

Knights of Columbus

St John Francis Regis Council

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Serving St John Francis Regis Parish
Kansas City, Missouri

December 2017 Newsletter

The next General Meeting is 7:30PM, Wednesday December 13, 2017. (We will say the Rosary before beginning our meeting, starting at 7:10PM.) Please make a special effort to attend the upcoming General Meeting, as Father Sean will share some very important information for our Parish, School and ECC. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is scheduled for the same date to start at 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but will be over by about 7:30 p.m., so you can still come to our meeting. We would like to see 100% turnout for this meeting! The next officers' meeting is 7:00PM, Wednesday December 27, 2017.

Grand Knights Notes:

In this Advent Season, please take advantage of the many events and activities our Parish has scheduled to help us prepare for the birth of our Lord at Christmas. The Parish Bulletin has a complete calendar of the opportunities for education, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass times during Advent and Christmas. Let us prepare our hearts to receive and adore Him! Merry Christmas!

The Knights of Columbus and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and other Catholic organizations have designated the week of November 26 through December 2, as a Week of Awareness for Persecuted Christians. We want to raise awareness about the plight of persecuted Christians, and I direct you to the following internet link for more information. Please go to www.kofc.org/weekofawareness to learn about our efforts. Our council will hold an event to build awareness sometime in January. Please keep our brothers and sisters who have suffered for their faith in your prayers.

Be on the lookout for new member candidates. The basic requirements of membership are: (a) attainment of age 18, (b) a practicing Catholic, and (c) payment of annual dues. We will hold an Admission Degree on Sunday, January 14, 2018, to begin at approximately Noon in the Knights Hall. (If there are no candidates, that degree program will be cancelled. Check with our Officers if you have a candidate, or to see if we've cancelled.) Our council requests a one week notice to accommodate candidates from other councils in accordance with this schedule. If a candidate desires admission to our council sooner than we have a scheduled ceremony, we can hold an

additional Exemplification Ceremony, or a council officer or member can escort him to an earlier Admission (1st Degree) Ceremony at another council in the area.

Please be sure to sign up on our list of volunteers for service on the third Saturday of each month. You may notify us by e-mail, or sign up at our General Meeting. Also, please be sure to let us know of your skills in special areas, such as carpentry, painting, minor plumbing repair, yardwork, glass/glazing, electrical repair, and the like, by e-mail or sign up at our General Meeting. We will use these lists of volunteers to try to put those skills to use for these needs, and to mobilize our Council members' capabilities to help more optimally. We will put this name and contact information into our database for such projects as may arise from time to time.

Special thanks to all those who came to help us clean the St. Regis parish sanctuary on Saturday, November 18, 2017, especially David Meyers, who arranged for us to have a motorized lift and scaffolding for the day, and to James Brandon, our parish Maintenance Engineer, who operated the lift throughout the day. Also, our thanks to Glen Ernstmann for coordinating, and those who volunteered to help with moving some items from the Convent for Mother Julia, on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Please be sure to call Bill Massop, our Program Director, at 816-225-5083 or e-mail him at bmassop@massopgroup.com; with information about your volunteer and service hours. The Knights of Columbus worldwide performed over 73 million hours of volunteer service during 2016, and we want to be sure our Council efforts are included in that total.

The remaining schedule for our Corporate Masses in calander year 2017 is as follows:
Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Regis; Please contact Jacob Duerr (phenix840@gmail.com) to volunteer for the liturgical roles for this Mass.

Part of this month's Newsletter is a survey for our Council members to ask for some information and feedback to help us inspire more participation, and find out what we do well, what we do not so well, and what we might do better to serve and motivate our Council and Parish. Please take a moment to consider our survey and give us your response (you can give us your name for follow up or you can respond anonymously, by delivering your completed survey to our General Meeting.

Also referenced in this month's Newsletter is a copy of a letter from Father Sean and our School Principal, Robin Sowders, to promote scholarships for our St. Regis School. The St. Regis School and Parish will again sponsor the annual Luau coming up on April 14, 2018. Our Council members are an important resource of support for the Luau and our School, so plan to attend and encourage your friends and neighbors to come along!

Old Business:

1. Our Council's Third Saturday work day will be Saturday, December 16, 2017, and we will meet beginning at 8:30 a.m to divide into teams to help parishioners of St. Regis. If you have a pick-up truck and/or a flatbed trailer we can use to haul brush and trash to disposal, that would be great, and be sure to bring work gloves, and a rake and tree/bush trimming tools. Sign up at our General Meeting. Contact Pat Hanson at patrickahanson@aol.com to let him know you'll be there.

2. We need volunteers to work at St James Place on Monday, December 18, 2017. Volunteers can meet at St Regis parking lot at 3:45PM to carpool to St James Place. Or, volunteers can drive to St James Place to arrive at 4:00PM. Be sure to bring your meatloaf to St. Regis at Masses on December 16 and 17. Watch for an e-mail notice about this service opportunity, and be sure to sign up to participate at our regular meeting. Please notify Bob Brown, at: bobbrown07@aol.com, if you would like to serve.
3. The council has ordered a stock of 12ea T-shirts with Knights logo, at \$10.00 each in the following quantities: 4ea – size XL, 4ea – size L, 4ea – size Med. Members may purchase these in the Knights hall.
4. We will be sponsoring a Trivia Night, and have picked the date of Saturday, January 20, 2018, in the St. Regis Parish Hall for this event. Terry Lynch has agreed to be our event coordinator. We will want to have a large turnout, so start telling your friends and family to plan to come. We will run the event from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Watch for bulletin notices and ticket sales after Masses.

New Business:

1. Our Council joined with our Ladies Auxiliary to help adopt three families from our St. Regis School for Christmas. Our Council donated \$100.00 to join with our Ladies, and I encourage all members to consider making a personal donation to help, if you like. You can make a donation directly to Mary Ernstmann, or you can help by donating when we “pass the hat” at our General Meeting.
2. Jayson Becker, who served at our Parish this past year, and who was a staunch participant at our Council events while he was at St. Regis, will be ordained into the Transitional Diaconate on Monday, December 18, 2017, at St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City, Missouri. The Ordination Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to celebrate this event with Jayson.
3. Our Council will be hosting the Parish Shrimp Boils on all Fridays during the Lenten Season again this year. The first Shrimp Boil will be on Friday, February 16, 2018. We will begin with sign-ups to work these events at our General Meeting. This is our largest fundraiser for the Council each year, so plan to join us every Friday in Lent, for a great service and help to build community for our Parish. Contact Dave Vorbeck, at cva@birch.net, or 816-935-3562, to volunteer or ask questions.
4. St. Regis Parish/School Luau fundraiser, Saturday, April 18, 2018. Mark your calendar and start encouraging your friends, family and co-workers to come and raise money for our Parish and School.

December Birthdays:

Joshua Kuestersteffen—December 3; Milton G. Bryant—December 6; Shane S. Givens—December 12; Anthony T. Reyes—December 17; David P. Orozco—December 19; Gary W. Johnson—December 22; Jack J. Hanes—December 27; Brett A. Pfeifer—December 27; Michael R. Apprill—December 28

Calendar of Regular Events for December

December 13 – General Meeting; 7:10 pm-Rosary; 7:30 pm-Meeting

December 18-- St James Place; 3:45 pm (or 4:15 pm at St. James)

December 27 - Officers' Meeting; 7:00 pm

December Degree Schedule: Please check our website: www.regiskofc.org and follow the link to Degree Schedule, to see when and where Degree programs are offered in December.

For the Good of the Order:

Please remember in your prayers the following council/parish Members and/or their family members: Jack Mitchell, John Weaver, Dennis and Fran Wadle, Dean & Mary Starr, Ed Batcheler, David Berg, Gene Helling, Harold Hanson, Jack Gress, Kevin Vollmer, John Quinn, Jerry Sanders, Tom Powers, Dave and Denise Kopek.

ST. REGIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS SURVEY

- What do you like about being a member of our Council?

- If you have missed meetings, either recently or in the past, what are some of the reasons you had to miss our meetings or events?

- What would you like for our Council to do differently that would generate more interest in participation by our members?

- What ideas do you have that could improve our meeting format?

- What ideas do you have that could improve our events?

- Are there any charitable events you would like to see us pursue? Please list...

- Would you be interested in: (indicate with an "X")
Men's Poker or Cards _____
Sports Watch parties _____
Educational seminars _____
Movie nights _____
Other Events? Tell us about what you would like:

Other comments:
