

Knights of Columbus

St John Francis Regis Council

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Serving St John Francis Regis Parish
Kansas City, Missouri

May 2018 Newsletter

The next General Meeting will be at 7:30 PM, Wednesday May 9, 2018. (We will say the Rosary before beginning our meeting, starting at about 7:10 PM, and then move into the meeting.) The next officers' meeting is 7:00PM, Wednesday May 23, 2018.

Grand Knights Notes:

Thank you to those Knights who came to help with cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the St. Regis SOR end-of-year celebration. Rob Colombatto, Mike Apprill, Jack Hanes, Dick Kies, and I had a lot of fun making some good eats for the SOR participants. Also, thanks to Bob Brown and Bill Massop for getting the new trees for the St. Regis Rosary Garden. Thanks to Rob Colombatto, who is tireless in keeping us on sound financial footing, and is doing a thankless job of getting all of our outstanding dues paid. If you have not paid your 2018 dues, yet, please get it done, so Rob doesn't have extra work to do to contact you, personally. Good work by all!

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 have our Admission Degree scheduled for Sunday, May 13, 2018, after the 10:30 a.m., Mass at St. Regis, at the Knights Hall. Check with our Officers if you do identify a candidate before May 13. 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. Also, there is an Admission Degree scheduled for June 7, 2018 (Thursday), at 7 p.m., at St. Sabina, at which Bishop Johnston will be the special guest. Our acting DD, Pat Carr, is urging us to have someone there. The Knights of Columbus has initiated an "e-membership program" that is an exciting tool for us to use in getting new members. I have more information on it to share at our meeting, and some additional thoughts in the following paragraph of this Newsletter. We still need 4 more new members, and 3 insurance members to meet our Star Council goals. Please get in touch with Kevin Palmer, our Knights of Columbus Field Agent, for insurance needs.

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.

I attended the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention in Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 27, 28 and 29. It was a very worthwhile and educational experience for me. I was proud, along with Glen Ernstmann, to be our Council delegate to the convention. The convention featured a very good presentation on the new "e-membership" initiative from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. The e-membership opportunity presents us with a wonderful tool to use to meet our prospective members right where they are: on their phones, on their tablets, and on their computers. It does not eliminate the need for our Council to be involved in the degree programs for our new members, but it is a streamlined way to get new members to commit to joining us, and it brings our recruitment efforts into the 21st Century. I urge all of our members to embrace this new way to attract members to our Council.

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.

Many thanks for supporting our St. Regis School and Parish annual Luau. I understand the event was a very big success.

Old Business:

1. We will serve at St. James Place on Monday, May 21, 2018, this month. Contact Bob Brown to sign up to work. Sign up sheet in front. Bring meatloaves to church on May 19-20.
2. Our Council will be attending the Kansas City Royals game on Friday, May 4, 2018, in conjunction with the Raytown Chamber of Commerce. Please contact Mike Apprill, at mrapprill@gmail.com for more information.
3. Homer Radford has called our attention to the following additional events coming up for Church Vocations and Ordinations. Please try to attend one or more of these:

May 5, 2018—Blisters for Sisters, at St. Thomas More Church.

May 12, 2018—Ordination Mass for Transitional Deacons at the Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo., at 10:00 a.m.

May 19, 2018—Priesthood Ordination Mass at the Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo., at 10:00 a.m. (Deacons Jayson Becker, Bill Fox and Timothy Leete will be ordained to the priesthood).

June 9, 2018—Permanent Diaconate Ordination Mass, at the Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo., at 10:00 a.m. (Our own, Robert Falke, will be ordained at this Mass.)

4. The Shrimp Boil appreciation party will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the home of Ken and Cathy Albers. All who helped with the Shrimp Boils are welcome. Bring a Dish, and shrimp/meat will be provided.

New Business:

1. Our Council has been asked to help our St. Regis Athletic Committee with helping them to staff their participation in the Annual Bill Waris Memorial Basketball Tournament. St. Regis is one of the host sites, and will be providing assistance at both St. Regis and at O'Hara for the event. The dates are May 12 and 13, and our Council will work at one the sites on one of the dates. I'll be sending our more details as they become available. I believe we will opt for helping on Saturday, May 12, and will offer to work up at O'Hara. More details will be available at our General Meeting, and will be e-mailed to our members.
2. We will be undertaking some work projects on the weekend of May 19 and 20, for our Third Saturday Workday in May. Pat Hanson will have more information on the project(s), and details for what's needed. Plan to sign up at our General Meeting, and you can contact Pat at: patrickahanson@aol.com for more information.
3. On Saturday, June 2, 2018, the council has been asked to help with moving more stuff at St. Regis for the school and teachers. Sign up for this work at our General Meeting, and also contact Pat Hanson (see above) for more information.
4. Pitching for Priests, the annual softball contest between the Kansas City-St. Joseph and Kansas City, Kansas dioceses, will be held on Friday, July 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the T-Bones Stadium in Kansas City, Kansas. Ticket information can be found at: <https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2018>

May Birthdays:

Matt Bokenkroger—May 2; Joe Dimarco—May 2; Stephen Schlutow—May 6; Rick Meyers—May 10; Ty Robertson—May 16; David Meyers—May 18; Rob Colombatto—May 26; John Aquino—May 30

Calendar of Regular Events for May

May 9— General Meeting; 7:30 pm (Rosary to precede the meeting); May 23 - Officers Meeting; 7:00 pm

May Degree Schedule: St. Regis Admission Degree—May 13, 2018 at 12 Noon. Also, please check our website: www.regiskofc.org for more Degree programs in May.

For the Good of the Order:

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