



# *Knights of Columbus*

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### *Knight Dates and Times*

#### **MAY**

- 16 1st Degree at Belton
- 19 WE NEED AT LEAST 25 TO 30 PEOPLE TO HELP begin working on the Meditation Garden, primarily laying out the walking path and installing additional drainage; and completing installation of the edging around the building.

#### **JUNE**

- 6 **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 12 1st Degree at Lee's Summit Council #6819.
- 28 Fireworks booth Fundraiser Jun28th-Jul 4th 8am-11pm

#### **JULY**

- 11 **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 21-22 Strotherfest at Holy Spirit—A 2-day festival with food, games, entertainment and fun for all ages.

#### **AUGUST**

- 1 **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 3-4 State Golf Tournament. Hosted by Raytown Council #4962 at Royal Meadows with Social on Saturday.



## Chaplains Report

Dear fellow Knights of #8334, The interest and enthusiasm that has marked the first months of our council is fantastic; it is hard not to get excited. As I told you at last months meeting, I would only encourage you not to take on too much, too quickly. I would hate to see the Knights get 'burnt out' by over-committing. Having said that, I'm sure I will be the worst offender because I am sure I will be turning regularly to Grand Knight Tom DeDonder to seek his assistance with many things.

I met recently with parishioner Greg Vahrenburg. Greg and his wife Anna were responsible for initiating the 'Spirit of Giving' program this last November; we were able to help several families through the Great Beginnings Early Childhood Center of the Lee's Summit School District. Many of these kids have special needs of one kind or another which is one more burden for their parents. Greg and I discussed the idea of some sort of regular effort, not just waiting till the Christmas season each year. I hope the Knights would be willing to 'adopt' several families and be available to assist them throughout the year. It is important to note that we will be working with the staff at Great Beginnings; they will verify the genuine need.

As we enter the summer months, we all look forward to a little easier pace, and a chance to enjoy the beauty of the world around us. Just remember to say a prayer of thanks to God every time you marvel at the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, walk along the beach, or admire a mountain peak. God has been so good to us.

Fr. Mike Tierney

## Emblem of the Order

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883, when James T. Mullen, who was then supreme knight, designed it.



The emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is that associated with a medieval knight. The Formée cross is the representation of a traditional artistic design of the cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority, is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K of C, it proclaims this specific form of activity.

50/50 drawing ticket #535157. Winning ticket not present. \$43 pot to roll over.

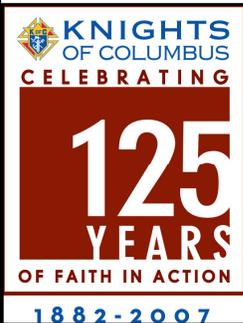
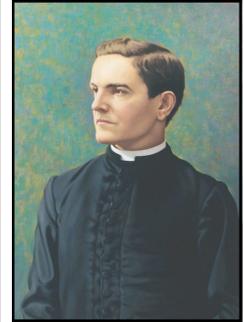
\$62 collected for the vocations basket. \$49 collected for 50/50.

## Grand Knights Report from May Meeting

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Rosary with Ladies Guild at 7:00 PM before all monthly meetings. Turnout for the rosary with the Ladies Guild was good.
- Discussed the status of reactivation of council, memberships, and dues. Membership cards will be distributed at the June meeting.
- T-shirts were available at the close of the meeting. Hats and name tags would be here for the next meeting.
- A handout for the MO Right to Life legislation was circulated.
- The following events will be taking place:
  - State Council Horseshoe Tourney 8/18-19 sponsored by Bloomsdale Council.
  - Blisters for Sisters sponsored by the Nuns at St. Peters.
- Thanks to the Knights for their efforts in the recent work day.
- Next work day May 19 starting at 8 AM. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.
- The softball motion was withdrawn.
- Current slate of Officers will be voted at June Meeting.

*Fraternally, Tom DeDonder, Grand Knight*



## Financial Secretary Report:

- The financial Secretary is working with the software to have cards printed by June meeting. Hats and name tags would be here for the next meeting.
- A letter from Lewis Farley has been received thanking our council for the \$190 gift.
- Framed pictures have been received from state. (Columbus, Pope, Fr. McGivney, Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain).
- The secretary is currently loading the accounting records in a Quicken program. All program materials from Supreme were distributed to officers & committee chairs.:

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Don't let your dues fall behind

- Name tags are \$7.00 and T-shirts are \$5.00.

## Committee Reports:

### ***Membership Director: Tom Davis***

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree May 16<sup>th</sup> at Belton.
- 1st degree June 12<sup>th</sup> at Lee's Summit #6819.
- New first degree member John Belanger joined last month.

### ***Program Director:***

- E-mail events dates to David Bremer for the web page w/ copies to GK.
- Submittal of program activities by directors due before 6/30.

### ***Church Director: Gary Beier***

- There will be a rosary prior to the monthly meeting with the Ladies Guild @ 7:00 PM .
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month will be a work day at Holy Spirit.
- Rosary rings are available after meetings.

### ***Community Director: Tony Molina***

- The recent blood drive turnout was very low.

### ***Council Director: Jeff Reed/Kevin Loehr***

- Council will sponsor highway clean up on Hwy 150 between Ward and Pryor for 3 years, including the frontage of the church along Hwy 150. A sign should be up in 2 months.
- The previously discussed bowling league is a family league.
- The Gardner, KS council is sponsoring a golf outing. The "food/steaks are great".

### ***Family Director: Jeff Kaminski***

- Working on an August cookout at a lake shelter.

***Youth Director:*** Youth Director volunteer is needed.

### ***Fundraising:***

- The council will sell fireworks June 28 to July 4 at the Price Chopper parking lot. Shifts will be for 6 hours. A sign up sheet was passed around.

### ***Strotherfest Chairman: Kelly Gipsen***

- There are 40 knights signed up for the bingo, more are still needed-at least 60. Saturday will be 12 hours and 10 hours Sunday - a signup sheet to work bingo was sent around.

***Unfinished Business:*** The motion for softball team was withdrawn due to lack of interest.

***New Business:*** A blanket nomination was made for all current officers. Elections at June meeting.

### ***From the Newsletter Editor: Ray Theiling***

- ***Page 5 is a listing of ALL council officers/Committee Chairmen w/emails + phone numbers. Will publish this list about every other month with updates. RayT***

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