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SPECIAL GUEST AT OCTOBER MEETING

I am pleased to announce that we will be having a very special guest at our October business meeting - Mary Niswonger, the liaison between the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics Missouri. Since Mary was hired by SOMO a little over a year ago, she has been traveling from her home near St. Louis and meeting with councils and encouraging them to become more active with Special Olympics. And while most of us are somewhat familiar with Special Olympics, here are a few things I bet you didn't know:

- * Athletes who participate in Special Olympics double the likelihood they find and keep employment.
- * The motor skills of young children who participate in the "Young Athletes Program" improve at twice the rate of children who are not involved.
- * In 2014, there were 332 different Special Olympics competitions which were held across the state.
- * 21 different sports are offered.
- * Around 35,000 volunteers annually assist the 17,000 Special Olympics athletes; however, there are approximately 120,400 individuals with intellectual disabilities across the state so only 14% of those eligible are currently participating.

Special Olympics Missouri is trying to help increase the opportunities for those who are not currently participating by building a centralized "Training for Life Campus" near Jefferson City. In this way, athletes from throughout the state can be brought into this centralized facility, which will be made to accommodate the special needs of these athletes. Currently, SOMO rents various facilities to conduct athlete training, but they are not built to accommodate Special Olympians. Plus one important service they will now be able to provide in this new facility is "Healthy Athlete Screenings." Currently these screenings are done only at the State Games, which means only 6% of SOMO athletes receive medical screenings. These screenings include: dental, vision, hearing, foot and ankle care, nutrition, obesity, and flexibility and balance. At this new Campus, this screening will be done on *each athlete* who comes in for training. I could go on, but I will save something for Mary to say! Please plan on coming to our meeting on October 14 at 7:00 to meet Mary and learn more about SOMO.



**Special
Olympics**
Missouri



PILGRIMAGE TO CONCEPTION ABBEY / CLYDE

The Missouri State Council is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Conception Abbey / Clyde Monastery on Sunday, September 27, and everyone (Knights and non-Knights) is invited to attend. The schedule includes:
9:00 - Juice and Pastry in Welcome Center
10:10 - Orientation with Guest Master
10:30 - Mass in the Basilica
11:30 - Lunch with the Seminarians
12:30 - Join Monks for Daytime Prayer
12:45 - Tour Basilica
1:30 - Travel to Clyde
1:35 - Tour Clyde Monastery & Gift Shop
Leave when you are done at Clyde.
The only cost is \$7.00 per person for lunch. So the Abbey knows how many plan on eating lunch, you are asked to RSVP to the Chairman Ed Columbus at 816-358-8831 or edcolumbus@aol.com We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY & NOVEMBER: MONTH TO REMEMBER ALL SOULS

To commemorate these special months celebrated by the church, we have two special events we ask Knights and family members to attend:

- * On Sunday October 4, we will come together to pray the rosary prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. This will be done (weather permitting) outside of the Parish Center at our Monument to the Unborn.
- * On Saturday, November 14 we will have our annual Memorial Mass / Knights Mass and Meal at the 5:00 PM services. We are asking family members of deceased Knights to bring a picture of him with them to Mass. These pictures will be placed on a table near the altar. Prior to Mass we will pray the rosary for our departed brothers. At the Mass itself, all ministries will be performed by Knights. And then afterwards, we will have a catered dinner in the Parish Hall. We will need lots of help to make this happen.

CHARITY

- * \$100 to Conception Abbey Rector's Appeal
- * \$75 to Sponsor a Hole in the St. Gregory's Golf Tournament
- * \$360 to place an ad in the St. Gregory's Bulletin
- * Provided a BBQ meal for the Newman Center to welcome students to Northwest (Pics on Page 3)

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

If you have an email address, but are receiving a paper copy of this in the mail, please provide your email address to me so that we can help the environment and save money on postage and printing.

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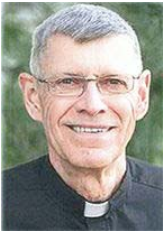


SPOTLIGHT ON FALL EVENTS

Please look over the calendar on the right column as this shows you what all we have planned for the rest of this Fraternal Year. Here are some fall events we hope that you highlight and put into your calendar:

- October 4 - Pray rosary prior to 8:00 Mass
- October 23-25 - Our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities will take place where we pass out Tootsie Rolls. We will do HyVee and Walmart on Friday evening, the Northwest Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning, and then after all Masses that weekend. Please be willing to help distribute Tootsie Rolls this year.
- November 14 - Memorial Mass / Knights Mass
- December 5 - Kawasaki will once again have a Holiday Party and we have been asked to help set up and bus tables as we have done in the past. This is a very lucrative fund raiser for us, so we are in need of many volunteers to help make this happen!

PASSING OF FR. OSCAR LUKEFAHR - CHAIRMAN FOR THE RELIGIOUS INFORMATION BUREAU



Fr. Lukefahr
7/20/39 - 8/10/15

It is with a great deal of sadness that I want to share the passing of Fr. Oscar Lukefahr (Fr. Luke) with you. Fr. Luke was the Knights chairman for the Religious Information Bureau (R.I.B.), and the Director of the Catholic Home Study Service in Perryville, MO. Fr. Luke wrote a total of 9 books on the Catholic faith including: *We Live: To Know, Love and Serve God; We Believe... A Survey of the Catholic Faith; We Pray: Living in God's Presence; We Worship: A Guide to Catholic Mass; A Catholic Guide to the Bible; The Search For Happiness; The Privilege of Being Catholic; Christ's Mother and Ours; and The Catechism Handbook.* These books are provided free of charge to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. These books are sent to thousands of people from across the globe each year, plus they are used by many parishes in their RCIA programs.

THIS RIB PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE MISSOURI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

When you pay your dues each year, \$7.50 of it goes to support this program. The courses associated with the books are FREE for everyone to take, and in honor of Fr. Luke I would like to encourage you all to take one of these courses this fall.

You can find information on them, and how to register, by going to www.amm.org/chss/



2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 27 - Pilgrimage at Conception Abbey / Clyde
 Oct. 1 - First Degree (Conception Seminary College)
 Oct. 4 - Pray Rosary before Mass (Statue to Unborn)
 Oct. 10 - Provide Bartenders for "Lettuce Dream" Dinner
 Oct. 14 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Oct. 23 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at HyVee & Walmart
 Oct. 24 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at NW Homecoming Parade
 Oct. 24-25 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls after all Masses
 Nov. 11 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Nov. 14 - Knights Memorial Mass (Rosary Prior to Mass - Dinner afterward in Parish Center)
 Dec. 5 - Kawasaki Holiday Party
 Dec. 9 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 - 2016 -
 Jan. 2-3 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Jan. 13 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
 Jan. 16-17 - Baby Bottle Campaign (Distribute Baby Bottles at Masses)
 Jan 23-24 & 30-31 - Collect Bottles from Parishioners
 Jan. 30 - Serve Lunch at Special Olympics Basketball Tournament (Bearcat Arena)
 Jan. 30 - Missouri Mavericks Hockey Game (Independence Center) *[State Council sponsored outing]*
 Jan. 31 - 2nd & 3rd Degrees (Conception Seminary College)
 Feb. 3 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room) - **OFF SCHEDULE DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY!**
 Feb. 6 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)
 Feb. 6-7 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Feb. 7 - Help Ladies Auxiliary with Mardi Gras Brunch
 Feb. 12 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
 Feb. 12 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
 Feb. 14 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
 Feb. 26 - Fish Fry #2 (for Maryville Pregnancy Resource Center) (Parish Hall)
 Mar. 5 - Horse Racing Fundraiser for St. Gregory's (Parish Center)
 Mar. 5-6 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
 Mar. 9 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Mar. 11 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
 Mar. 18 - Fish Fry #4 (for Camp Quality) (Parish Hall)
 Apr. 9 - 4th Degree Exemplification (KC Airport Hilton)
 Apr. 13 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 Apr. 22-24 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)
 May 11 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - Wives Invited)
 June 8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page www.kofc1339.org and click on "Upcoming Events"**



KEG OF SILVER

- July - No Meeting
 August- \$36.00 - Vince Wilmes (not present)
 September - \$41.50 - Tim Barmann (not present)

Members who attend a meeting put \$0.25 into the pot. One name is drawn from a list of all council members. If that member is present, he takes home 1/2 of the pot; if he is not present the total will roll forward to the next month. This continues until the pot reaches \$50.00 when names are drawn until a winner is present.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member Pat Jordan into our Council! We are scheduling a First Degree somewhere in our District every month so please ask all eligible Catholic men to join! All 1st Degree Members are **strongly encouraged** to go through the 2nd & 3rd Degrees which will be held at Conception Abbey on January 31.



4th DEGREE

For all current and future 3rd Degree members, please considering joining the Patriotic arm of our Order - the 4th Degree - at an Exemplification at the Kansas City Airport Hilton on April 9. The Class honoree will be Fr. Karl Barmann. Our Assembly will be paying the registration fee for any candidates who go through this year!



Once again council members stepped forward to help out at Camp Quality Northwest Missouri. As we have done the past several years, we served breakfast and lunch on the opening day of Camp. Plus of course we do a yearly benefit Fish Fry for them as well. But I can think of no better cause than to help in "Letting Kids with Cancer be Kids Again."



Newman Students attending "Mass in the Grass" on the Sunday prior to the start of classes were treated to our annual BBQ meal.



2015 Supreme Convention
Philadelphia, PA

11 Cardinals, 100 Bishops and 200 Priests Celebrated the Opening Mass



Cardinal Rigali & State Deputy Milson



Martinsburg Council Won the International Family Activity Award



The Missouri Delegation Prior to the States Dinner