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Special
Olympics
Missouri



Tornado Damage to Training for Life Campus



Last year it was noted that 2019 would be the last time we would ask for donations for the Special Olympics Missouri Training for Life Campus - however the unexpected happened and on May 22 a tornado went through Jefferson City and did \$1.1 million in damage to this facility, which had only been open for 6 months. Our council voted at our December meeting that we will once again ask that members add an additional \$10 to your dues, which will go to help SOMO in their rebuilding efforts. [Thanks to your generosity, our council has already attained the "Silver" medal status with \$10,786.51 in donations. The Silver medal is awarded to councils who have donated \$50 per member during the 5 years of the pledge program.]

I don't mean to have the SOMO TFL building overshadow the main point, and that is that you can pay your 2020 council dues at any time. We have maintained our \$30 annual dues rate for quite a few years now, which is hopefully not too big of a financial burden for anyone. Please note that the \$30 we ask for INCLUDES a \$7.50 donation to the RIB program, and also covers State and Supreme Per Capita totals.

So when you are paying your 2020 council dues, please consider adding an *additional* \$10 to go towards the SOMO Training for Life Campus.

You can pay your 2020 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")

**Honorary members are those members who have reached their 65th birthday and have been a member for at least 25 consecutive years. Honorary Life members are those who have reached their 70th 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.*

CHARITY

- * \$500 towards the diocesan program of "Coats for Kids." Combined with donations from councils from through the diocese that purchased 53 cases of coats which were distributed diocesan-wide. This included 4 cases for Tarkio and 4 cases for Conception Junction / Stanberry.
- * \$100 to Conception Abbey for their annual Rector's appeal
- * \$100 to Conception Abbey for their Endowment for the Care of Aging Monks
- * \$50 to Conception Abbey for their "Blessings Program" in memory of deceased member Edward Klaas, Jr.
- * \$50 to Serena Hawkins to attend a Catholic Conference in Phoenix
- * We provided the beer and wine which was served after the "Dream Event" on December 4.
- * During our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls), we made a profit of \$1,853.26. This means \$926.63 went to the KofC Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and we voted to give the other half to Lettuce Dream.

(Grand Knight Ken Garner presents the check to Lettuce Dream VP Wayne Pierson.)



LENTEN FISH FRIES



If there is one thing we seem to do quite well, it is our Fish Fries! We once again have 4 scheduled for this year. Last year we had to raise our prices due to the cost of fish going up. We have opted to keep our prices the same this year - \$10 for Adults (High School and up), \$5 for Elementary & Middle School students, and Free for those age 5 and under.

- #1 - February 28 (Council)
- #2 - March 6 ("The Source" Pregnancy Resource Center)
- #3 - March 20 (Council)
- #4 - March 27 (Camp Quality)

PASSING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN 2019

This is always difficult to write but I must note that in 2019 we lost three brothers as they earned their heavenly reward.

- ◆ Leroy Wilmes (April 11)
- ◆ Earl Seipel (August 22)
- ◆ Ed Klaas, Jr. (September 26)

Please keep their families in your prayers this holiday season as I'm sure their presence will most certainly be missed at their family gatherings.



2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

29 - 5th Sunday Rosary (Mass TBA)

January

4-5 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry

8 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)

11 - SOMO Basketball Tournament - Council Provides Lunch to Athletes and Coaches (Bearcat Arena)

25 - 5th-6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament (Maryville Community Center)

February

1-2 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry

9 - Knights Free Throw Contest (Parish Center)

12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

16 - State Pilgrimage Mary, Queen of the Apostles Convent (Gower)

23 - Ladies Auxiliary hosts Mardi Gras Brunch

28 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)

28 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)

March

2/29-3/1 - Canned Goods for Food Pantry

6 - Fish Fry #2 - for "The Source" Pregnancy Resource Center (Parish Hall)

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

20 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)

22 - District Wide Clergy Appreciation Dinner (Conception Abbey)

27 - Fish Fry #4 (for Camp Quality) (Parish Hall)

28 - Open House at KofC Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Everyone is invited to attend.

29 - 5th Sunday Rosary (Mass TBA)

April

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

18 - 4th Degree Exemplification (St. Therese Church in Parkville)

24-26 - State Convention (Jefferson City - Capitol Plaza Hotel)

May

13 - Monthly Meeting [Steak Fry - Wives Invited] (Youth Cabin at Mozingo)

14 - Admission Degree (Conception Junction)

31 - 5th Sunday Rosary (Mass TBA)

June

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

27 - "Knights Day at the K" - Royals will play the Cleveland Indians. Tickets are \$35 which includes a tailgate and \$5 donation to Special Olympics.

For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page www.kofc1339.org and click on "Upcoming Events"

50/50 RAFFLES AT MEETINGS

At the end of each meeting we conduct a 50/50 raffle for those who wish to participate. Congratulations to the following winners.

- * October: Kieran Wilmes \$7.00
- * November: Ron Spire \$8.50 (Ron donated his winnings back to the council.)
- * December: Buddy Mayfield \$7.50



UPCOMING EVENTS

In January, February and March we have several very important events:

- * Jan 11 - Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Bearcat Arena. We will need help in serving lunch to the athletes and coaches.
- * Jan 25 - Youth Basketball Tournament at the Maryville Community Center. Help is needed with Refereeing, Gate, Concessions, Clean-up, etc. Please volunteer to help out!
- * Feb. 9 - We will be holding our annual Free Throw Contest in the Parish Center
- * Feb. 16 - Knights from around Missouri will be gathering with the Nuns at the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of the Apostles in Gower for a State Council sponsored Pilgrimage. I can't express enough how much I hope that you and your family will attend. There will be Mass (in Latin) followed by reflection with the Nuns. Please note that the average age of these Nuns is 27 years old! This will be a great pre-Lenten activity for you and your family.
- * Feb. 23 - Please support our Ladies Auxiliary when they do the Mardi Gras breakfast.

NEW "COMBINED" DEGREES

Very recently, the Supreme Council debuted a new "combined" degree which brings together the old Admission, Formation and Knighthood (1st, 2nd & 3rd) degrees. It is still being "fine tuned" but the vast majority of those who have previewed it have given it very high marks. While change is always hard, the previous degrees were not in line with what the men of today want, and in fact are a hindrance to them advancing into the higher degrees (2nd & 3rd) which is also hurting the number of potential 4th Degree members. Space prohibits me from listing all of the changes involved, but the major items include: No more secrecy as wives and the general public are invited to attend and it will only take about 30 minutes. The suggested venue is in church immediately after a service where people would stay and attend. I will report more information once everything is finalized.

2019 IN REVIEW

Under the guidance of Grand Knights Robert Rice (January-June) and Ken Garner (July-December) we have had a very successful 2019. We continue to provide Faith Formation by providing a Bible Study program which is open to everyone in the parish. We earned a combined profit of over \$8,800 on our 4 Fish Fries, of which \$2,211 went to Special Olympics Missouri and \$2,125 went to Camp Quality NW Missouri. We provided \$500 to the parish to help fund the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We supported the St. Gregory's Youth Group and Newman Center with more than \$750 in money and/or supplies. And we have given Conception Abbey / Conception Seminary College over \$500 in donations. Great things are happening within our council. Please get involved!



Merry Christmas

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the newest members of our Council - Nic Garner and Dave Moore. It is great to be able to bring young members into our Order!

Don't Be a **S**ilent **K**night
Recruit a New Member Today!
Give the gift of membership this
holiday season.



Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities



Carson Rogers (Grandson of Rick)



Ron Spire



Russ Schuster



Grand Knight Ken Garner and his son Nic (newest member of our council) work the Parade Route



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