



The Knightly News



Knights of Columbus Marion Council 9522
Manchester Missouri

January 2016

Grand Knight's Korner

Happy and Blessed New Year to all! I want to personally thank everyone for a great, great December, and all the organizers for a wonderful Christmas party what a way to end the year! As we start out in 2016, let us make this a really active year. We have a lot going on right off the bat in January, so pick your favorite (s) activity and we will see you there!

Felice Coeurs is January 9th at St. Clare of Assisi, consider joining the party. On January 10th we will be helping with our Parish's **Giving Sunday**. At the Saturday and Sunday Morning Masses, we will man the bins at the front of Church, and take the donated items to the cafeteria for sorting and we will need drivers at 12:30 PM to take the items to Wellston. This weekend (Jan 9/10) is also **Roses for Life Weekend**. We will be putting roses and pencils in the pews before 4:00 PM Mass this Saturday. Any Knights available following the Saturday morning Mass are invited to help. Extra roses will be on the credenza - please check the pews after all Sunday Mass you attend and replenish roses as needed. The monthly **Soup Kitchen** is Monday the 11th, meet at the American Legion Hall to carpool at 7:30 AM. We still need a couple of volunteers for the annual **Free Throw contest** Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th at the gym. Our **Business Meeting** is on the 14th of January beginning at 7:30 PM. And rounding out January is the **Planning meeting** on January 28th which starts at **7:00 PM**.

The shortest month of the year is **February**. Yet it is still filled with activity. Please note the change in date for **Felice Coeurs**. This month's dance is on **February 6th** to avoid conflict with Valentines Day and features a Valentines theme. Next up on the calendar is our **Business Meeting** on **February 11th**. The **Soup Kitchen** will happen twice this month, **February 8th & 29th**. **February 25th** is on the schedule for our **Planning Meeting**.

Finally, just a reminder, our **Business meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM**. It is my hope that you have a blessed month, and stay active in your council.

Rob Libera, Grand Knight

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"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are."

-St. Teresia Benedicta (Edith Stein)



News

Felice Coeurs Party

Felice Coeurs is January 9th at St. Clare of Assisi, consider joining the party. This month's theme is welcoming the New Year. There is a lot of joy to be had by helping these developmentally disabled adults interact together.



Giving Sunday

At the Saturday and Sunday Morning Masses, we will man the bins at the front of Church, and take the donated items to the cafeteria for sorting and we will need drivers at 12:30 PM to take the items to Wellston. If you have a van or truck and the time join us at 12:30, and we will take the fruits of the effort to those in need.



Roses for Life Weekend

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Soup Kitchen

The monthly **Soup Kitchen** is Monday the 11th, meet at the American Legion Hall to carpool at 7:30 AM.

Next month there will be 2 dates.



Please watch this page for activities we do, that might interest you. Ours is an organization dedicated to the Church and it's people.



Business Meeting

Our Business Meeting is on the **14th of January** beginning at **7:30 PM**.

Planning meeting

Rounding out January is the Planning meeting on **January 28th** which starts at **7:00 PM**.

Free Throw Contest

We still need a couple of volunteers for the annual Free Throw contest Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th at the gym.





In the Spirit

PATRIOTISM, ONE OF OUR FOUR PILLARS

While preparing for this month's column, it dawned on me to talk about the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus. So as I always do, I started looking around for inspiration (another way to say God lending a hand). And I ran across this quote: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." by St. Francis of Assisi. Actually this quote would apply to all our pillars, including patriotism.

Our nation started as a small colony of the nation of Great Britain. When first arriving on these shores, the Pilgrims worked hard to just not die. These religious people adapted to this new land, doing what was necessary to survive. They learned to grow crops, including some new varieties native to this land. They learned self governance. They thanked God. They were still subjects of the King of England.

When we gained our independence, we were finally able to govern ourselves. Our forefathers, unlike many other countries, started us down a road of liberty. They codified this through the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Without good people, we could easily be like any run of the mill country run by tyrants. Even countries that have elections, sometimes do not have liberty.

It is important to continue the hard and good work started over 200 years ago by the likes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, John Adams and the rest. And that is the definition of patriotism in America. There is no requirement that we agree on all things, or even most things. We can live with respect for our brother citizens. Throughout my life, there have been a number of Presidents. Some I shared a common philosophy, others not so much. I do respect all these men for their accomplishments. We do not have to wildly follow these men, but respect is earned. We can question policies and motives, but unlike other countries we have bloodless revolutions every 2, 4 or 6 years. We believe in majority rule.

As Knights, we defend the Church and our country. We do good works, we set the example. Whether working a soup kitchen, or Felice Couers, or being a Rosary Warrior, or taking Communion to a shut in, or holding a free throw contest, or being a handy helper, or just praying; we set that example. We help our neighbors. We show love of neighbor. And that is how we defend our nation. Morality respects God, we need to be a moral nation.

We live in a country that has done the impossible. We helped free Europe from tyranny not once but twice. We landed men on the moon. We lead the world in fact and by deed. We are the "shining city on the hill" to quote Ronald Reagan. We ask not what our country can do for us, but rather what we can do for the country, to paraphrase John Kennedy. As Knights let us lead through humility and love.



Birthdays



JOSEPH	CARATENUTO		Jan 03
THOMAS	BROWN		Jan 08
PAUL	BERRYMAN		Jan 09
STEVEN	LUCASH		Jan 12
ROBERT	MAGNETTI		Jan 12
SCOTT	PERRIER		Jan 12
PATRICK	DULATT		Jan 15
JEFFREY	SUZEWITS		Jan 15
MYRON	WILLIS		Jan 22
SCOTT	HARTER		Jan 27

Felice Cuores Party Time

A party for adults, age 18 and older, who are physically handicapped or are developmentally disabled.

***St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria
15642 Clayton Road
Ellisville, MO 63011***

3 ½ miles West of Hwy 141; ½ mile East of Clarkson

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

*\$5.00 includes SounSational DJ/snacks/soda/door prizes
(refreshments served from 7:20 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)*

2015

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

September—Welcome Back

October – Halloween Party – wear your costume

November --Thanksgiving

December – Christmas Party with Santa

2016

January 9, February 6, March 12, April 9, May 14

January – Welcome in the New Year

February – Valentine Party

March – Celebrate the Cardinals--wear Cardinal Red

April – Hawaiian Luau

May – Patriotic Celebration — wear your red, white, & blue

*For additional information call
Bill or Jan Lukas (636) 537-9801
Gerry Villaire (636) 391-1620*

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Auxiliaries in West St. Louis County in cooperation with St. Clare of
Assisi parish*

In the event of inclement weather, call: 636-537-9801 or 636-226-6822 or 636-391-1620 or 314-570-5261 for cancellation information. DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH RECTORY.



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INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Why Choose Us?

- We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been

successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright. Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America

than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 37 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

- We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured

members. In 2012, we paid well over \$487 million in death claims and other benefits,

and more than \$349 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive

is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.4 billion in dividends to insured members.

- We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

And we have a local agent, Jim O'Connell. Jim would be happy to sit down with you

and look at options, based on your need. You can contact Jim by phone at (314)774-1320 or send him an email at : JAMES.OCONNELL@KOFC.ORG