

Knights of Columbus

St John Francis Regis Council

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Serving St John Francis Regis Parish
Kansas City, Missouri

February 2018 Newsletter

The next General Meeting is approximately 8:00 PM, Wednesday February 14, 2018. (We will say the Rosary before beginning our meeting, starting at about 8:00 PM, and then move into the meeting. This meeting is to follow the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Regis on that date.) The next officers' meeting is 7:00PM, Wednesday February 28, 2018.

Grand Knights Notes:

Again this month, I begin by thanking a group of our Knights who came to work on our Third Saturday project in January, to help with some projects at the Convent and ECC building (where our Knights Hall is located). Thanks, first, to Pat Hanson for organizing the effort and coordinating our volunteers. Thanks, next, to those who came to do the work: Jack Hanes, Dick Kies, Gerry Crowley, Ken Glassbrenner, Mike Apprill, Mike Berigan, Jim Brandon, and Dave Vorbeck. Thanks, too, to Terry Lynch for helping us to have such a successful and fun Trivia Night. Thanks, also, to all of our Volunteers for set-up, preparatory work, and clean-up, especially, our Financial Secretary, Rob Colombatto, and very special thanks to Joe DiMarco for putting together such a great blend of questions and all of the high-tech presentation. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun.

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, March 11, 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.

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.

Please return your responses to our survey for Council members to provide us 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. If you need another copy of it, please let us know.

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 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. Glen Ernstmann is coordinating entertainment, and can be reached at: glenn.ernstmann@comcast.net; and Mary Ernstmann is coordinating desserts and can be reached at: mpernstmann@yahoo.com. Rob Colombatto is also coordinating our food orders and can use your help in any way you can offer it. He can be reached at: colombatto32@comcast.net.
2. Our Council's Third Saturday work day will be Saturday, February 17, 2018, and we will be providing more information about that work at our meeting. Also, watch your e-mail for more details. Contact Pat Hanson at patrickahanson@aol.com to let him know you'll be there, or for questions about the day.
3. We will serve at St James Place on Monday, February 19, 2018. Be sure to bring your meatloaf to St. Regis at Masses on February 17 and 18. Contact Bob Brown, at bobbrown07@aol.com, to tell him you're coming to St. James.
4. The annual Vocations Awareness Days activities will be on Wednesday and Thursday, February 21 and 22, at St. Michael the Archangel High School in Lee's Summit, Mo. Glen Ernstmann coordinates this day for our diocese, and he's looking for volunteers for either or both days. Contact Glen at: glenn.ernstmann@comcast.net.

5. 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.

6. For the St. Regis Luau, our Council will again donate a basket of items for the silent auction. We will solicit some personal contributions for this at our meetings.

New Business:

1. 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.

February Birthdays:

Steve Ramm—February 7; Michael Anani—February 11; Fred Krabbe—February 22; Dave Vorbeck—February 22

Calendar of Regular Events for January

February 14– General Meeting; 8:00 pm (after Mass)(Rosary to precede the meeting)

February 28 - Officers' Meeting; 7:00 pm

February 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 February.

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 Starr, Ed Batcheler, David Berg, Gene Helling, Harold Hanson, Jack Gress, Kevin Vollmer, John Quinn, Jerry Sanders, Tom Powers, Dave and Denise Kopek.