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DUES

There are still several members who have not yet paid their 2024 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 "KofC Council 1339" to:

Mike Grudzinski / 611 Peaceful Way / Maryville MO 64468

FISH FRIES

As of this writing, we have just completed our final Fish Fry. The money amounts listed below are the *proceeds* received at each event. Once we have finalized our total expenses, we will divide that number by 4 and subtract that amount from the total we received to determine our Profits.

- Fish Fry # 1 (For our Council) \$5,795.25
Dine In = \$3,673.25; Drive Through = \$2,122.00
- Fish Fry # 2 (For The Source) \$6,402.00
Dine In = \$3,975.00; Drive Through = \$2,427.00
- Fish Fry # 3 (For our Council) \$5,882.00
Dine In = \$3,269.00; Drive Through = \$2,613.00
- Fish Fry # 4 (For Nodaway County Special Olympics) \$8,347.00
Dine In = \$6,026.00; Drive Through = \$2,321.00

At our March meeting we voted to use whatever profits we receive for our council fish fries to pay for the new Ice Maker which was installed in the school cafeteria. The approximate cost for the ice maker was \$3,000.

I would like to take an opportunity to recognize members who worked at EVERY Fish Fry, starting with Rick Smail, Roger Laughlin, Mark Parra and Phil Smail who came in early to get things set up. We also had a crew who helped with breading the fish EVERY TIME: Paul Heflin, Larry Auffert and Warren McConkey. Working our Drive Through EVERY TIME was Bryce Farnan, Curt Jeter, Erika Jeter and Lincoln Jeter. There were 2 Knights who volunteered to work the Serving Line for EVERY event and that was Art Filips and Cody Piveral. Manning the Dessert table for EVERY Fish Fry was John Meyers, Mike Shipps and Mark Schieber. Making himself available to run the Dishwasher for EVERY Fish Fry was Deacon Mike Casteel. Helping Tom Spire with the Clean Up crew for EVERY event was Ron Spire and Don Crane.

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FISH FRIES (continued from Column 1)

In terms of our Fish Fryers, they pretty much keep to themselves but I know Mike Driskell, Drew Driskell, Edward Seipel, Benny Wynn, Dwight Florea, Steve Klotz and Darren White were at a majority of them. I hate to put a list together because inevitably I have missed someone, but I will close with a big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped out. I know there were members who worked 3 of the 4 events, and others who worked 2 of them. Plus Thank You to everyone who provided a Dessert.

If you didn't help out with any Fish Fries this year, I would invite you to do so next year. Our first two principles are Charity and Unity. Working at a Fish Fry is doing your pledge of Charity, but also building Unity with your Brother Knights.

CHARITY

- As noted in the first column, we will be donating (approximately) \$3,000 to St. Gregory's to pay for the Ice Machine for the School Cafeteria. Those who have been members for awhile may remember that we purchased the ice machine which was just replaced.
- \$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.
- \$100 to the Maryville Fire Department to purchase pamphlets for area youth.
- Our council served donuts after the 8:00 AM Mass on March 10.
- Thank you to all members who helped with or supported our Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch.

In terms of Charity, we would like to recognize the Maryville Elks Lodge. One of the refrigerators we use to store Fish Fry supplies quit working. We put out a plea to see if anyone had a refrigerator they would donate to us. If no one had one, we were going to be forced to purchase one. However, the Elks stepped forward and donated one of theirs. That is what makes fraternal societies so great. We not only help people in need, but we also look out for one another. Thanks again Elks!

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER WE LOST IN 2023

In our December Newsletter a list of members who passed away in 2023 was included. Unfortunately, one name was omitted and I want to rectify that by including him here.

- ♦ Norbert Schmitz (Nov 30)

Please pray for his wife Joan and their family as they continue to mourn his loss.



STATE CONVENTION

Our council will be represented by three members attending this year's State Convention, which will be held April 26-28 in Columbia. Grand Knight Phil Smail was elected as our delegate to represent the 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.



PATVAN

A big "Thank you" to everyone who volunteers to help with the PATVan. Through your help, we made a total of 71 runs in 2023 which earned \$2,840 for our council! 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.

DECLINE TO SIGN

Throughout the state, abortion supporters are actively collecting signatures for an initiative petition to insert abortion into the Missouri Constitution on the fall 2024 ballot. If successful, this extreme initiative petition would revoke the legal protections that currently safeguard preborn children and mothers in the state. Missouri Right to Life has released the following 10 reasons you should "Decline to Sign."



1. Parental Consent Laws will be eliminated.
2. Partial-birth / Late-term abortions on demand will be considered a "right."
3. Abortions available all 9 months of pregnancy.- Based upon "physical or mental health" reasons.
4. Health & Safety standard for abortion clinics will be eliminated. - If this passes, anyone could provide an abortion without a healthcare license.
5. Missouri's 52+ Pro-Life laws will be eliminated.- A constitutional amendment overrides any laws which have been passed.
6. Women lose the ability to sue for malpractice for anything that might happen during an abortion procedure.
7. Pregnancy Resource Centers (like The Source in Maryville) will be forced to refer women for abortions.
8. Ultrasounds eliminated. - Abortion clinics will no longer be forced to offer or show a mother an ultrasound of her baby.
9. Significant loss in revenue to Missouri state revenues.
10. Taxpayer-funded abortions will become a "right" and lawmakers will be forced to appropriate funds to abortion providers.

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.

- * January: Tim Woolery \$6.00
- * February: Roger Laughlin \$8.00
- * March: Tom Spire \$6.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 6 - 4th Degree Exemplification (St. Therese Church in Parkville)
- 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- 26-28 - State Convention (Columbia - Holiday Inn Convention Center)

May

- 4 - BEHOLD Eucharistic Event in Kansas City (World War I Memorial) This is being held in conjunction with the four Eucharistic Processions which are taking place in preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis
- 8 - Monthly Meeting [Steak Fry - Wives Invited] (Youth Cabin at Mozingo)

June

- 2 - St. Gregory's is considering having a Corpus Christi procession and if everything can be worked out, Knights will be asked to be involved.
- 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" #

As noted above - on May 8 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 be 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 guest).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

It has been quite some time since I have included an Insurance article into our Newsletter, but we are now lucky to have Luke Baker assigned as a Field Agent to our Council. Some of you may think that all the Knights of Columbus insurance offers is retirement plans. They do offer retirement plans, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. Do you want to protect your Family? Of course you do! But what is right for you at age 30, is no longer appropriate for you at age 60. When you have small children at home, you need to make sure your wife and children are protected if something happens to you. As you age, and your children leave home, you want to make sure you are planning for your retirement. But what is right for you? Maybe investing in Retirement Annuities? But maybe you are interested in Long-Term Care (Nursing Home or Home Care) insurance? For those who are still working, maybe you might be interested in Disability Income Insurance? Do yourself a favor and contact Luke and he can come do an insurance check-up with you. Even if you met with a Field Agent 10 years ago, your life stage has changed!

Luke Baker - (913) 370-3882

**MEMBERSHIP
UPDATES**



We are pleased to welcome Cody Pival and Travis Pierson (pictured to the left) to our Council. Cody and Travis joined during Unified Degrees on January 28. We are also pleased that Eric Henry transferred into our council (from Conception Junction). All 3 of these members have "hit the ground running" as each volunteered to help at our Fish Fries. We did lose one member as Michael Vinck transferred to a council in Kansas City.

*Ask a Man to
Become Your
Brother!*



Fish Fries 2024
It takes many members to make a successful fish fry. From the people who deliver to our Drive-Through customers, the crew that puts together the Drive-Through orders. The Serving Line workers. The people who cook the fish. Our dessert servers and those who bus the tables and take care of our drink table. Thank you (again) to everyone who helped out.

