



# Knights of Columbus

FATHER EDWIN F. KELLEY COUNCIL, No. 5750  
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Meetings Held  
On First and Third  
Monday of Each Month

## Monthly Knight Note

September/October 2018

Dear Worthy Brother Knights,

Time kind of got away from me on this again. But just to keep you up to date on what your council is doing I wanted to get out a note for September and October. If you want to keep up to date with what the council is doing throughout the year you can access the calendar on our website <http://www.kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=5750>. There is a lot of other good information there as well. We will keep it as up to date as possible.

In September we worked together with other ministries in the parish and held the first Oktoberfest! If you weren't a part of it you missed out on a really nice fall event. There was a beer tent set up between the rectory and the school. We also set up the parish hall with food, games and a silent auction. There were approximately 300 people who attended the event, and the overall feedback was good. Everyone seemed pleased with the way it turned out. We will probably try to do another one next year, and with more time to plan it should be a bigger and better event. Besides the Knights who helped with the event, we had support from the Women's Council, the Grandparent's Association, the Men's Group, the Youth Minister, STARS, and Cheryl King and the women who help her with the kitchen at the parish hall. A big thanks to all the Knights who helped with this event. It took a lot of set up and came together rather quickly.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October we also conducted our annual 5K Columbus Day race at Leesylvania State Park. We had about 25 runners who participated in the event. It was a really nice morning for a run. At the end of the race we awarded prizes and had some light snacks and beverages. We even had a little 4 year old run in the race. It was his first 5K, and he made it through the entire race! A shout out to PGK Halley for all the time and effort he put into getting the race together and then to the fellow Knights who came out the day of the race to make sure no one got lost!

Father O'Keefe is still looking for ushers for the 9:00 and 11:00 am Sunday Masses. This entails greeting parishioners as they arrive for Mass, helping with the collection and then distributing bulletins after Mass. If you regularly attend one of these Masses and would like to help please again contact myself or PGK Quigley or talk to Keri Shanks in the narthex about helping out as an usher.

We also are in the process of conducting another Church census that has been mandated by the diocese. We sent out a couple of emails with a link to sign up to help at one of the Masses. This will take place for two more weekends. It is being conducted during the homily and to ensure an accurate count it requires 3 – 4 people to count then change sides and count again.

In November we will be selling Christmas cards in the narthex after the Masses. This year in addition to the cards we also have car magnets and lapel pins with a Keep Christ in Christmas theme. The more help we get with the selling the faster we can sell the cards. So if you can volunteer some time after Mass in November that would be great. We will be posting a sign-up sheet on line that we will send out in the next couple of weeks.

And as a reminder, in November we have the Memorial Mass scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. This is a federal holiday this year as Veteran's Day falls on a Sunday. We will have a pot luck following the Mass in the Conference room. This is a good way to honor those who have gone before us and also participate in some fellowship.

One other major point of note. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we will be having our annual Toys for Kids pancake breakfast. This is an event with a lot of moving parts. We have to decorate the hall some, we have a visit from Santa Claus for the kids, and we do a really nice breakfast as we collect toys to give to St. Vincent De Paul to donate to needy families. If you can plan on helping with the breakfast, any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Then 3 days later on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are a couple of events during the day that require support from the Knights. There is a school event, and then there will be a Mass at the Church in the evening which this year will be celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Father O'Keefe has already ask us for help with the Mass, especially for people control in the parking lot and in the Church. More information will follow in the next month.

I am also going to start working on setting up a men's retreat in the late winter or early Spring. It will be a one day retreat probably at OLA. I will get more information together on this soon. Part of being a Knight is a commitment to your Faith. This would be a great way to refocus you relationship with God.

As always we still need help with Bingo on Sundays. I know a lot of people don't enjoy helping with Bingo. But it still makes money that we can use for charity. And our customers are pretty loyal. Even a couple hours on Sunday between 12:00 and 4:00pm would be a big help. And as PGK Steve Reaves recuperates from rotator cuff surgery we also could use help manning the kitchen.

Our next social meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. And our next business meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. The meetings start at 7:30pm with a rosary at 7:00pm. Stop by and see what is going on with your council and how you might be able to volunteer to help.

Yours in Christ,



Steve Moore

Grand Knight #5750

