

Knights of Columbus

Council #1088

Jan/Feb 2018

-Church Report-

-GK Report-

Happy New Year! Tradition says that we should look at the beginning of each new year as a time to evaluate our past year and resolve to do something to improve in the coming year. We can apply the same principle to our council. It would be easy to look at last year, say that we did pretty good, and be satisfied. As a fellow knight pointed out to me this “good enough” idea is the enemy of excellence. If we are satisfied with our efforts and accomplishments, we do not strive to become better. However, our Church, community, council, country, and even world depend on our continued improvement. For 2018, let’s all resolve to find more members, generate more funds, help more people, and help to rebuild our domestic Church. What can you do to help our council keep these resolutions?

-Council Report-

Our Christmas party was great fun for all who could attend. Our next council wide party will be on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4th. The council has entrees, and desserts. All Knights and their families are asked to bring side dishes. The festivities begin at 1:00 and include a pool tournament, games, good food, and great company.

We continue to move forward with the plans to host a Queen of Hearts fundraiser at our meeting hall. The game will begin early in 2018, with drawings on Thursday evenings. It will be open to all Knights and their spouses. Knights from other councils are also welcome, and we encourage you to invite them.

Our 5th Sunday council and family gathering continues to grow and be a success. Each month that features 5 Sundays, we gather together for Mass on that last Sunday. Following the Mass, we pray the Rosary with any parishioners who choose to stay, then we go to eat together at a local restaurant. The last fifth Sunday was today, December 31st, our next one will be April 29th. On that date we will attend Mass at St. Anne. Please plan to join us.

This year’s Roses for Life campaign will be held at the January 6th and 7th Masses. Knights are asked to help distribute Roses at the Mass they attend at St. Anne and St. Joseph.

Lent: Yes, Christmas was just last week, but it’s already time to plan our Lenten fish fry fundraiser. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14th, so we must prepare. Our planning meeting on Jan. 2nd, at 7:00pm will focus on detailed plans for this year’s fish fries. Everyone is asked to please attend.

At the end of Lent, at the Easter Vigil, Father Steve has invited the Knights to host an Easter Fire and to be a visible presence at the Mass. Please check your calendar, and plan to join us on March 31st.

-Youth Report-

We had three entries in our essay contest. All were well written and gave a nice interpretation of the student’s thoughts about going to the peripheries. We are following up with District Deputy Keith Missey on how to get these entries to State and Supreme. We will be presenting our council awards at our January 17th meeting, at 6:30.

Our Breakfast with Santa event was another hit, with over 30 children attending. Santa also stopped by the SEMOFVC after leaving our meeting hall, and visited the children over there. All the kids enjoyed their time with him.

-Community Report-

Our council again sponsored and erected Nativity scenes at St. Joseph church and at the 4 way stop on Benham street. Special thanks to Patricia Murphy for allowing us to place one of them on her property and to Payne & Sons Lumber for providing the building material. We will be removing the sets on Jan. 12th. Please meet at the hall at 10:00 am if you can help.

The council is planning to remove litter on highway 67 on January 20th. Please meet at the hall at 9:00am to help with our adopted mile of shoulder clean up.

Spotlight on a Knight

This month's spotlight is shining on the member of our council who has been active longer than any other. Warren Lodholz, born in Bonne Terre in 1920, has been a Knight in good standing for 70 years. He made his first degree on March 1, 1947, not long after his discharge from active service in WWII.

Warren spent 3 years and 3 months in the army, fighting through Africa and France before European hostilities ceased. During his time in Africa, he travelled to Rome on a one-week R & R, and was touched by Pope Pius XII while having 3 Rosaries blessed. After VE day, he was shipped back to the USA, and was in Washington state waiting to be sent to the Pacific when the war ended.

He came home to Bonne Terre, went to work for St. Joe Minerals, and raised five children with his wife Mary Lou. She passed away in 2011, and Warren's true love is greatly missed. His children LuAnn, Judy, John, Sue, and Jeanie are a source of pride, and his love for them is evident when he mentions them.

Warren was GK of our council 1964-1967. He retired from St. Joe in 1983. Served on the St. Joseph Parish Council and Home & School Board, and was a Eucharistic Minister and lector there. He still lives on his own in Farmington, and welcomes visitors.

January

Chicken & Dumpling Prep

Tues. Jan. 2nd 8:30am

Planning Meeting

All Knights welcome – 7:00pm

-Fish Fry Planning-

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Thurs. Jan. 4th 3:30-6:30

Roses for Life

Sat/Sun Jan. 6th & 7th

Nativity Removal

Fri. Jan. 12th 10:00am

General Meeting: Knight & Ladies

Wed. Jan. 17th 7:00pm

Essay awards presented at 6:30

Adopt a Highway

Sat. Jan. 20th 9:00am

Chicken & Dumpling Prep

Tues. Jan. 30th 8:30

February

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Thurs. Feb. 1st 3:30-6:30

Pool Tournament/Super Bowl Party

Sun. Feb. 4th 1:00pm

Planning Meeting

Mon. Feb, 5th 7:00'pm

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th

Lent Fish Fry Dinners

Friday- Feb. 16th 4:00-7:00

General Meeting

Wed. Feb. 21st 7:00pm

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