

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:

Andrew Crownover was last month's cash drawing winner for \$20. Andrew was not present so next month's drawing will be for \$25.

T-Shirt Winner: Dom Schwarz

Mug Winner: Frank Staggenborg

Dear Brother Knights,

Corporate Communion – The Knights will be having their next a “Corporate Communion” on Sunday March 29. Reminder: The Knights will be “in charge” of mass at 7am on March 29 and the committee will be preparing breakfast (usually some type of eggs or biscuits/gravy, sausage, roll, coffee) following Mass. We would like Knights present at Mass to walk in as a group. We would like to also extend the invite to your wives too. They are welcome to join us.

Member Phone Numbers – In the recent weeks (since committee work list have gone out), I've had a couple suggestion offered that I should share everyone's phone number with the council members. Before I just blindly send everyone's number out to the group I would like to know if there is anyone that would rather I don't share theirs. If you would rather I **DON'T** share your number please reach out to me by either calling or texting 785-562-6913 to let me know. If I don't hear back from you by the 20th of March, I will assume you're OK with your number being shared.

Lenten Fish Fries – Friday Fish Fries are underway and will be each Friday of Lent through March 27th. Reminder: 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. Also – If you know of anyone that would like a meal delivered to their home, let Joe Peschel know (785-562-7017). He's got a pretty good wingman this year and feels he can take on a few more deliveries....

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

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
Day

St. Patrick



St. Patrick's Breast Plate Prayer

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every
 man who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

Saint Patrick was kidnapped from Britain at sixteen and taken to Ireland as a slave, where hardship led him to discover a deep faith through constant prayer. After escaping and returning home, he felt God calling him back to Ireland—this time to share the Gospel. As a bishop, Patrick traveled across the country, baptized thousands, established churches, and helped transform Ireland from paganism to a Christian land. His life shows how God can turn suffering into purpose and use anyone who is willing to follow His call.

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:

“So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” (Gospel for March 22, Jn 11:16)

Look at the bravery of Thomas! Jesus had just announced his intention to travel to Judea, where he had narrowly escaped getting stoned to death. Given the potential danger ahead, Thomas seems prepared for martyrdom. Later, of course, he and the other disciples would flee as Jesus was arrested, and Thomas would doubt reports of Jesus' resurrection. As fallible humans, our strength and resolve sometimes collapse into weakness. May we always seek the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the going gets tough.

The Challenge: This month, as we continue through Lent, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross each week — in your parish community, with your family or individually — with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ. A good resource is the Catholic Information Service booklet *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* (kofc.org/shopcis).

Reflection: Are you a good disciple of Christ? How can being a Knight of Columbus help prepare you to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to suffer for your faith if called upon?

Visit www.kofc.org to read more

Knight of the Month:

Butch Schmitz

Family of the Month:

Scott Brown Family

Reminders:

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 1: April Fool's Day

Apr 2: Monthly Council Meeting

Apr 2: Holy Thursday

Apr 3: Good Friday

Apr 5: Easter Sunday

Catholic Humor:

Why did the priest giggle during Mass?

Because he found the Psalms to be hymn-sterical!...

Knights at Work

February Council Meeting



Above: The Knights presented a donation of \$1,290 to Twin Valley. Funds were raised through this year's Tootsie Roll Drive.

First Fish Fry of 2026

