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Kirkwood Council 2117

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April 2026 Newsletter

Grand Knight Message

Happy Easter! It is hard (for me at least) to believe that Lent is ending and Easter is upon us. For the next eight Sundays, we will celebrate Eastertide, a time when we remember the Resurrection of Christ and his post-Resurrection appearances, culminating with Pentecost on May 24.

This reminds us of Christ's victory over death, and the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles, marking the birth of our Church. During this season, it is particularly important for us to live and preach our faith, just as the Apostles did.

Hopefully after spending the last 40 days preparing for the return of Christ and drawing closer to Him, you are now ready to go out and share the Good News!



During the spring season, life can get busy with graduations, spring sports, and many other activities, so it is important to take time to ensure that we continue to always live and speak our faith to those around us.

Upcoming Events Calendar

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

April 2026

Thur	2	Officer Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Fri	3	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sun	5	EASTER	
Wed	8	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Thur	9	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary).....	7:30 pm
Sat-Sun	11-12	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>).....	All Masses
Mon	20	K of C Council #2117 Scholarship Program - Application Due Date	
Thur	23	New Member Exemplification Ceremony (<i>St Peter Church</i>).....	7:00 pm
Mon	27	St Louis Chapter Meeting.....	7:00 pm

Upcoming Events Calendar (Continued)

May 2026

Thur	7	Officer Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Sun	10	MOTHERS DAY	
Wed	13	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Thur	14	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary).....	7:30 pm
Thur	14	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Sat	16	ARMED FORCES DAY	
Sat	16	Tour of Our Lady's Inn (<i>Definace, MO</i>).....	10:00 am
Sat-Sun	16-17	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>).....	All Masses
Mon	25	MEMORIAL DAY	
Fri-Sat	29-30	St Peterfest - Carnival Beer Booth.....	Time Slots

April Knight Birthdays

2 Tim Leitner
 5 Kenneth Kopp
 6 Jerry Meier
 7 Joseph Lorms
 10 Patrick Barry



11 Stephen Hartmann
 12 Zachary Bevins
 12 Robert Kreutz
 24 Benjamin Krueger
 24 Mark Ryan

CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

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

Knight of the Month

At the March business meeting, **GK Tony Jarboe** announced **PGK Keith Beardslee** as the Knight of the Month Award recipient. Keith was unable to attend the meeting but will be presented with the award at an upcoming activity.

Keith was recognized for initiating and leading the fundraising program review committee which will soon report on the analysis and recommendations for fundraising efforts to sustain the Council's current levels of charitable giving.

Since ending his term as Grand Knight, Keith has maintained his high level of involvement in events and recruiting efforts and continues to exemplify the traits of a model Knight.

Congratulations Keith, your dedicated excellence in service.



Tour of Our Ladys Inn– May 16



After our recent trips to the VA Fisher House and St Josephine Bakhita church and food pantry, our next scheduled tour of a Council supported charity will be a visit to Our Lady's Inn on Defiance, MO on Saturday May 16.

Council 2117 has long supported Our Lady's Inn and its mission to provide residential shelter and comprehensive support services for pregnant women who have chosen life for their babies.

The Brother Knights and family members who made the other recent visits found the experience to be uplifting as well as informative.

We highly encourage all members to consider making this visit, show support for this important organization and see firsthand the value of our charitable activities.

To RSVP or arrange for carpooling, contact Keith Beardslee at keith.beardslee@gmail.com.

St Josephine Bakhita Church / Food Pantry Visit

On March 15, members of Kirkwood Council 2117 made a "fifth Sunday" visit to St Josephine Bakhita Church. The visit to the lovely 100-year-old church included Mass, coffee and donuts, and a guided tour of the parish food pantry we assist by 'Manning the Can' and delivering the monthly food collections from St Peter parish.



Parishioners were very welcoming, with many expressing their gratitude for our steady support.

Brothers **Keith Beardslee PGK**, **Mike Hatke** (with Theo), **Chris Byrne** (with Patrick), **Paul Carrillo**, and **Dennis Buchheit PGK** are pictured.



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2025/26 - Roster of Council Officers

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