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**Kirkwood Council 2117**

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## May 2025 Newsletter

### Grand Knight Message

May, or the “Month of Mary,” gives us the opportunity to honor the Blessed Virgin as well as our own mothers. It is appropriate that this time comes in Spring, the season of birth and re-birth. When we think of Mary, our own mothers, and other important mothers in our lives, we should remember the critical role that they play and the incredible sacrifices that they have made for us.

Please continue to pray for Pope Francis as well as for the College of Cardinals as they convene to select the next head of the Catholic Church. It is an awesome responsibility to select the head of the world’s 1.4 billion Catholics. Now more than ever, we need a strong leader to guide us through these challenging times.



### Upcoming Events Calendar

Visit Council website Calendar ([www.kofc2117.org](http://www.kofc2117.org)) any time for most current event information

May 2025		
Thur	1	Officer Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Wed	7	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Thur	8	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary)..... 7:30 pm
Sun	11	<b>MOTHERS DAY</b>
Sun	11	Mothers Day Rose Sale - benefiting Birthright ( <i>St Peter</i> )..... AM Masses
Sat	17	<b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>
Sat-Sun	17-18	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry ( <i>St Peter</i> )..... All Masses
Mon	26	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>
Thur	29	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
Fri-Sat	30-31	St Peterfest..... Time Slots
June 2025		
Thur	5	Officer Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Sat-Sun	7-8	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry ( <i>St Peter</i> )..... All Masses
Sun	8	<b>PENTECOST</b> ( <i>Don't forget - wear red to Mass!</i> )
Wed	11	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting..... 7:30 pm
Thur	12	Business Meeting (6:30pm/Social, 7:10pm/Rosary) <b>ST GERARD MAJELLA</b> 7:30 pm
Fri	14	<b>FLAG DAY</b>
Sun	15	<b>FATHERS DAY</b>
Wed	25	Officer Installation & Social BBQ ( <i>St Peter Church front plaza</i> )..... 6:30 pm
Mon	23	St Louis Chapter Meeting..... 7:00 pm

## May Knight Birthdays

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



24 Kevin Miller  
27 Alex Mayeux  
28 Jeffrey Bettag  
29 John Lavin

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### ***CORRECTIONS REQUESTED***

Spot an error? Your big day missing? Please email corrections to [kofc2117editor@gmail.com](mailto:kofc2117editor@gmail.com)

## Knight of the Month



At the April business meeting held at St Peter, PGK **Keith Beardslee** presented Brother Knight **Buzz Jelinek** (right in photo) with the Knight of the Month award.

Buzz was awarded Knight of the Month for his dedicated efforts as Deputy Grand Knight, frequently stepping in to lead officer and business meetings and regularly contributing insight to new and existing Council activities.

Buzz can always be counted on to answer a call for volunteers to almost any function the Council undertakes.

We thank Buzz for his enthusiasm and leadership...April Knight of the Month!

## Meet Your Brother Knight

Thanks for the warm welcome to our council. I look forward to meeting everyone over the coming months!

A bit about myself...My wife, Emily, and I have been members of St Peter since 2019. We have 3 kids, ages 6.5, 4.5, and 2.5 (yes, my kids insist on that half year being noted!). The older two attend St Peter School (1st grade and Pre-K) and the youngest will be there in a few years. Our oldest went to Preschool and Pre-K at St Gerard Majella before moving to St Peter for kindergarten so we have experience with that parish too.

Life with 3 kids keeps us quite busy, but we have been slowly expanding our activities within the parish. Emily and I each went on an ACTS retreat this past year, which really expanded our sense of community. I am on the ACTS team for the upcoming September retreat. Our kids all play CYC sports (soccer and baseball/T-ball) and I help coach the 1st grade baseball team. We each are involved with regular prayer groups, our kids attend St Peter Sunday School, and I lector every few months at the 8am Mass.



I worked as a cybersecurity consultant for 12 years, traveling Monday - Thursday most weeks. I have since been a stay-at-home Dad the past 5 years. My stay-at-home job is just as demanding as my old work, but in very different ways!

My favorite hobby is playing board games. You will find me playing one most evenings after the kids are asleep for the night. Some of my favorite games include Too Many Bones, Wingspan, and Tapestry. I love following CITY SC and college football (Go Irish). I also spend time each day reading the Bible and am working through the Bible in a Year podcast which I will finish in late September!

## 2025 Scholarship Program Results

The 6th Annual Knights of Columbus Kirkwood Council 2117 8th Grade Graduate Scholarship Program wrapped up with final submission due on April 21.

In total, 34 students participated, marking the second largest pool of applicants in the program's history. The pool of candidates was comprised of 24 St Peter students (including 1 PSR student) and 10 St Gerard Majella students.

**David Anderson, Tom Foy, Keith Beardslee** and Scholarship Chairman **Dan Koskovich** served as judges, reading the submissions of all 34 candidates. With a package that included Hopes and Goals, Extra Curricular Activities, and two essay questions, this was a time-consuming yet rewarding exercise...thank you to our judges!

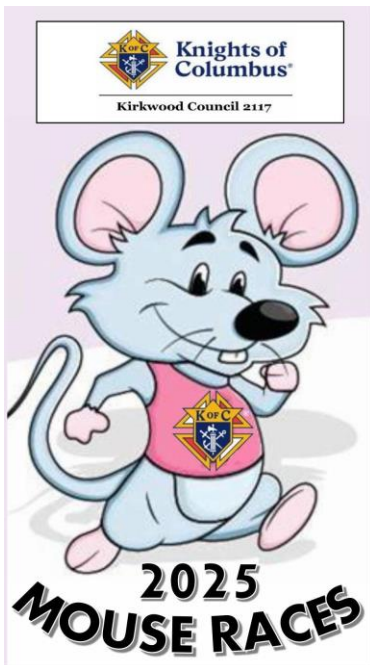


When all the final score sheets were tallied \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to 7 St Peter students and 3 St Gerard Majella students made up of 7 girls and 3 boys moving on to 6 different Catholic high schools: Cor Jesu, St Joseph Academy, Ursuline, Chaminade, DeSmet, and SLUH. The awards and checks will be given to the students at their school's graduation awards ceremonies in the next few weeks.

We have already received thanks from the principals of both parish schools and the program was well supported by both.

Thank you to everyone whose efforts throughout the year make it possible for us provide the wonderful program and best wishes to the elementary schools Class of 2025!

## New Event Coming in August – Mouse Races!



At the April business meeting, a new fundraising event was approved. After several years of the successful summer BBQ fundraiser, difficulty soliciting sponsorships for this year led to the decision to try something new.

Recent brother **Frank Mostek** proposed a Mouse Races event and agreed to chair the inaugural fundraiser. The initial plan is for an event with mouse races, casino style table games and a 50/50 raffle to be held at St Raymond/St Elizabeth on August 23, 2025.

**GK Tony Jarboe** is looking for this event to additionally provide funds for all Council charities in recognition of the fact that the Millburg gift is being spent down and other sources of funds will soon be needed to replace the Millburg funds.

For a new event, August is just around the corner, so Frank will be looking for help in the leadup to the big day and, of course, he will need a good crew of volunteers to make the event day a big success.

Please reach out to Frank at [fbmiea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbmiea@sbcglobal.net) if you can help in any way with organizing and planning the event, obtaining gift basket prizes, or selling and promoting tickets.



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