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**Special  
 Olympics**  
 Missouri



## Training for Life Campus

Once again we are asking you to add an additional \$10 to your 2018 dues which will go towards the "Training for Life Campus" which Special Olympics Missouri is building near Jefferson City. We have made a pledge to attain the Bronze award which means a donation of \$25 per member (in the 4 total years of the pledge phase). We are hoping to get such a good response from members that we end up reaching the Silver (\$50 per member) or even Gold (\$100 per member) level! If we reach any of these levels, our council will be recognized on a plaque at the Center. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Fry (February 23) will also be a benefit for this facility, and the money we raise with it will be included with what we collect with our dues.

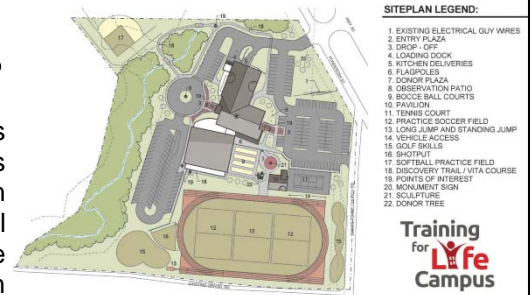
Last year I detailed many of the features which are being included to accommodate the needs of Special Olympians, as well as the services they will provide, so I will not go through it again. But suffice it to say that ours will be the PREMIERE Special Olympics training facility in the United States, and very well may be the best in the world.

So when you are paying your 2018 council dues, please consider adding an *additional* \$10 to go towards the SOMO Training for Life Campus.

You can pay your 2018 council dues at any time. Unless you are an "Honorary" or "Honorary Life" member\*, please send your check for \$30 (or \$40 to support SOMO) to:

Mike Grudzinski  
 723 E. 7th St.  
 Maryville, MO 64468

(Make checks payable to  
 "KofC Council 1339")



Training  
 for  
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*\*Honorary members are those members who have reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been a member for at least 25 consecutive years. Honorary Life members are those who have reached their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been a member for at least 25 years. If you fall into either of these categories, please wait for your dues statement (if any) before sending in any money.*

### SUPPORT OF PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

We did something a little different for our November meeting, in that we had Gwen Knowles, the director of "The Source" (the Pregnancy Resource Center in Maryville) be a guest speaker. We invited wives to attend as well (and had a pot-luck afterwards).

Gwen's message was so compelling and at times scary\*, I believe everyone who attended wanted to do something right then and there to help her with her mission to help guide women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy to not abort their baby. Grand Knight Robert Rice coordinated with her, and we will be doing a "Baby Bottle Campaign" in January with all of the proceeds going towards "The Source." Please help out with this very important cause if you can.

\*I noted that her message was "scary" at times because she does presentations in high school, and abortion is thought of in a very casual manner. In fact, death itself is thought of in a very casual manner as well. The younger generation has (apparently) been exposed to so much death in their lives that they have become numb to it.



THE SOURCE  
 MEDICAL CLINIC

### LENTEN FISH FRIES



If there is one thing we seem to do right, it is our Fish Fries! It is getting to the place where people are asking us when we will be holding them! The only downfall seems to be in finding members to help work. This year we will again be doing a total of four fish fries.

Two will benefit our Council, and two will be run on a "Free Will" donation basis to benefit causes we support.

- #1 - February 16 (Council)
- #2 - February 23 (SOMO Training for Life Campus)
- #3 - March 9 (Council)
- #4 - March 23 (Camp Quality)

### PASSING OF TWO MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter, two brother Knights have passed away - Merle Barr and Bill Schafer. 2017 was a bittersweet year for us in that we lost a total of 5 members which saddens us, but when we think of them earning their eternal reward, we are happy for them. So we pray to our Heavenly Father that these brother Knights rest in peace:

- Bob Schulte (January 26)
- Richard Zimmerman (March 30)
- Roy Seipel (September 5)
- Merle Barr (September 23)
- Bill Schafer (December 1)



## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 6-7 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- 10 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
- 18 - Admission Degree (Conception Junction)
- 20 - SOMO Basketball Tournament - Council Provides Lunch (Bearcat Arena)
- 27 - 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)
- 28 - Formation & Knighthood (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees (Conception Seminary College)

### February

- 3-4 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- 7 - **OFF SCHEDULE** (due to Ash Wednesday) Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- 11 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)
- 15 - Admission Degree (Stanberry)
- 16 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
- 16 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
- 23 - Fish Fry #2 - for Special Olympics Training for Life Center (Parish Hall)
- 25 - Lenten Retreat (Conception Abbey)

### March

- 3-4 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry
- 9 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
- 11 - Clergy Appreciation Dinner (Conception Abbey)
- 14 - Monthly meeting [Admission Degree at 6:00 PM prior to meeting] (Knights Room)
- 23 - Fish Fry #4 (for Camp Quality) (Parish Hall)

### April

- 11 - Monthly meeting [Admission Degree at 6:00 PM prior to meeting] (Knights Room)
- 14 - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification (KC Airport Hilton)
- 27-29 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)
- 29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary (Mass TBA)

### May

- 9 - Monthly Meeting [Steak Fry - Wives Invited] (Youth Cabin at Mozingo)
- 10 - Admission Degree (Conception Junction)

### June

- 13 - Monthly meeting [Admission Degree at 6:00 PM prior to meeting] (Knights Room)

**For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page [www.kofc1339.org](http://www.kofc1339.org) and click on "Upcoming Events"**

## KNIGHTS "HAPPY HOUR" AT "THE PUB"

GK Rice has initiated informal monthly gatherings for Knights at The Pub. It is always on a Friday, and goes from 5:00-6:30 (or so). No agenda or commitments, just a chance for Knights and wives to socialize, without the need to clean-up afterwards. Please join us!

## CHARITY:

- \$100 to Conception Abbey for Health Care costs for aging Monks
- \$100 to Catholic Charities of KC-St. Joseph
- \$300 to support Nodaway County D.A.R.E.
- \$100 in gift cards to help brighten the holidays for the family of Brother Knight James Graham who is deployed overseas. (We are also waiving his 2018 dues.)
- We made a profit of \$1,699.25 by distributing Tootsie Rolls at HyVee, Walmart, the Northwest Homecoming Parade, and following all Masses. One half of that money will go to the Knights of Columbus Development Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital, and half will go to the SOMO Training for Life Campus. (See pictures on Page 3)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

In January we have several very important events:

- \* Jan 20 - Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Bearcat Arena. We will need help in both preparing and serving the lunches.
- \* Jan 27 - Youth Basketball Tournament at the Maryville Community Center. Help is still needed with Gate, Concessions and Clean-up.
- \* Jan 28 - Formation & Knighthood (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees will be held at Conception Abbey. All 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to go through these degrees. Current 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members are encouraged to attend as observers.

## 2017 IN REVIEW

As 2017 comes to a close, I ask you to remember in prayer your five brother Knights who passed away this year (information on Page 1).

But I would also like to remind you of what successful year we had! Our P.A.T. Van program continues to grow, helping more of our elderly citizens; by partnering with other local and county entities we had a very successful "Coats for Kids" drive collecting over 300 coats; we had another successful Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; we support Special Olympics Missouri; and we continue to support our church, clergy and seminarians.

*Merry Christmas*



Don't Be a **S**ilent **K**night  
Recruit a New Member Today!

## KEG OF SILVER



- October: \$51.00 Andy Spire (not present) Names were drawn until a member present was selected - Dick Van Vactor took home \$25.50
- November: \$29.25 - Larry Auffert (Not present)
- December: \$33.25 - Gary Baumli (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 he is present he takes home 1/2 of the pot, otherwise it rolls forward to the next month.





Following the death of Deacon Roy Seipel, the St. Benedict's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly (of which Roy was a member) paid approximately 2/3 of the cost (and the council put forth the rest needed) to purchase a chalice in memory of Roy for St. Gregory's. Shown presenting the chalice to Fr. Albert are 3 of Roy's children: Kathy Lipiec (wife of brother Knight Olav), brother Knight Tom Seipel, and Sir Knight Edward Seipel.



*Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities*



Our Council partnered with a local Boy Scout Troop (and several other community groups) to collect "Coats for Kids." Through our combined efforts, we collected over 300 coats for needy children throughout Nodaway County.