



# Knights of Columbus

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Chaplain - Fr. Albert  
Grand Knight - Roger Laughlin  
Deputy Grand Knight - Phil Smail  
Chancellor - Matt Bax  
Recorder - Rick Rogers  
Financial Secretary - Mike Grudzinski  
Newsletter Editor - Mike Grudzinski

### DUES

There are still several members who have not yet paid their 2023 council dues. Please remember - a majority of your council dues go to the Supreme Council, the State Council, and for the R I B program:

#### Dues Breakdown -

Supreme Per Capita	\$3.50
Catholic Advertising	\$1.00
Culture of Life Fund	\$2.00
State Per Capita	\$6.00
R I B	\$7.50
Council Operations	\$10.00

**TOTAL \$30.00**

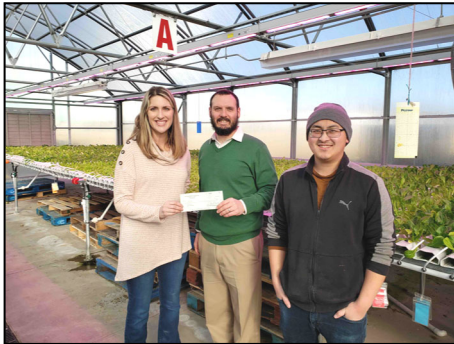
We still have to pay these assessments on members, even if they don't pay their dues!

If you have not paid up yet, please send a check, made out to "K of C Council 1339" to:

Mike Grudzinski / 611 Peaceful Way / Maryville MO 64468

### FINAL TOOTSIE ROLL TOTALS

We brought in \$1,934 for this year's Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities which means that 1/2 of that total (\$967) goes towards supporting the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and our council gets to decide where the other half will go. Our council voted that this year it would go to Lettuce Dream. Shown to the right is our Community Director Buddy Mayfield presenting their check to them.



### FAITH FORMATION

Last summer we send out a survey to members asking them what they would like to see us do as a council, and one area listed was "Faith Formation." We have hosted a weekly Bible Study for several years, and all people (not just Knights) are invited to attend so we tried to come up with other things we thought might be of interest. Fr. Albert wanted to see the movie "Fr. Stu" so on December 28 we scheduled a viewing. For those who do not know, Fr. Stu is based upon the true story of Fr. Stuart Long, who turned from being a lifelong troublemaker to becoming a Priest. On March 5 we showed the movie "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love." This is the award winning docudrama produced by the Knights of Columbus. While the people that attended both of these films were very happy that we showed them, there was not an overabundance of people in attendance. So if you have ideas on other types of Faith Formation events you would like us to host, please make sure you let us know.

### FISH FRIES

As this is being written, we have completed 2 of our 4 scheduled Fish Fries, and they have been VERY successful. We estimate that we served almost 700 meals at the first one, and over 700 at the second one, taking into account our Dine In / Take Out / and Drive Thru options. In fact we ran out of fish at both, even though we increased the amount we fixed at our second one. We will provide complete details and pictures in our Summer newsletter, but I did want to show the new 3-basket deep fryer we purchased to help supplement what we are cooking in our old 6-basket one. If it wasn't for adding this additional fryer, there is **no way** we could have kept up with demand!



### CHARITY

- \$250 to go to the Nodaway County DARE. program
- \$250 to the benefit for Brother Knight Todd Rickabaugh
- \$400 (approx.) for the food needed to feed Special Olympics Missouri Athletes, Coaches and Volunteers at their Regional Basketball Tournament which was held at Bearcat Arena. (Pictures on Page 3)
- \$450 (enough to sponsor 3 St. Gregory's Confirmation students) to go on a retreat at Conception Abbey next August
- \$300 (enough to purchase 2 wheelchairs) was donated to the American Wheelchair Mission
- R I B - (approximately) \$1,300 to meet our 100% quota - R I B stands for Religious Information Bureau and \$7.50 of your dues goes to fund this program. This money is then turned over to each Diocese for a variety of Faith Enrichment programs.
- \$60 to help support the Raffle being put on by the Kansas City - St. Joseph KofC Chapter. The money raised helps to support the many activities done by the Chapter.
- Thank you to all members who helped with or supported our Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch.

### PATVAN

A big "Thank you" to everyone who volunteers to help with the PATVan. Through your help, we made a total of 61 runs in 2022 which earned \$2,540 for our council! That is one reason we were able to increase our charitable donations. If you do not currently volunteer to help out by taking a PATVan shift (about 3-4 times per year) please consider doing so. You will be placed with a partner, so you do not need to solo, and training will be provided.

## COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Our council has been providing a \$500 scholarship to a graduating HS Senior who attends St. Gregory's, St. Benedict's (Burlington Junction) or St. Paul's (Tarkio) since 2005. At a meeting earlier this year, the council voted to increase our scholarship total to \$750. We all know the cost of higher education increases each year, and we hope that by increasing our award it will help out our winner even that much more. If you know a HS senior who is eligible, make sure you let them know and encourage them to apply. Applications must be postmarked by March 31.

## STATE CONVENTION

Our council will be well represented with four members attending this year's State Convention, which will be held April 21-23 in Columbia. Phil Smail and Tom Spire were elected as delegates to represent our council. Ron Mathias will be in attendance in his role as the Leadership Development Chairman. Mike Grudzinski will be there in his role as the Immediate Past State Deputy. This is a new beginning for the State Convention as it will not be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City for the first time in about 30 years.



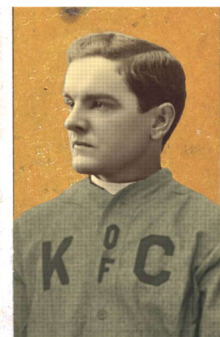
## KofC ROYALS GAME

On June 17 the State Council will be hosting a Knights Game at the K as the Royals will be taking on the Los Angeles Angels. Tickets are \$40, but that also includes a pre-game tailgate (burgers, brats, hot dogs, beans, chips, desserts and water) PLUS \$5.00 from each ticket will go to Special Olympics Missouri. NEW THIS YEAR - when you place your ticket order, you can purchase a parking pass (good for this game only) for \$17. This is less than 1/2 of the regular cost of \$35 if you purchase your parking pass on site.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney was a baseball player in his youth and was quite good. Other people in baseball you may know have been members of our Order

Connie Mack-Manager  
John "Mugsy" McGraw-Manager  
Mike Sweeney-KC Royals Catcher,  
First Base & Designated Hitter  
Ron Guidry-Pitcher  
Gil Hodges-First Base  
Shane Victorino-Outfield  
John Evers-Second Base (famous in the "Tinkers to Evers to Chance" double play call)  
Babe Ruth-The Sultan of Swat  
Vin Scully-Hall of Fame Broadcaster



## 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. (Each of them donated their winnings back to the council.)

- \* January: Ron Mathias \$7.00
- \* February: Rick Rogers \$8.00
- \* March: Ed Seipel \$9.00

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

17 - Fish Fry #3 (For Our Council)

31 - Fish Fry #4 (For Nodaway County Special Olympics)

April

12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

15 - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification (St. Therese Church in Parkville)

21-23 - State Convention (Columbia - Holiday Inn Convention Center)

May

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

June

14 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

17 - "Knights Day at the K" - Royals will play the Los Angeles Angels

**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" #**

As noted above - on May 10 we will have our annual "Steak Fry / Officer Election" meeting. You and your wife (or a guest) are cordially invited to attend! The council will be grilling steaks, and each couple is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. The cost of the steaks has not been determined yet but it will probably be \$5 or \$6 (whatever our cost is on them). The council will also provide beverages. We will have a brief meeting (to elect our slate of officers) and then enjoy an evening of fellowship and "horse racing" so make sure you bring a few dollars with you to bet on the ponies!



**LOCATION REMINDER** - This will once again be held at the Mozingo Lake Youth Camp Multipurpose Building. If you come to only one meeting this year, make it this one! And make sure to bring your wife (or a date).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS

"Pursuing Growth with Integrity"

Catholic investors often face a dilemma of choosing between investment growth and their moral values. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic firm committed to faith-based investments. Unlike other companies, being Catholic is part of everything the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors does. The profits help to support charity, evangelization and the Church at the local and global level. KofC Asset Advisors serves the Catholic community, managing well over \$30 billion in assets. You can take advantage of this Catholic-Faith based approach to building your investment plan. Asset Advisors offers:

- ⇒ Retirement Planning
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John Mahon - [mahonagency@mail2@kofc.org](mailto:mahonagency@mail2@kofc.org)  
855-356-4849

Please Note: Not all KofC Field Agents have been trained in this program, so please contact John Mahon and he will line up someone to talk to you about it.



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



We are pleased to welcome Mark Parra (pictured left) into our Council. Mark joined Online and then went through the Unified Degrees on February 5. We would also like to welcome Brother Knight Michael Vinck, who transferred into our Council when he moved to this area. However, we must also say farewell to one member, Dan Gallagher, who has moved to Smithville and has transferred to the Smithville Council.

*Ask a Man to  
Become Your  
Brother!*



Our Council led Stations of The Cross for the Parish. Members involved include: Edward Seipel, Tom Spire, Rick Rogers, Mike Grudzinski and Ron Mathias.



4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members welcoming athletes and then providing a Color Guard for the Opening Ceremonies



Northwest Region Basketball Tournament hosted at Bearcat Arena on January 14. Our Council served and provided the lunch for athletes, coaches and volunteers. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly, along with Law Enforcement, provided a Color Guard for the Opening Ceremonies.



Phil Smail, Rick Smail, Danny Schieber and Drew Driskell

