



THE FORT KNIGHT

PIUS XII COUNCIL 996

FORT SMITH ARKANSAS

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

June 2020

Visit our website at kofc996.com

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Juan Guido
Grand Knight	Robert Collins
Deputy Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Financial Secretary	Marc Lux
Treasurer	Mark Urban
Recorder	Art Sellers
Chancellor	Jason Bugeja
Advocate	Tyler Hudgens
Warden	Dave English
Inside Guard	Richard Gramlich
Outside Guard	Tom Stoddard
1yr Trustee	Mike Heathcott
2yr Trustee	Tony Reith
3yr Trustee	Ted Reigel

Facebook: Knights of Columbus Fort Smith AR

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm (Postponed)
- Council meeting June 3, 7:30pm (Postponed)
- Assembly meeting June 3, 6pm (Postponed)
- Columbus Club Meeting June 10, 6:30pm (Postponed)



Home of Assembly 25
4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Faithful Navigator: Richard Gramlich





**GRAND KNIGHTS
REPORT FOR
June 2020**



Brothers,

The month of June is here and we are still some what shut down. As you may know I have been sending emails out to keep everyone up to date on KofC and our Councils operations. As the State of Arkansas is starting to get back, we are listening to our State officials and Bishop Taylor as we start to think about getting back ourselves. Other Councils in Arkansas are asking the State Deputy if they can start having meetings again. His advice is; if you have your own hall you are able to start with proper precautions, and if you meet at the church they will need to have the permission of the Pastor. I have not heard that any have started having meetings yet. Other officers and I believe that we would rather wait and see how things go for at least the month of June. We want each member to feel safe when we have our meetings.



I know that a lot of you are ready for bingo to start again and we do also, but we also want everyone who attends, to be and feel safe at a KofC event. So we will be ready as soon as we can start, Gary Barker and I are beginning to get things in place to properly hold bingo safely. I will send an email and post on our Facebook page (Knights of Columbus Fort Smith AR) when we feel the time is appropriate to start Bingo. Thank you for your understanding.

During these extraordinary times getting our new Council officers for the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year has been challenging to say the least. This years election will be different in that I will be contacting everyone with an email. In the email I will have a list of the officers who have agreed to stay in their position and the names of the men who have agreed to serve you and our Council. I will ask that you review the names and give me any of your comments within two days. Supreme has approved and given their blessing for us to use this method.

I want to welcome Wesley Terry to our Council. Wesley will participate in an online exemplification this week and will become a third degree brother Knight. Our council has had one first degree member participate in an online exemplification to become a third degree member. And one third degree member observe to see the new exemplification. Late last year Supreme Council redesigned the first, second, and third degree exemplifications. The biggest news on the new version, is that the exemplification is now one. Each new member who joins our order will be a third degree member at the end of the thirty five minuet exemplification.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

God Bless,
Robert Collins
Grand Knight

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1 COLUMBUS PLAZA
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510-3326

Dear Brother Knight:

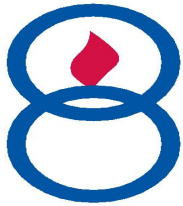
The recent news from the Vatican that Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney — clearing the way for his beatification — should inspire us all to redouble our efforts to come to the aid of those most affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, who are the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



On Good Friday during our Lenten Fish nights we donated and delivered 26 fish dinners to the Sisters at St. Scholastica.

Thank you Matt Hutchinson and
Of course with social distancing



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We also went to Subiaco for their carnival to cook funnel cakes

Thanks to Matt Hutchinson, Mark Urban, Gus Copenheaver, and Gary Barker who also drove a bus to bring a few sisters from St. Scholastica to enjoy the carnival.





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Faithful Navigator Report:

June 2020

Meeting June 3rd 6 pm



Greetings Sir Knights,

As of today, June 1, 2020 we will have no meeting again this month. I will be polling all officers and making a request in an email to our membership for nominations for officers for the upcoming fraternal year.

Sirs, please consider serving your assembly this next year, Thank You.

The last week of May we lost Mr. Marvin Copenhagen, and also Mike Heathcott's wife, Beverly, to cancer. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If I have missed someone, I am sorry.

Gentlemen, FC Art Sellers emailed that we still have about a dozen Sir Knights behind on their dues. Please address this as soon as possible. Thank You.

The Lord has seen me thru this time of separation from Him. With the opening of Mass, we may receive The Holy Eucharist again! Alleluia! I know weekend Mass may be difficult with the reduced numbers allowed but IC has daily Mass at 7:00 am, every morning, not quite as crowded, still social distancing, but together with the Lord.

Thank You All, and be watching for more emails.

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

FN rick gramlich

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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	Matt Hutchinson
Treasurer	Marc Lux
Secretary	Art Sellers
3 year Board	Dickey Spahn
2 year Board	Tyler Hudgens
1 year Board	Rick Gramlich

Columbus Club

Will resume rentals at the Acres with the bathrooms remaining closed.



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.

Member and family Obituaries

Brother and Sir Knight Marvin Copenhaver received his eternal reward on May 26,2020

Beverly Heathcott wife of Sir Knight Mike Heathcott received her eternal reward May 26, 2020

Keep each of them and their families in your prayers

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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