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Kirkwood Council 2117

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May 2024 Newsletter

Grand Knight Keith Beardslee Message



Service to our families, parish and community is crucial to fostering connections, driving positive change, and creating a vibrant, supportive environment for all.

Our actions, big or small, contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our families, parish, and community.

Let's recommit ourselves to service, building a stronger, more inclusive community for our families and parishes.



Upcoming Events Calendar

Visit Council website Calendar (www.kofc2117.org) any time for most current event information

May 2024		
Thur	2	Officer Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Wed	8	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Thur	9	ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Thur	9	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary)..... 7:30 pm
Sat-Sun	11-12	Man-the-Can for Sts Teresa & Bridget Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>)..... All Masses
Sun	12	MOTHERS DAY
Sun	12	Mothers Day Rose Sale - benefiting Birthright (<i>St Peter</i>)..... AM Masses
Sat	18	ARMED FORCES DAY
Sun	19	PENTECOST (<i>Don't forget - wear red to Mass!</i>)
Mon	20	St Louis Chapter Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Mon	27	MEMORIAL DAY
Fri	31	St Peterfest..... Time Slots
June 2024		
Sat	1	St Peterfest..... Time Slots
Thur	6	Officer Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Sat-Sun	8-9	Man-the-Can for Sts Teresa & Bridget Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>)..... All Masses
Wed	12	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Thur	13	Business Meeting (6:30pm/Social, 7:10pm/Rosary) ST GERARD MAJELLA 7:30 pm
Fri	14	FLAG DAY
Sun	16	FATHERS DAY
Wed	26	Officer Installation & Social BBQ (<i>St Peter Church front plaza</i>)..... 6:30 pm
Mon	24	St Louis Chapter Meeting..... 7:00 pm

May Knight Birthdays

6 Mark Minowitz
16 Richard Renard
21 Alexander Brown
23 Eugene Kaiser



24 Kevin Miller
28 Jeffrey Bettag
29 John Lavin

CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

Spot an error? Your big day missing? Please email corrections to kofc2117editor@gmail.com

Upcoming 2024-2025 Officer Elections



Council 2117 officer elections for 2024-2025 Columbian year, which starts July 1, 2024, will be held on Thursday June 13 at the business meeting taking place at St Gerard Majella parish hall.

As required by our bylaws, the following slate of candidates for the elected officer positions is being published in advance of the June election for your consideration.

All candidates are running unopposed and candidates in **bold** is new to specific position

Grand Knight	Tony Jarboe
Deputy Grand Knight	Buzz Jelinek
Chancellor	Keith Beardslee
Recording Secretary	Rich Fanning
Treasurer	David Anderson
Advocate	Dave Renard
Warden	Dennis Buchheit
Inside Guard	Mark Ryan
Outside Guard	Chris Sturm
Trustee First Year	Dan Koskovich
Trustee Second Year	Larry Nelms
Trustee Third Year	Joe Booth

Financial Secretary (Tom Foy), Lecturer (Steve Minowitz), and Chaplain (Fr Christopher Rubie) are appointed positions and not selected by member votes.

Please make plans to attend the June 13 meeting to place your vote and show your support to the Brother Knights listed above who have stepped up to provide Council leadership for the upcoming year.

For this election to be certified, a quorum of members must be present, so please be sure to join us **AT ST GERARD MAJELLA PARSH HALL!**

April Knight of the Month

At the April Council business meeting, **PGK Dennis Buchheit** was recognized as the Knight of the Month for April 2024.

Dennis was honored with this award for faithfully representing our Council each year at the Knights of Columbus State Convention. It is important to the Council to be represented at the state level by such a committed, long serving brother as Dennis.

Thank you, Dennis, for all you do in service to Council 2117.



Charity of the Month

Council 2117 has compiled a list of eligible charities and at each month's business meeting draws the name of one to be recognized as our Charity of the Month. The selected organization receives a \$500 donation from the Council.



There are about a dozen charities that are currently on the list. These organizations serve many of our Council's interests: supporting mothers and babies, veterans, religious, developmentally disabled, the poor and the hungry.

New organizations are frequently considered for the list of eligible charities. At the April meeting, Shawna DuBois, Executive Director of Gabriel's Retreat Ministry, was present to introduce us her organization and its services providing love and support for mothers confronting the many issues surrounding unexpected pregnancies.

We were proud to present Gabriel's Retreat Ministry with a \$500 check as our April charity and will add this important organization to our Charity of the Month list for future donations. To learn more about Gabriel's Retreat Ministry, visit their website at <https://gabrielsretreat.org>.

March Knight of the Month

At the March Council business meeting, **Dan Koskovich** was announced as the Knight of the Month for March 2024. As Dan was away for his annual California "tax season", the award will be presented on his return.

Dan was recognized for his creation of the Council 2117 Scholarship Program in 2019, and his ongoing leadership of this program that awards a \$1,000 scholarship to ten local 8th Grade students choosing to attend a Catholic High School in the fall.

Students submit two essays on their Catholic faith journey and winners are selected from their entries as judged by a panel of four Council Brothers. Winners of the 6th Annual Scholarship Program will be announced in early May.

Dan's commitment to this charitable effort is an example of continuing service to our Council and Catholic faith and a testament to our Council's commitment to our parish youth on the importance of growing in their faith.



New Council Chaplain - Fr Christopher Rubie

With the passing of our dear friend and longtime Chaplain Msgr Gregg Schmidt in March, we reached out to Fr Christopher Rubie, Associate Pastor at St Gerard Majella, with an invitation to assume the role of Chaplain for Council 2117.

We are pleased to announce that Fr Rubie has graciously accepted our invitation and will immediately assume the role of Chaplain for our Council.

Our St Gerard Majella brothers are already well-aware of Fr Rubie's interesting background and his skills as an extemporaneous homilist. We look forward to him gracing us with some inspiring religious messages at our meetings.

Fr Rubie made his 3rd Degree with Council 2117 a while back and has indicated he plans on attending our upcoming business meeting on Thursday May 9. Please plan on joining us to personally greet and thank him.



Man-The-Can Status and Volunteer Callout



With the first quarter of 2024 complete, Council 2117's Man-The-Can efforts were successful in raising our quarterly target of \$7,500 for Sts Teresa & Bridget food pantry. While these results were within goal, they were still slightly below last year.

The biggest impact on collections is having every door manned every Mass during the weekend. Optimal coverage is 6 Knights with one at each door: 3 side doors and 3 doors at the main entrance. Collections increase in direct proportion to the number of doors covered.

This is an easy service opportunity for any regular St Peter Mass attendee. After communion, head to the back of the church to meet your other Brothers, decide which door each will cover, and greet parishioners as they exit the church for about 10 minutes...that's it! When done, empty the can contents into the MTC pouch in the usher room and you have just helped feed the hungry in our north city parish neighborhood.

We especially need help at the evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday. May 11 and May 12 is your next opportunity, so plan on joining us and giving it a try.

Note: Kids and grandkids LOVE to help with this effort and are great donor magnets! God Bless!

St Peterfest – Bottle Beer Tent Volunteers

Council 2117 will again be manning the Adams Bottle Beer Tent on Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1.

Please visit the sign-up page at [Adams Lot Beer Volunteer Spots](#). If all slots are already full, feel free to drop by the tent anytime to help as needed.

This service opportunity is a great, high visibility exposure to our parish and a fun time of fellowship with your brother Knights.





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2023/24 - Roster of Council Officers

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Roster of Council Directors

Program Director	Dave Anderson	Membership Director	Tony Jarboe
Faith Director	Keith Beardslee	Retention Director	Keith Beardslee
Family Director	Ben Krueger	Communications Director	Keith Beardslee
Community Director	Dave Renard	Website/Newsletter Editor	Dan Koskovich
Life Director	Tom Foy		