

Knights of Columbus

St John Francis Regis Council

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Serving St John Francis Regis Parish
Kansas City, Missouri

November 2017 Newsletter

The next General Meeting is 7:30PM, Wednesday November 8, 2017. (We will say the Rosary before beginning our meeting, starting at 7:10PM.) The next officers' meeting is 7:00PM, Wednesday November 29, 2017.

Grand Knights Notes:

I begin this newsletter with a recommendation that everyone read the current issue of the Columbia magazine from the Knights of Columbus. There are some very good and moving articles in this edition. One involves the story of Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Franciscan Father in Detroit, Michigan, who is a candidate for canonization. Father Solanus exemplifies the very real miracles that happen through the perseverance of everyday saints, committed to seeking and doing the will of God. Another highlights the work of the Knights of Columbus in combatting the violence and divisive message of the KKK. Finally, there is a very moving article describing the joy of Christian refugees from Iraq, who were able to return to their homeland after being displaced by ISIS, and the assistance they are receiving from the Knights of Columbus and others. Even though their homes and village were literally destroyed by the ravages of ISIS occupation, these Christian believers were grateful for the blessing of the chance to return to their homeland, and they give thanks to God for their blessings, even in the midst of their sufferings. Very inspiring!

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 NOT HAVE** an Admission Degree on Sunday, November 12, 2017, due to schedule conflict with the Pancake Breakfast at St. Regis on that same date. Our next scheduled Admission Degree will be on Sunday, January 14, 2018. (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.

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.

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.

We are going to survey 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. Watch your e-mail and regular mail for our survey and please give us your response.

Old Business:

1. Our Council has been asked to provide staffing to host the Hospitality Table (Donuts and Coffee) after Masses on November 5, 2017. If you volunteered for this service, please show up as scheduled. If you did not volunteer, please plan to assist with our service after the Masses this coming weekend.
2. Our Council has been asked to provide staffing to cook pancakes and serve after the Masses at St. Regis on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Please sign up to help with this event at our General Meeting, and watch for e-mail information.
3. Our Council will be helping with cleanup of the Sanctuary Space at St. Regis on Saturday, November 18, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This will include cleaning the high spaces in the Church with a lift we are obtaining for the cleaning. Sign up at our General Meeting. This is going to be our "Third Saturday" service in November.
4. We need volunteers to work at St James Place on Monday, November 20, 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 November 18 and 19. 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.
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. 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. We are looking for an event coordinator. Please contact the Grand Knight, if you're interested in taking this on for our Council.

New Business:

1. Our Council will be assisting with cooking Chili on Saturday, November 18, 2017, and then working at the St. Regis Chiefs Tailgate Party on Sunday, November 19, 2017. We'll start cooking on Saturday morning at around 9:00 a.m., in the St. Regis School Kitchen, and we'll be helping with serving Chili and Hotdogs and Beer/Soda/Water on Sunday for the Tailgate. We'll need volunteers to help Ralph Ford for both days. Sunday volunteers will also be needed for cooking hotdogs and getting the Parish Hall set up, and clean up after the event. Sign up at our General Meeting. Contact Dave Vorbeck, at cva@birch.net, or 816-935-3562, to volunteer or ask questions.

2. Our December Council workday will be Saturday, December 16, 2017. Watch your e-mail for more information and details. Contact Pat Hanson at: PatrickAHanson@aol.com, to volunteer.

November Birthdays:

Michael L. Wertz—November 2; Matthew J. Rowland—November 10; James M. Kabelis—November 12; John R. Weaver—November 12; Robert E. Falke—November 13; Jacob S. Herzog—November 13; Jerry Sanders—November 14; Ryan L. Scarborough—November 21; Glenn C. Vernon—November 23; Dennis E. Wadle—November 23; Christopher J. Salanski—November 25; Thomas M. Sack—November 26; Ed J. Batcheler—November 27

Calendar of Regular Events for November

November 8 – General Meeting; 7:10 pm-Rosary; 7:30 pm-Meeting

November 20 - St James Place; 3:45 pm (or 4:15 pm at St. James)

November 29 - Officers' Meeting; 7:00 pm

November 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 November.

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 and Carolyn Quinn, Tom Powers, Dave and Denise Kopek.