of mothers knowing about the Safe Haven Law and the Safe Haven Baby Box hotline number (1-866-992-2291) listed on all billboards.

“The Safe Haven Law can help a mother to safely surrender her child to an official location, hospital, law enforcement or manned fire department in Arkansas or anonymously in a Safe Haven Baby Box,” Mimms said.

The Safe Haven Law, enacted in Arkansas in 2001, is designed to protect babies from being hurt or killed from abandonment by parents who are unwilling or unable to provide parenting. Under the law, a parent may surrender an infant 30 days or younger at a hospital emergency room or law enforcement agency, but in 2019 the law was amended to include manned fire stations as a surrender location. The amended law, sponsored by Arkansas Sen. Bledsoe and Rep. Rebecca Petty, also approved the installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at surrender locations.--30--

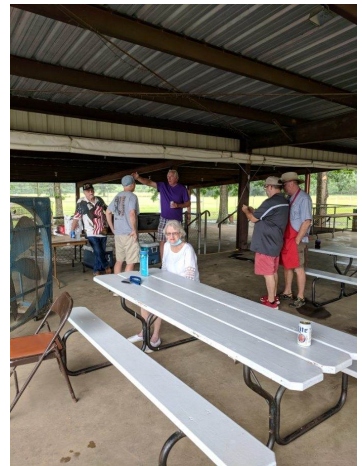
Arkansas Right to Life is the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee the oldest and largest pro-life organization. For more information visit <https://artl.org/>.

FORT KNIGHTS IN ACTION

July 4th 2020 picnic,
Independence day celebration.



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Faithful Navigator Report:

July 2020

Meeting June 3rd 6 pm

Greeting Sir Knights,



Faithful Scribe Stephen J Ahlert

Faithful Pilot Mark Urban

Outer Sentinel Arthur E Gramlich

Inner Sentinel Tyler Hudgens

1 year Trustee Joseph Ciulla

2 year Trustee John Mackey

3 year Trustee

Brothers, We again will not have a meeting this month. Myself and the nominating committee have come up with a list of Officers for the upcoming year.

Faithful Friar Father Matt Garrison

Faithful Navigator Mike Ferguson

Faithful Captain Rick Gramlich

Faithful Comptroller Art Sellers

Faithful Purser Mike Heathcott

Faithful Admiral Chau Peter Le

As you can see we still need a 3yr trustee. All candidates have accepted their positions. We propose these men to you for the next fraternal year, your YES vote is not required, If you do not support any of these Men, please email Me, or Call Me, in the Next 2 Days, rtgramlich@sbcglobal.net, 479-831-3292 any i will hear your grievance . Art, Myself and our new FN Mike Ferguson must have our list sent to the state by 6 -30-2020.

Mike Heathcott lost His Wife, Beverly, Marvin Copenhaver passed away, Arnold Bogner passed away.

Please keep these men and their families in your prayers.

I am thankful you allowed me to be your Faithful Navigator these last 3 years, I did enjoy the opportunity, Now let's all get behind Mike Ferguson and support Him.

Faith, Hope, and LOVE are some good things He gave us and the greatest is LOVE.

PFN Rick Gramlich



Council 996

Upcoming Events

Brothers,

No Activities planned at this time due to Covid 19



Thank you,

Art Rideout

Council Program Director

COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of every Month
6:30pm

COLUMBUS HALL AND ACRES

RENTAL INFO

Hall and Acres rental contact:

Jayne Spahn 479-208-3108

Hall Phone: 479-649-7144

The Hall and Acres are located at:

10201 Columbus Acres Rd.

Fort Smith AR 72916

Columbus Club Officers

President	Gary Barker
Vice President	Robert Collins
Treasurer	Marc Lux
Secretary	Art Rideout
3 year Board	Dickey Spahn
2 year Board	Tyler Hudgens
1 year Board	Rick Gramlich

Columbus Club

Rentals at the Hall and acres will begin with State guidelines.



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.

Also keep praying for an end to this Pandemic.

Military

Jacob Ferguson Fort Sill FORSCOM, Seth Simson 188th Wing

Donnie Fredrick 188th Wing

If there are any notifications for the Sickness or deaths please contact

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