



McHenry Knights of Columbus Council 1288

St. Mary's and The Church of Holy Apostles



2017 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

First of all, I want to thank all of you for the effort you have put forth this past year. I offer kudos to all of you.

2016 was a year of growth and change. New challenges from Supreme made us rethink some of what and how we have done things in the past. Our new Worthy District Deputy brought in some new ideas and challenges.

In 2016 a new council was formed at St. Patrick Church in McHenry in compliance to the direction of the Supreme that all parishes that can support their own council should have one. It was formed with many parishioners from St. Patrick that had never considered being Knights previously, but with it being a council from their parish, joined our brotherhood.

As we all want the Knights of Columbus to grow this was Great! The new Grand Knight is SK Carl Smith who is a longtime member of St. Patrick and active citizen of McHenry. Since their creation we have worked with them in some of the community programs such as the Fiesta Day parking, McHenry County Fair Corn Roast and the Holiday Meals program.

Our Holiday Meal Program has expanded again to allow us to serve more in our community.

The Coat Drive held in November by Brother Michael Dolak has been a great success delivering coats to all that needed them to keep them warm.

The Golf outing led by Brother Michael Hagy was successful and we look forward to a greater one in 2017.

As you can see in the upcoming events list we have many programs that you can get involved in.

We have a new chaplain, Fr. David Austin. He is giving us spiritual guidance and support.

In the year we are entering, 2017, I am asking you to approach your friends and even a passersby at church to join The Knights of Columbus.

I am asking you to take a more proactive position in our organization.

We need more leaders in the various committees we have. They are fun and not very time consuming.

To all my brothers I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Your Grand Knight, SK Joe Creasey

Upcoming events

For more details on these and other events, please visit our council website at <http://koc1288.org/> or check the latest Council newsletter.

January 14, 2017: Blood drive at Holy Apostles.

8 AM to 12 PM. Contact Frank Sweeney

January 31, 2017: PADS service at Christ the King,

Wonder Lake, 6:00 PM. Contact Mark Serpe

February 18, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Hockey Outing in

Rockford. \$15/ticket. Contact Pete Krawczyk

February 25, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Trivia Knight, Holy

Apostles. \$50/table (4-10 people); 7 PM. Contact

John Vlcek

March 4, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Bowling outing at Raymond's.

Contact Jeff Godzicki

April 30, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Pancake Breakfast at Holy

Apostles. Contact Jim Chrzan

June 10, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Golf Outing at Boone Creek.

Contact Michael Hagy

August 1-6, 2017: **Fundraiser:** Corn roast at the McHenry

County Fair. Contact Jim Chrzan

September 15-17, 2017: **Fundraiser:** ID Drive (Tootsie

Rolls). Contact Dan Cwiak

Nov. 18 & Dec. 16, 2017: Holiday Meal Program box

packing and distribution; Fr. Sherry Parish Center at

Holy Apostles. Truck arrives around 7 AM.

If you need a phone number to call for information, check the

website under the Members Only area or contact

FS Pete Krawczyk at (815) 307-8473 or kc@bsod.net

2017 Regular Meeting Schedule

All meetings at Holy Apostles in the St. John room (above the Narthex) at 7:30 PM

January 10

May 9

September 12

February 14

June 13

October 10

March 14

November 14

April 11

August 8

December 12

Officer installation: July 12th at 7 PM at St. Mary's

Planning Meetings: 4th Tuesdays 7 PM at St. Mary's, in the basement of the Parish Center



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Council Addresses and Websites

Local Council:

<http://koc1288.org/>

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President: Brother Jeff Metters

State Council:

<http://illinoisknights.org/>

Illinois Knights of Columbus
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Kankakee, IL 60901-0681
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Supreme Council:

<http://kofc.org/>

Knights of Columbus Headquarters
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326
Supreme Knight: Brother Carl Anderson

4th Degree Assembly:

<http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=198>

Bishop Boylan Assembly 198
Meets every 2nd Wednesday at Holy Apostles
St. John room (same place as 1288 meeting)
Faithful Navigator: Brother SK Gregory Verbick

4th Degree District:

<http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com/>

Master: Brother SK Frank Rossi

Dues can be paid online!

Simply visit our website and follow the link on the top or <http://store.koc1288.org/> and click on the appropriate dues items to pay them. Please enter your membership number from your billing statement in the "notes" field when checking out.

Your 2016-2017 Officers

Email addresses and phone numbers available at <http://koc1288.org/> in the Members Only area

Grand Knight: Brother SK Joe Creasey

Chaplain: Brother SK Father David Austin

Deputy Grand Knight: Brother Jose Anchieta

Chancellor: Brother Scott Knudsen

Recorder: Brother Dan Cwiak

Financial Secretary: Brother SK Pete Krawczyk

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mcpiper01@gmail.com

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zraces57@comcast.net

2016 Memoriam

Please take a moment to pray for the souls of our fellow Brother Knights, who passed away in 2016:

- Walter "Gov" Bolger
- Stanley Alm

Remember to pray for all our fellow brothers, past and present, including those who are in sickness or distress.



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Personal Information Updates / Mailed Newsletters

Included in your dues or membership card mailer this year, you will find a "Member Information Sheet". Please update this as necessary and return to the Council. Even if you have no changes, please let us know that. We are working hard to make sure our records are up to date.

We especially would appreciate your help updating your **email address** and the **parish you are currently registered to**.

Due to the closure of Pioneer Center's mailing facilities, we have not sent out meeting minutes or regular newsletters to people who did not have an email address registered in 2016. We have a new process to send these out, but we would like to update our mailing list first. **In order to receive minutes and newsletters in the mail, you will need to request this by returning your "Member Information Sheet" and writing "MAIL SERVICE REQUESTED" on the top.**

If you no longer have a council nametag, or need a replacement, please let FS Pete Krawczyk know. We will be ordering more soon. Cost is ordinarily \$8, but may be waived by Council in certain cases.

Council Fundraisers

Please support our Council by sharing the word about our fundraising efforts. In addition to the fundraising events listed on Page 1, we are selling various items throughout the year:

- Christmas and Easter magnets, \$5 each
- Council shirts, \$16 each
- Knights emblem decals, \$2 each
- Vocation Raffle books, \$15 each (Fall only)

These are available at council meetings; please stop by and support your Council.

Directors Needed for Council Leadership

We are in search of several Brothers to serve as directors for various areas of Council leadership. The commitment is generally 1-2 hours per month working with program chairs to find out their progress and report to Council.

We especially need these positions:

- Community Director
- Council Program Director
- Culture of Life Director
- Family Program Director
- Mentor Program Chair
- Degree Team

2016 Year in Review

Our Council works year-round to support the Church and community. Here are some highlights:

Volunteering

Year-round: Organized blood drives
 March: Participated in St. Patrick's Day parade
 March, November: PADS service
 Summer: Knight's Mile highway cleanup
 September: Support of St. Mary's Parish Picnic
 October/November: Coat drive collection and sorting

Donations

January: 3 student scholarships
 January: Montini Parent's Association
 February: St. Vincent de Paul Hope Takes Action
 March: St. Baldrick's to support Brother Knights
 March: Seminarians Colin Easton and Mathieu Abina
 March: Suicide Prevention charity walk
 April: Youth Groups for Mission Trip
 May: Montini for iPads for students
 June: Flower sale proceeds and matching donation for Karolyn Huinker Tuition Fund
 June: Fr. Sherry 50th Anniversary refreshments
 June: Boy Scout Troop #459 for Supplies
 June: Rotary for Blues/Brews sponsorship
 July: Held pool party for Altar Servers
 August: St. Mary's Parish Picnic refreshments
 September: Seminarian Jordan Roth
 October: Hockey Outing with Fr. Ruben and Aaron D.
 November: MCHS Food Pantry
 December: Parish Christmas gifts

Fundraising

Year-round: Magnet sales
 Year-round: Knights Night Dining
 February: Bowling outing
 April/October: Trivia Knights
 April/Oct: Hockey outings
 April: Pancake Breakfast
 July: Organized parking at Fiesta Days
 July/August: County Fair corn sale
 Fall: Vocations Raffle
 Fall: Holiday Meals program



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