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Catechesis of the
**GOOD
 SHEPHERD**
 "Let the little children come"
 Matthew 19:14

As we are about to begin a new calendar year, that also means it is time to pay your 2023 Council Dues. Every year we ask members to add an additional \$10 to go towards a cause, and this year it was voted on to support the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" which St. Gregory's implemented a couple of years ago. CGS is a new way to teach younger children religious education. There is an "atrium" which contains simple materials. These materials representing the life of Christ and His teachings help to make the great mystery of who God is more understandable for the child. Children become familiar with the articles of the Eucharist and Baptism by arranging them in their own atrium on miniature altars and fonts. The children also become acquainted with the gestures of our liturgy and their meaning of the Paschal Mystery: Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. The response of the children to this program has been remarkable!



Example of CGS Set-up

So when you are paying your 2023 council dues, please consider adding an *additional* \$10 to go towards St. Gregory's CGS program.

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.

You can pay your 2023 council dues at any time. Unless you are an "Honorary" or "Honorary Life" member*, please send your check for \$30 (or \$40 to support CGS) to:

Mike Grudzinski
 611 Peaceful Way
 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.*

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

I understand that many members support our council activities and programs, just because that is what we do as Knights, and are not concerned about getting any recognition or receiving any type of reward. Due to our hard work in recruiting new members, promoting Fraternal Benefit Nights, and holding numerous Programs, we were among a select group of councils that earned the prestigious Star Council Award for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year! (See picture below of Grand Knight Laughlin receiving the plaque from District Deputy Rick McMillen.) There are approximately 17,000 KofC Councils world-wide, and only 1,702 of them won the Star Council Award last year. That means that only about 10% of councils attained Star Council status.

So every one of you needs to pat yourself on the back for a "job well done." However, Grand Knight Laughlin is working hard to lead our council to winning the Star Council Award again for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. We can do it, if everyone pitches in to help!



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, with 2 benefiting our council and 2 to benefit local charities. We are going to continue to do each one using a "Free Will Donation" manner. We will also continue to do both Dine-In and Drive-Through

options, so we will need **MANY MEMBERS** to help out with each Fish Fry.

- #1 - February 24 (Council)
 - #2 - March 3 ("The Source" Pregnancy Resource Center)
 - #3 - March 17 (Council)
 - #4 - March 31 (Special Olympics of Nodaway County)
- Please Note - Our Council will lead Stations of the Cross on March 10. In this way members who are normally working the fish fry can attend.

PASSING OF COUNCIL A MEMBER IN 2022

This is always difficult to write but I must note that in 2022 we lost one brother as he earned his heavenly reward.

- ♦ Gerald "Jerry" Wilmes (September 17)

Please keep Jerry's family in your prayers this holiday season as I'm sure his presence will most certainly be missed at their family gathering.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

28 - Showing Movie "Fr. Stu" in our Knights Meeting Room. Meet and Eat at 6:00, with movie to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

January

11 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
14 - Serve lunch for SOMO Basketball Tournament
28 - KofC State Event - Hockey Game at Missouri Mavericks

February

8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
19 - Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch
24 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)

March

3 - Fish Fry #2 (for "The Source") (Parish Hall)
8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
10 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
17 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
29 - Founders Day
31 - Fish Fry #4 (for Special Olympics of Nodaway County) (Parish Hall)

April

12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
15 - 4th Degree Exemplification (Kansas City)
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"

CHARITY

- * \$500 towards the diocesan "Coats for Kids" program. Our donation will be added to donations from all other councils in our Diocese and these coats will be given to Catholic Charities to distribute throughout the Diocese.
- * We provided a hamburger meal for our local Special Olympics athletes during a Bocce Tournament. (See pictures on page 3)
- * We provided chili and cinnamon rolls for the Spoofhound Football team after a Mass that the team members attended together. (Pic on page 3)
- * We promoted the movie "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" shown in St. Joseph to members and parishioners. Everyone who attended was very inspired by the story of this modern day saint.
- * We provided assistance in setting up and taking down for the Parish Picnic. The parish was very appreciative of our help.
- * In October we did our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls), and so far we made a profit of \$1,806.75. This means \$903 will go to the KofC Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and we voted to give the other half to Lettuce Dream. (We still have boxes of Tootsie Rolls left, so we are waiting to see if we can sell them before "closing the books" on this year's drive.) Thanks to Buddy Mayfield for chairing this year's drive.

SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

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

- * Jan 14 - Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Bearcat Arena. We will need help in serving lunch to the athletes and coaches.
- * Fish Fries on 2/24, 3/3, 3/17 and 3/31. I would like to note that at our December meeting members voted on which 2 local groups we will support for Fish Fry #2 and #4. It was very nice to see so many people at our meeting to vote on which causes we will support.
- * Jan 28 - Please join us for the Missouri Mavericks Hockey game. Contact GK Laughlin by 1/13 if you would like tickets.

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Annual

Knight at the Mavericks

January 28, 2023

Location: Cable Dahmer Arena
Independence, Mo.

Tailgating starts at: 5:00 p.m.
Game starts at: 7:10 p.m.
Tickets: \$35.00 includes ticket, tailgating and donation to SOMO
Make Checks out to [Columbian Chairities of Missouri](#)
Send ticket order to: David Dillon, Family Involvement West
21427 165th Trl
Marshall, Mo 65340

GET INVOLVED!

As Knights we have all taken a pledge of Charity, and we do a nice job in supporting charitable causes; however, I ask that you step up to help out our church! I don't just mean monetarily (which is very important) but by volunteering for a ministry at Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Cantors, Ushers and even Servers at EVERY mass. As Knights we should be the SPIRITUAL leaders of our parish, and helping at Mass is a good place to start. Like our Supreme Knight has said "Where there is a Need, there is a Knight to help."

ESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

We all have a great deal to be thankful for this holiday season - our families, our brotherhood and our Catholic faith. To quote Pope Francis from one of his Christmas messages. "May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Savior and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realize anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!"

Merry Christmas





Danny Schieber shows his medal winning form in playing bocce

SOMO Bocce Tournament



Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities



Leading Rosary Prior to Mass

Feeding Spoofohound FB Team After a Team Mass