Knights of Columbus

St John Francis Regis Council 13671

Serving St John Francis Regis Parish Kansas City, Missouri

September 2017 Newsletter

The next General Meeting is 7:30PM, Wednesday September 13, 2017. (We will say the Rosary before beginning our meeting, starting at 7:10PM.) The next officers' meeting is 7:00PM, Wednesday September 27, 2017.

Grand Knights Notes:

The recent disaster and tragedy of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana is a reminder to all of us that we must be prepared to help our fellow citizens everywhere and always. Please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus relief efforts, by visiting the Knights of Columbus website at: www.kofc.org, and following the links to donate.

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 have an Admission Degree at St. Regis, after the 10:30 a.m., Mass, on Sunday, September 10, 2017. (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 consider helping to support the efforts of our parishioners to get a new roof for Terry Lillig, by visiting the website as: www.covers4others.com and voting for Terry Lillig. You can vote as often as you like until September 7, 2017.

A new volunteer and service opportunity will be coming up this month of September, as we undertake to restore and improve our parish Rosary Garden. Plan to be at St. Regis with us on Saturday, September 16, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going to about 3:00 p.m., to beautify our parish grounds and honor Our Blessed Mother with this service. This work might continue over until the next weekend, on Saturday, September 23, as well.

The remaining schedule for our Corporate Masses in calander year 2017 is as follows: Saturday, October 29th – 4:30PM; We are looking for a Council member to accept a role within the Council to coordinate the fulfillment of the liturgical roles for these Masses.

Remember the Amazon link on our council website. Just click the Amazon link to enter the online store. Our council earns 2% of your total purchase.

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.

Also, please be sure to read the e-mail and Petition from our Brothers, SK Mike Murtha and SK Bill Massop, about the changes in the 4th Degree Regalia being implemented from the Supreme Council of the Knights. The Petition will be available at our general meeting for review and signature, and there is also information about the 4th Degree Regalia changes on the Supreme website, at: www.kofc.org. Please take the time to read up and consider signing the Petition, to address these items.

Old Business:

- 1. We need volunteers to work at St James Place on Monday, September 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 September 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. Bob Brown has agreed to become the Point of Contact for our service at St. James for our Council. Please notify Bob, at: bobbrown07@aol.com, if you would like to serve.
- 2. Mike Apprill will be needing assistance with completing the lighting changes in the parish and school facilities, and will be advising us about those needs in September and October. Please be ready to join in with this work for the parish.
- 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. Don't forget the Ladies and Knights Night Out get-together on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the New Dinner Theater.

New Business:

- 1. St. Regis Rosary Garden Restoration—Saturday, September 16, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m.—Contact Bill Massop for details. Continuing on September 23, 2017.
- 2. Our Council will be conducting the DDD drive at the Hy Vee in Raytown, on October 8-9, 2017, and Tom Fournier will be coordinating our staffing of the shifts for that event. Please sign up via e-mail, or at our general meeting to let Tom know when you can serve as one of our volunteers.
- 3. Our Council has been asked to provide staffing to host the Hospitality Table (Donuts and Coffee) after Masses on November 5, 2017. Please sign up to help with one of the Masses (8:30 a.m., or 10:30 a.m.).
- 4. Our Council will also be participating with the Parish Stewardship efforts in the Month of October, and we have been asked to assist with Hospitality after the Masses on October 22, and with other Ministry Fair events that month. Mike Apprill will be providing more details for our Council's commitment. Plan to join us in this service to our parish. We will coordinate this with a Council membership drive in October, as well.
- 5. Our Council is going to be making an effort to help with donations of clothing items from the John Knox Village thrift store to the Franciscan Sisters in Independence, Mo. SK Fred Krabbe has volunteered to coordinate with SK Homer Radford to deliver items from John Knox Village to the Franciscan Sisters. We should all be looking out to help with this effort by picking up and delivering items to be donated.
- 6. Our Council is making a donation to the Mothers Refuge annual dinner by contributing \$50 to be combined with the Ladies Auxiliary donation of a gift basket for their silent auction.
- 7. 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'll be looking for an event coordinator. Please contact the Grand Knight, if you're interested in taking this on for our Council.

September Birthdays:

Johnny Williams—September 2; Mike Sonderman—September 3; Harold Hanson—September 5; Jayson Becker—September 14; Ralph Ford—September 14; Eric Duckworth—September 18; Ken Glasbrenner—September 18; John Nash—September 20; Dennis King—September 22; Florentino Camacho—September 23; Bruce Thurman—September 27; Rick Jensen—September 29; George Lambert—September 30

Calendar of Events for September

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September 13 – General Meeting; 7:10 pm-Rosary; 7:30 pm-Meeting
September 18 - St James Place; 3:45 pm (or 4:15 pm at St. James)
September 27 - Officers' Meeting; 7:00 pm
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September 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 September.

For the Good of the Order:

Please remember in your prayers the following council members and/or their family members: SK Jack Mitchell, John Weaver, Dennis and Fran Wadle, Dean & Mary Starr, Ed Batcheler, David Berg, Gene Helling, Harold Hanson, Jack Gress. Also, please pray for the repose of the souls of Clarita Bryant (wife of our brother knight, Milt Bryant), and Robyn Sanders (wife of our brother Knight, Jerry Sanders).