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PARISH MISSION

One of the most important things we have ever done as a Knights council recently occurred as we sponsored a Parish Mission on two consecutive evenings - Monday and Tuesday, September 12-13. Not only were there four incredible speakers, but there were also numerous religious relics on hand for people to venerate (photos of a small portion of the relics available are on Page 3). There were also various religious books, pamphlets, handouts, CDs, rosaries, etc. which were either available for a small charge or given away for free. And they also had many, *many* framed religious pictures which were available at no charge. (Their goal is to have as many religious pictures in people's homes as possible.)

I should also note that we partnered with the Cathedral of St. Joseph on this so on Monday two of the speakers were in Maryville while the other two were in St. Joseph, and then they switched for Tuesday.

Both evenings began with Mass and then there were two presentations. Fr. Albert was also available for those who wished to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. In between the presenters, attendees had the opportunity to view the relics and gather articles to take home.

As an added benefit, one of the presenters stayed one extra day and on Wednesday did a separate presentation specifically geared for the students at St. Gregory's. We have heard many reports on how excited the students were with their experience.

The goal of the mission was to "Ignite a Fire" in peoples' hearts for the love that Christ and Mary have for us all, and based upon the feedback from those in attendance, that goal was met! Attendees were given several examples on how the Eucharist is TRULY the body and blood of Christ, and not just a ritual representation, and that Adoration is one of the best ways for us to become closer with Christ.

As noted previously, the Knights* were the ones who sponsored this Mission, but additional thanks and recognition need to go to Rick & Shelia Smail, and Carla Spire and Dorothy Schafer for providing a meal for the presenters and their "support staff" on both evenings. Other Knights who need to be recognized are Grand Knight Roger Laughlin for arranging this, but for also providing lodging at his house. Plus Don Crane provided one presenter with a ride to KCI for his flight. We would also like to thank the Drury Inn in St. Joseph for providing complementary rooms for the speakers as well.

There is a distinct possibility that one of the presenters will be asked to come back to do another presentation in the near future, so we will need to wait and see if that happens. But if it does, I would STRONGLY encourage you, your spouse, and your children to attend. Especially any adult children you have which may have fallen away from the Catholic Faith.

* \$500 was provided by Maryville Council #1339 and \$500 was provided by the 4th Degree St. Benedict Assembly #3287.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SURVEY

In middle August, we send out a survey asking council members what they thought about the number of activities we currently do. We received 43 replies, and the results break down as follows:

81.4% of the respondents thought we had a good number and mix of activities, and we should keep them all.

11.6% thought we should keep doing everything we are doing, but add more.

7% thought we should quit doing certain activities and add different ones.

0% replied that we should quit certain activities, and not add others.

Based upon this and some comments we received, we are going to do the following:

- Meet with Fr. Albert to see what he would like to see the Knights do for the Parish.
- Rethink who will be the beneficiaries of our 2 benefit Fish Fries.
- Even though it was quite popular, we will not be doing a Tenderloin fundraiser this fraternal year. This may be something we do next Fall.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey.

CHARITY

- Provided lunch for Newman Center students (Pictures on Page 3)
- \$100 to sponsor a hole in the St. Gregory's Golf Tournament
- \$100 to the "Knights on Bikes" group in their effort to purchase Teddy Bears which they place in Children's Hospitals
- \$100 to purchase 5 tickets for the Special Olympics Missouri "Drive it Home" raffle. (Grand prize is a 2022 Ford Ranger.)
- \$150 to Purchase materials for our council from Tim Francis (presenter at the Parish Mission)
- \$257 to Supreme for Per Capita, Catholic Advertising, and Culture of Life assessments
- \$456 to renew our advertisement in the St. Gregory's Parish Bulletin

NEW MEMBER

We are proud that Ian Myers joined our council at Unified Degrees held on August 7. Ian is a Maryville police officer, is married to Ashley and they have 2 children. Please help us in welcoming our new Brother Ian into our Council. If you know of any other Catholic gentlemen who would benefit from membership in the Knights - ask them to join us!



SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

Please look over the calendar on the right column as this gives you an overview of what we have planned for the upcoming Fraternal Year. Some events we hope that you highlight to put into your calendar:

- Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities - once again will we split the distribution at HyVee, Walmart and the Homecoming parade to one weekend (Oct 21-22), and our church distribution to the next weekend (Oct 29-30). We can always use more help for our Homecoming distributions. We are also looking into the possibility of taking donations using a QR code. For those who are not familiar with this technology, a person would use their smart phone to scan a QR code. That brings up a site on their phone which they can use to make a donation. With fewer and fewer people carrying cash today, it is something we definitely need to consider.
- Knights Mass / Memorial Mass - We plan on holding this at the Saturday 5:00 services on November 12. At this Mass, all ministries (Servers / Lector / Sacristan / Eucharistic Ministers / Ushers) will be done by Knights, or Knight wives, or Ladies Auxiliary Members. Plus we will lead the Rosary for our Deceased Members prior to Mass.
- On January 28 the Missouri State Council will have a KofC night at the Missouri Mavericks in Independence. It is a fun evening for the entire family. The cost of your ticket includes a pre-game tailgate, the game itself, plus a portion will go to Missouri Special Olympics.
- Fish Fries - Please note that our Lenten Fish Fries will occur on February 24, March 3, March 17 and March 31. Please place these dates on your calendars as we need many people to help with our Dine-In and Carry-Out options. One change we have made is when our council leads Stations of the Cross. We normally do it the same night as our first Fish Fry, but we have decided to try something different and host them when members are not busy working at the Fish Fry. In this way, more members will be able to attend Stations.



MISSOURI STRONG

As you may recall, my slogan as State Deputy was "We are Knights of JOY - Jesus Only You." Our new State Deputy, Doug Kissinger, selected "Missouri Strong" for his slogan. I'm not sure where Doug got the inspiration for his slogan, but it may be from the following: "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

I'm not sure that I could find a better bible passage than that to describe what we as Knights strive to be. We do all we can to protect our families, church and community; we are proud of our Catholic faith and are constantly working to improve ourselves; we stand strong for the things we believe in; and this is all done in a spirit of love. I think what brings this all together is us doing this as a brotherhood. We support our programs, but most importantly, we support one another.

2022-2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 22 - Provide Meal for SOMO Bocce Tournament (Maryville)
Oct. 9 - Pray Rosary - 7:30 AM (Statue to Unborn)
Oct. 9 - Help with Setup and Tear Down at St. Gregory's Fall Fest
Oct. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
Oct. 21 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at HyVee & Walmart
Oct. 22 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at NW Homecoming Parade
Oct. 29-30 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls after all Masses
Nov. 9 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
Nov. 12 - Knights Memorial Mass at 5:00 PM Services (Rosary for Deceased Members Prior to Mass)
Dec. 14 - Monthly meeting

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Jan. 11 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
Jan 28 - KofC State Event - Hockey Game at Missouri Mavericks
Jan. TBA - Serve lunch for SOMO Basketball Tournament
Feb. 8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
Feb. 19 - Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch
Feb. 24 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
Mar. 3 - Fish Fry #2 (for cause TBD) (Parish Hall)
Mar. 8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
Mar. 10 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
Mar. 17 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
Mar. 29 - Founders Day
Mar. 31 - Fish Fry #4 (for cause TBD) (Parish Hall)
Apr. 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
Apr. 15 - 4th Degree Exemplification (Kansas City)
Apr. 21-23 - State Convention (Columbia - Holiday Inn Convention Center)
May 10 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - Wives Invited)
June 14 - 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"

OVERTURN OF ROE VS. WADE

We can most certainly rejoice over the recent Supreme Court ruling which overturned Roe vs. Wade, and placed abortion policy back at the state level. As I'm sure you know, Missouri has an abortion policy which went into effect almost immediately following the court ruling. But what impact does this have on us as Knights?

First of all, only Missouri's neighboring states of Arkansas and Oklahoma have abortion policies in place. Women facing unplanned pregnancies can certainly continue to get an abortion by traveling across a state line. That is why the Missouri Knights are continuing our efforts to change the culture from one of "Choice" (a culture of death) to a culture of "Life." The State council will continue on with the "Meet Life" program, where women get to "meet" their baby, through an ultrasound.

Many people ask what we are doing to support mothers who end up choosing Life. At the Supreme Convention, the Supreme Council introduced a program called ASAP - Aid and Support After Pregnancy. This program encourages councils to support Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes in their area. For each \$500 a council provides to a Center, Supreme will donate \$100 to that Center. If a Council gives \$1,000, Supreme will donate \$200. What a fantastic way to show that we as Knights are there to support Life.



Group Picture for Parish Directory



2022-2023 Officer Installation



Newman Center BBQ



Relics at Parish Mission



Blessed Michael McGivney



Padre Pio



St. Anne (Mary's Mother)



Clothing from Mary



Clothing from St. Joseph



Piece of Wood from Jesus' Crib



Piece of Crown of Thorns



Sliver from Cross Jesus was Crucified On



Part of the Shroud of Turin