

St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus



Newsletter

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A Message from your Grand Knight:



Current Officers:

Deputy Grand Knight: Bryan Pekarek
District Deputy: Paul Broxterman
Chaplain: Fr. Quentin Schmitz
Chancellor: Eric Wright
Financial secretary: Dave Kongs
Insurance Field Agent: Kirby Schmelzle
Treasurer: Ryan Smith
Lecturer: Mickey Schmitz
Advocate: Alex Rombeck
Recorder: Mike Minihan
1st Year Trustee: Paul Broxterman
2nd Year Trustee: Bob Voet
3rd Year Trustee: Jeff Keating
4th Degree Rep: Paul Broxterman
Inside Guard: Dominic Schwarz
Outside Guard: Kenneth Hula
Warden: Daylan Carlson

Announcements:

Terry Koch was last month's cash drawing winner for \$15. Terry was not present so next month's drawing will be for \$20.

T-Shirt Winner: Eric Wright

Mug Winner: Eric Wright

Dear Brother Knights,

Committee Work List – The latest committee work list should be enclosed. If you did not receive this please let me know. One thing I want to be sure to mention is, that if you don't see your name (or one of your "buddies") please let me know. Not including you would have been an oversight and we want you to have the opportunity for fellowship, comradery and the ability to give back to the parish through your tithing of time and talent. Feel free to contact the committee chairman and ask how you might be able to help.

Soup Day – Thank you to all that help with the soup day this past January. Committee chairs Steve Voet and Steve Moser are greatly appreciative.

Free Throw Contest – The annual K of C Free Throw Contest was held on Jan 11th at the MJHS/MHS gym. Some photos from contest are attached below. The District competition will also be held at the MJHS/MHS gym (Marysville) on Feb 1st. The first place finishers from each age group will compete at this competition. The event will start at 1pm.

Lenten Fish Fries - First fry will start Friday February 20th and will be on each Friday of Lent through March 27th. All Knights are welcome (and encouraged) to help on these Fridays. The committee would appreciate help from anytime starting at 1pm through cleanup (cleanup starts around 6:45pm) which wraps up around 7:30pm-8:00pm. The more that show up for cleanup the closer to 7:30 the group will be done with. Any questions feel free to call Eric Wright, Alex Rombeck or Hank Brucker.

December (2025) Raffle Winners – Hazel Strunk, Debbie Price, Brooks Kramer, Kenneth Hula, Tim Kongs, Mike Ring, Dave Dwerlkotte, John Wilson, Jane Sandstrom, Cohen Kramer, Mary Lou Voet, Doug Bruna (2), David Kongs, Steve Boehm, Alan Heiman, 7 Kramer Boys, Paul Broxterman, Rob Peschel, Lynn Bruna. *Your participation is greatly appreciated!*

Coats for Kids – It is reported by committee chair Mike Minihan that the Knights distributed 18 coats to kids in need. Great job Mike & "crew"!

Have a great upcoming month. God Bless!!
Rob Peschel, Grand Knight





Contest winners pictured left qualify for the district contest that will be held in Marysville on February 1st.



Pictured left a wonderful turnout of 33 youth competing during the local competition.

Thanks Scott Brown and J.I. Hornung for your work towards this event!



“Working Hard or Hardly Working” 😊



Supreme Chaplain’s Monthly Challenge

Each month, the Supreme Chaplain of K of C issues a challenge based on one of the Gospel readings of the month. The following comes from this month’s challenge:

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.” (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, “Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God’s truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

The Challenge: learn more about the Church’s teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order’s Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) as resources. Visit www.kofc.org to read more

Reflection: Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are being respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?

Knight of the Month:

Mike Minihan

Family of the Month:

Scott and Sarah Toerber Family

Reminders:

Feb 1: K of C District Free Throw Contest (MHS/MJHS Gym): 1pm

Feb 5: K of C Monthly Meeting

Feb 14: Valentine’s Day

Feb 14: SOUL Event

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

Feb 20: K of C Fish Fry (First of the season)

Feb 27: K of C Fish Fry

Mar 5: Monthly Council Meeting

Mar 6: K of C Fish Fry

Mar 8: Daylight Saving Time starts

Mar 13: K of C Fish Fry

Mar 17: St. Patrick’s Day

Mar 20: K of C Fish Fry

Mar 27: K of C Fish Fry (Last of the season)

Mar 29: Corporate Communion: 7am mass with breakfast following

Mar 29: Palm Sunday

Apr 2: Monthly Council Meeting

Apr 5: Easter