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REBOOT

I most certainly hope that you were able to attend the Reboot event sponsored by the parish. To have a nationally known speaker like Chris Stefanic come to Maryville is amazing (see pictures on Page 3). Chris will be one of the speakers at the National Eucharistic Congress, the first to be held in 83 years, next year in Indianapolis! His message energized and rejuvenated the faith of everyone in attendance - but now the main thing is we need to keep that enthusiasm going! As the spiritual leaders of the church, we as Knights need to be in the forefront! What can we do to keep the fire that was ignited by Chris going? First and foremost we need to be active within our Catholic Faith. When we all joined the Knights, we stated that we were a Practical Catholic, as understood by the Church. But do you know exactly what that means?

"A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church."

There are 3 parts to this, which let's look at more closely.

1. Do you accept ALL of the teachings of the Catholic Church? What about birth control? The Death Penalty?
2. What exactly are the "precepts of the church?"
The precepts of the Church are the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics. They are (1) attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation, (2) confess your sins at least once a year, (3) receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season, (4) observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, and (5) provide for the needs of the Church.
3. What does it mean to be in "good standing" with the church?
In a nutshell it means that you are eligible to receive Holy Communion at Mass. But that means that you are without a "grave" sin, and have not yet confessed that sin.

Let me be the first to say that none of us are perfect...but if you reread the 2nd line of the definition above you will note it says that we should *aspire* to live in accord with the Precepts of the church. Yes, we will falter, we are human! But as Catholics we have the greatest way to get back within the graces of God, and that is through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

What are some other things we can do? You will see that it says we need to "provide for the needs of the church." An important part of this is through almsgiving, but also through your actions. There are numerous ministries within the church which need YOUR help. Lectors. Eucharistic Ministers. Cantors. Choir Members. Ushers. Altar Servers. But not only those during Mass, but other things such as counting the money collected at Masses, teaching a religious education class, helping at funerals, etc. Reboot yourself and come back stronger in your faith.

MEMBERSHIP

If you read the first column, the focus is on what each of us can do to help ourselves become closer to God, but there is something else you can do as well, and that is to ask a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights. He very well may be struggling with his faith and could use the spiritual guidance and brotherhood which the Knights provide. Or maybe he is already strong in his faith and in his church actions, and what he might contribute through his membership may very well help to get others back into church.

When I was at a meeting at the Supreme Headquarters, the Supreme Secretary addressed all of the State Deputies and told us "The main job of every husband and father is to get his wife, his children, and himself into heaven." This may seem like a daunting task even for some of you reading this; but if you think about our principle of Unity, by working together we can help each other to reach this heavenly goal.

I will close with this:

It is one thing to know who you are. It's another to live it. To put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus.

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 Conception Abbey's "Partnering for Future Priests" program. This donation was made in honor of Fr. Martin De Meulenaere as he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.
- \$490 to renew our advertisement in the St. Gregory's Parish Bulletin
- \$500 to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Gregory's to purchase new bibles
- \$400 to The Source Pregnancy Resource Center was provided by the Supreme Council through the ASAP (Aid & Support After Pregnancy) program. Supreme provided this money because we donated the \$3,341 we earned during the Lenten Fish Fry for them.
- David Schieber donated a freezer which we can use to store food for our fish fries. Thank you David!
- Thank you to all of the Knights who helped to Usher at the Reboot event.

The true meaning of charity is often lost today. It is not merely a feeling, nor is it solely a gift of time, talent or treasurer. It is more than almsgiving. It is more than good works. The greatest act of charity the world has ever known is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who freely and willingly offered Himself for us on the Cross. Christ's redeeming love is the true measure of Charity. Charity is a heart that sees Christ in our neighbor. And through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can, like Christ, make a sincere gift of ourselves to others.

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:

- Our annual Family Picnic / Officer Installation will take place on Saturday, September 30 at Ron & Carla Spire's. Please plan on attending and bring your children or grandchildren!
- We will once again be providing a meal for the Nodaway County Special Olympics Bocci Tournament at Franklin Park on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 PM. Please plan on attending to help serve food, or to cheer on the athletes!
- 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 4. 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.
- Sometime in January or February, 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 16, February 23, March 8 and March 22. Please place these dates on your calendars as we need many people to help with our Dine-In and Carry-Out options. We will once again lead Stations of the Cross when we host our first Fish Fry on February 16.



- Fourth Degree - On April 6, 2024 there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Therese Church in Kansas City. The Honoree will be Abbot Benedict Neenan, OSB, from Conception Abbey. 3rd Degree Members who wish to publicly show their patriotism for our country and their love for our church are invited to join the Fourth Degree at this degree. Fourth Degree Members have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship.

2023-2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

30 - Family Picnic / Officer Installation (Social Hour 6:00, eat at 7:00) (Ron & Carla Spire's - 24697 Jade Road)

October

11 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 15 - Provide meal for Nodaway County Special Olympics Bocci Tournament at Franklin Park
 20 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at HyVee & Walmart
 21 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls at NW Homecoming Parade
 28-29 - Distribute Tootsie Rolls after all Masses

November

4 - Knights Mass / Memorial Mass at 5:00 PM Services (Rosary for Deceased Members Prior to Mass)
 8 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

December

13 - Monthly meeting

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January

10 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
 TBA - Serve lunch for SOMO Basketball Tournament
 TBA - KC State Event - Hockey Game at Missouri Mavericks

February

7 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room) (*OFF SCHEDULE due to Ash Wednesday*)
 11 - Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch
 14 - Ash Wednesday
 16 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
 16 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
 23 - Fish Fry #2 (for cause TBD) (Parish Hall)

March

8 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
 13 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 22 - Fish Fry #4 (for cause TBD) (Parish Hall)
 29 - Good Friday / Founders Day
 31 - Easter Sunday

April

6 - 4th Degree Exemplification - Abbot Benedict Neenan of Conception Abbey will be the Honoree (Kansas City)
 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
 26-28 - State Convention (Columbia - Holiday Inn Convention Center)

May

8 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - Wives Invited)

June

12 - 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"

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.)

- * July - No Meeting
- * August: Mike Grudzinski \$4.50
- * September: Phil Smail \$7.00





REBOOT
a life-changing event



The Missouri Delegation at the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando