

Knights of Columbus

Council #1088

March/April 2018

-HOLY WEEK-

As our March/April Newsletter hits the stands, Lent is reaching the halfway mark. At this past weekend's Masses, Father Steve reminded us of the importance of Holy Week. Christmas celebrates God becoming human, Holy Week details His passion and death at the end of that human life. It leads us to Easter, and Christ's rising from that death. It is the basis of Christianity. The Easter vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening once filled our churches. Now, many Catholics don't even seem to be aware that there is such a service. Father Steve has invited all Knights and our families to come to this year's Easter Vigil Mass. He wants the Knights to be an example to the rest of our parish. We will also be in charge of the Easter Fire outside of the church prior to that Mass. Please join us at St. Joseph's on Holy Saturday, and let's fill the pews.

Food for Families-

Lent is a time for fasting. Those of us who have plenty, give up some food as a sacrifice. However, there are others who go without food all the time; not as a fast but as a necessity. During lent this year, the knights have placed collection boxes at the doors of both of our churches so that people can donate to the St. Vincent DePaul food bank. The 40 cans for Lent program helps to highlight the plight of the hungry, while giving us a chance to do something about it. Please, don't just fast this year, give some food away.

-Congratulations-

Join me in congratulating our latest Forth Degree Knights. Sir Jim Koeller and Sir Carl Vessell took their fourth on Saturday, March 3rd.

-SWAP MEET-

On March 18th, we will be sponsoring our annual automotive swap meet. If you will be in town that weekend, we can sure use your help. The folks who follow these swap meets are all early risers, and many will be at our hall by 5:00AM. The entire event is usually over before noon. We serve breakfast, direct parking, sell 50/50 tickets, and greet buyers and vendors. You can come out to help, and still be home for lunch.

-Queen of Hearts-

Every Thursday evening, we are hosting a Queen of Hearts game in our meeting hall. The bar opens at 5:00pm, and ticket sales begin. Dinner is available each week, so Knights, their families, and their guests can stop in after work and stay as late as they like. The ticket sales end at 6:45, and drawings are at 7:00 pm. You don't have to leave right after the drawing is done either; the bar will remain open until 10:00. Come on out and join the fun.

-Elections-

Are you willing to do more for our council? Our council elections are coming up this summer. All the current officers are dedicated men who have been, and continue to be, committed to our council's success. They are willing to continue in their roles because they want this council to continue succeeding. However, there are many other knights in the council who could step up and give these gentlemen some competition. If you are willing to fill a role, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please speak to Bill Graczyk, Fred Schnable, Carl Vessell, or Steve Folle. As our nominating committee, these men have been tasked with finding and encouraging knights who can fill the elected positions of our council.

-Spotlight on a Knight

Joseph Turek

Joe was born in St. Louis on May 6th, 1922 to Polish immigrants who did not speak any English. As a child, Joe's parents moved the family back to Poland, where his brother Stanley was born. They returned to St. Louis before Hitler conquered Poland. Joe entered the Army at age 20 and served all over Europe with the 94th Infantry Canon Company as a combat medic. While in Europe he was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war, he returned home and married Jean Marie Jordan. They were blessed with eight children before Jean passed away in 1998, after nearly 50 years of marriage. He also has 23 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. During those early years of their marriage, Joe played baseball as a pitcher on the Pittsburgh Pirate's minor league team.

Following his short baseball career, Joe and Jean settled into Lemay and Joe began work as a carpenter. They remained in south county until Joe's retirement in 1991. After retiring, they moved onto a farm near Bloomsdale, and began attending St. Anne church. Joe, who made his first degree on September 1st, 1967, became a member of council #1088. His interests include baseball, farming, and golf (which he continued playing into his eighties). He still lives on the farm with his daughter Patti and enjoys visitors.

-Fish Fry-

As I mentioned, Lent is nearly one half over. We have hosted three fish fry dinners so far and have fed more than 1700 people. There have been an amazing number of folks who have helped us with these dinners. Many Knights have been working for many hours to make these fish fries a success. I cannot name all of you in this limited space, but you know who you are, and you know what you've been doing. You also know that others have been helping. Several people who have stepped up to work on our fish fries are not knights or even related to knights, they are just good people who want to help us with this good cause.

If you would like to help us to support Catholic education, there is still time; we have four more fish fries to host. While most of the people help on Friday afternoons and evenings, there is preparation work happening every day of the week. Come on out whenever you can.

March

Fish Fry Fridays

Columbus Hall : 4 – 7

We also serve Good Friday.

Queen of Hearts

Every Thursday: 5 - 10pm

Car Swap Meet

Sun. March 18th Daybreak

General Meeting: Knight & Ladies

Wed. March 21st 7:00pm

HOLY WEEK

Thurs.- Fri. – Sat.

Saturday Easter Fire*

April

Queen of Hearts

Every Thursday 5 – 10pm

Planning Meeting

Mon. April 2nd 7:00 pm

Chicken & Dumpling Prep

Tues. April 3rd 8:30 am

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Thurs. April 5th 3:30-6:30

General Meeting

Wed. April 18th 7:00pm

5th Sunday Brunch/Rosary

April 29th St. Anne's

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