

Knighly News

July 2017 - #17-7

A Word From The Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Hello everyone I hope your summer is starting off well, we just had our election of officers and would like to congratulate and thank everyone who was elected, it is very rewarding to be part of this aspect of the KC, so thank you. I would also like to congratulate Jack Denny on his election into the hall of fame. Just a reminder to everyone if you are the last one to leave the KC please set the alarm we just upgraded the system so please use it.

Thank You and God Bless!

Kenny Fitzgerald, Grand Knight

Insurance Agent

If you ever thought; it's time I review my insurance needs the time is now. The KC offers you the opportunity to review your program with an insurance professional. Mike Muto is here to assist you. Please contact him at (217) 801-8688.

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Council 4175 Ladies Auxiliary will be held Thursday, August 3, 2017, in the Council Hall at 7:00 PM. Come spend an evening and socialize with the ladies from the Auxiliary.

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Election of Officers

At the May Council meeting Grand Knight Kenny Fitzgerald conducted the Council's 2nd Nomination and Election of Council Officers for the upcoming 2017-2018 fraternal year. The Officers took office on July 1, 2016. The following is the slate of new Council Officers.

- Grand Knight Kenny Fitzgerald
- Deputy Grand Knight..... Vince Laub
- ChancellorMatthew Daniels
- Treasurer Earl Schroeder
- Recorder.....Kevin Danner Jr
- Advocate John Mehlick
- Warden Karl Kohlrus
- Inside Guard..... Terry Eckenfels
- Outside GuardMartin Petterchak
- 3 Year Trustee..... Mark Kremitzki
- 2 Year Trustee..... Tom Kohlrus
- 1 Year Trustee..... Mike Downey
- Alt. to Grand Knight Jim Meyer
- Delegate Earl Schroeder
- Alt. to DelegateBill Warren

Tuition Aid Drawing

The Annual Paul McAnarney Tuition Aid drawing was held during the May Council meeting. There was a discussion to provide 2 High School awards for \$800 each; and 3 Grade School award for \$500. The following students were awarded tuition aid:

\$800 High School Awards

- Clarie TreesSHG
- Luke HildebrandSHG

\$500 Grade School Award

- Madeline Steele St. Aloysius
- Talia Daniels St. Aloysius
- Logan Treloo St. Aloysius

Congratulations to all the students and their families.

April
Knight of the Month



Terry Eckenfels

Grand Knight, Kenny Fitzgerald announced at the April Council meeting that the Knight of the Month for April was Terry Eckenfels. Terry works all the fish fry's, chicken dinners and volunteers his time at a lot of the clubs many different charities and functions.

Thank You and Congratulations Terry!

May
Knight of the Month



Dave Danner

Grand Knight, Kenny Fitzgerald announced at the May Council meeting that the Knight of the Month for May was Dave Danner. Dave works all Fish Fry's and the Chicken Dinner. Dave was co-chair at the 50/50 drawing for Chicken Dinner, as well as selling 187 tickets. Dave can be found volunteering at every major club function.

Thank You and Congratulations Dave!

Interested in Being a KC Bartender

We need your help. We are looking for volunteers. Are you interested in being a KC bartender? We pay the bartender \$40 for their services and they keep their tips. If you are interested, contact our Building Manager, Vaughn Whiteman, at 217-553-6905.

2017 - 2018 Fish Fry Dates

- September 8 and 22, 2017
- October 13 and 27, 2017
- November 10, 2017
- January 12 and 26, 2018
- February 16 and 23, 2018
- March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2018
- March 30, 2018 (Good Friday)

Are you a practicing Catholic?

Brothers, I recently had the chance to watch a video on the life of Fr. Michael J. McGivney the founder of the Knight of Columbus. In the video I saw where our roots are from and how the order has grown. The Knights started in a Catholic church, St. Mary's, in New Haven, Connecticut. This got me thinking; are we staying true to our origins? Are we being true to our Catholic faith? What does it even mean to be a practicing Catholic?

The church gives us 5 precepts to show us what the minimum is to be considered a practicing Catholic. First and foremost, is going to mass every Sunday and during holy days of obligation. This may sound like a lot for our busy schedules, but that equates to less than 70 hours of time we are asked to spend praising our savior each year. Most of us spend more time than that doing other extra curricular activities.

Second, we are asked to go to confession once a year. Confession is a time when we can reflect on who we are and how we can become a better version of ourselves. Are we the greatest friend, father, husband, or whatever our situation may be? Confession is a great gift that allows us to start fresh.

Third, we have to receive communion at least once during the season of Easter. If we are going to mass every Sunday this one should be in the bag, here in the United States.

Fourth, we are asked to observe days of fasting and abstinence. That's only several days a year and we serve fish for most, if not all of those.

And finally we are called to provide for the material needs of our church in whatever ability we have. So we can give monetary donations, offer our labor, serve at mass, whatever our abilities allow.

Brothers, we cannot be Catholic in

name only. We have to practice our faith. I don't say any of this to belittle us, but to inspire us to be more, including myself. The Knights of Columbus is not an order established to get a cheap beer, to watch a game with our buddies, to play cards, to serve fish, or any of the other items we do if those things are not founded in the faith of the Catholic Church which Jesus Christ Himself has given us. We are called to deepen our faith with Christ. We vowed to do so when we entered the order so if we are not doing so we need to reevaluate what Christ is calling us to be and if He is calling us to be a Knight.

St. Francis of Assisi yearned to be a knight of Assisi, but he later realized it was more important to be a knight of Jesus. To be a Knight of Columbus is to be a knight of Jesus Christ fighting the evil of this world with love and we learn to deepen that love by being a practicing Catholic of the very church He gave us.

Thanks and many Blessings,

Matt Daniels, Chancellor

Bingo at Caritas Hall

We need your help on Monday nights, to help with Bingo. Help is especially needed from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM to sell at the counter, this is a sit down job and you can work once a month, once every two weeks, every week. We are also seeking volunteers on an as needed basis. You can leave as early as 6:30 p.m.

We are also seeking help to walk the floor and sell raffle items and call back bingos from 6:15 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. You can work once a month, every other week, or every week or volunteer to be available any night that we are short of help.

If you can spare a couple hours and help out at this important fundraiser for our Council, please contact Earl Schroeder at 753-3189 or just show up on any Monday night.

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Knights of the Month for 2016

January Marty Petterchak
 February Steve Rose
 March Jeff O’Shea
 AprilTerry Eckenfels
 May.....Dave Danner

Knightly News By Email

Interested in volunteering to receive your news letter by email? Send an email with your name, regular mailing address and email address:
knightsofcolumbus4175@gmail.com

For the Good of the Order

Deacon Ben Hoefler, Brother David Sarnecki, Danielle Loftus, Mary Schroeder, Leroy David, Daniel Caminiti, Stanley Anderson, John Woolisick, Dick Beck, Tammy Zink, Tom Wilson, Mike Metzger, Richard Drobney, John & Robert Williams, Family of Maureen Spahr, Joyce Sullivan, Norma Capranica, Jeff Lane, Barb Schuh, Oren & June Lowder, Patty Rigdon, Jake Petterchak, Bob Wolff, Msgr. John Osala, Josh Lowder, Bill Hayworth, Ron Rappe, Mike Downey, Tom Senalik, Laurine Schroeder and all Military Personnel and Vocations.

KC 4175 of Facebook

K of C 4175 is now on Facebook. Check us out and like us to stay up to date on events happening at the hall. You can find us at www.facebook.com/kofc4175. Like us and share the page with your friends.

Newsletter Items

Anyone who wishes to put something in the newsletter should call or email Pat Daniels with the information to be included or send it to him before the 21st of each month. Any corrections or changes to your home or email address can be forwarded to Pat as well.

Hall Rentals

Looking for a place to host a birthday party, a family reunion, wedding reception, business meeting, or a retirement party. Please consider using the Council Hall. Contact our Building Manager, Vaughn Whiteman, at 217-553-6905. You can find available dates and our hall rental prices on our website at: www.kofc4175.com.

Ladies Auxiliary

Health and Welfare Committee

If you know of any Ladies Auxiliary member who is in the hospital, home-confined with an illness, etc., please contact Karen Roberts at 525-8504.

Monthly Drawing Winners

Quarter Drawing - Bill Haworth
 Newman Drawing - Tom Kohlrus

Remember your KC Council in your will.