

March 2020 Council News

Congratulations to new:

Honorary Life Members (70 yrs old, 25 yrs of service)

Victor Garvert, James Long, Richard Rothermich, Gary Szczepanski

Honorary Members (65 yrs old, 25 yrs of service)

Douglas Dickbernd, Frank Vassallo, John Witte

NOTE: In previous years this report was compiled in the October newsletter. The Supreme Council reports names monthly, so in the future the newsletter will also list new Honorary Life and Honorary members monthly.

Pray for Deceased Members and their Families: John Milkanin, Donald Vogt, William Dennis, Eugene Jacobs

FUNDRAISER WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

Dan Dziedzic.....\$125

Cathy Montgomery.....\$50

Jules Thro.....\$25

DONATIONS

Columbian Charities (RIB).....\$3,987.07

- Our monthly chicken dinner is **Tuesday, March 17th**, St. Patrick's Day from 6-7pm. Please call 636-949-0222 to make your reservation. All Tuesday dinners are now \$10.
- Our next **school chicken dinner** is **Sunday, March 29th**, serving from 4-6pm. Cost is \$10. A donation of a dessert is appreciated.
- KofC Developmental Center open house is on **Saturday, March 28th** from 10-11am. It is located next to Cardinal Glennon Hospital at 3800 Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110. Stop by and see where your Disability Drive (tootsie roll) efforts are being put to great use.
- Our Golf Tournament is **Saturday, April 18th**. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.
- April 24th – 26th** MO KofC State Convention in Jefferson City. Contact Tim Hollander for details if you would like to attend.
- Save the Date for a Kentucky Derby party being planned for **May 2nd** at the club.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 3^{Tues} Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @7:00pm
- 8^{Sun} Daylight Savings Time Begins 
- 10^{Tues} Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 11^{Wed} Retirees Lunch @ 12:00pm
- 16^{Mon} Westbury Assoc Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 17^{Tues} Chicken Dinner 6-7pm, \$10 
- 25^{Wed} Retirees Lunch at 12:00pm
- 29^{Sun} School Chicken Dinner 4-6pm, \$10
- 31^{Tues} Rosary/Benediction St. Peter @ 7

APRIL

- 1^{Wed} Ladies Aux Fashion Show @6:00pm
- 8^{Wed} Retirees Lunch @ 12:00pm
- 14^{Tues} Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 18^{Sat} Golf Tournament @ 11:00am
- 20^{Mon} Westbury Assoc Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 21^{Tues} Chicken Dinner 6:00-7:00pm
- 22^{Wed} Retirees Lunch at 12:00pm

Save the Date

Saturday, May 2nd - Kentucky Derby Party

KofC State Tournaments

March 14-15 Bowling Tournament @ O'Fallon Bowl

*Contact Kevin Hudnut at 636-978-3639 or khudnut2269@gmail.com

Signup forms at www.mokofc.org

Reminders

Make sure you are following our page on Facebook to keep up with Council news and events.

- Search **St. Charles Knights of Columbus #823** or **@823KofC**



If you have anything you would like to include in the monthly newsletter, please email KofC823@outlook.com by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Have you looked at the KofC Supreme Council's web site www.KofC.org? Don't forget to check out our council's website, www.KofC823.org

Westbury Center Inc. Home Association

Office Space for Lease

4 Westbury Dr. (building between main hall and Pundmann Ford) Approximately 2800 square feet (1800 square feet finished portion and 1000 square feet unfinished on lower level. For more information contact **Matt J. at 636-699-0213.**

Hall Rental Information: Perfect venue for parties, meetings, fundraising activities, etc. Contact the Rental Manager: **Dianne, at 314-306-7168**

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 16th at 6:30 pm. Open to all members.

Ladies Auxiliary

On Tuesday, March 3rd, please wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Kitchen committee will be Jenell Brucker, Barb Sammelmann, Beverly Bueschler, Janet Rector, Elaine Boehle and Martha Labarge. We will play Bingo. Please remember to bring in those donations for the Fashion Show/Spaghetti Dinner.

There will be No Meeting in April. On Wednesday, April 1st, we will have our Easter Parade themed Fashion Show/Spaghetti Dinner, which is a sold out event. Doors open at 6pm. Please wear a hat to help celebrate in fashion.

February calendar winners, Chad Briesacher and Zachary Smith, will each receive \$25.



Deacon's Column

The seed sown in rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was sown. MT 13:23.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Praise Jesus our crucified and risen Lord! As the season of Lent approaches, let us pray that this Lent will be the most fruitful of our lives, let us pray we bear a hundred-fold harvest through our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us pray to be Holy as He is Holy, that we can radically live our baptism, and that we can grow to full maturity in Christ.

Deacon Tom Willbrand

New Degree Ceremony: Rooted in Past, Tailored for Present

This is an excerpt from the supreme knight's address, which can be found in full in Columbia Magazine or online at www.KofC.org.

Inspire the men of our day: "Just as our forefathers rallied to meet the challenges of their day, we must inspire the men of our day. We must reach out to meet these men where they are. And when we do, we must show them that they are called to be men of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Because of this we are acting to make our Order more inviting and more accessible."

Exemplification: "Early in the new year we will offer a new exemplification ceremony. ... This new ceremonial is rooted in our past and tailored to our present. It will inspire more men to join us. Most of all, it will empower the Knights of Columbus to advance our mission and grow in the years ahead."

Why the change: "In recent decades, we have found it harder to bring men, especially young fathers, into the Order. When we ask them why, they tell us three ceremonies are too time-consuming and too difficult to attend. They tell us that secrecy is unnecessary." Too many never take their Second and Third Degrees. Last year, only little more than half of the men who took their First Degree also took their Third Degree."

How the change came about: "Our most recent supreme convention adopted a resolution from Illinois to consider combining our current First, Second and Third Degree ceremonies into one and removing the condition of secrecy. ... We undertook an inclusive process with supreme directors, state officers and ceremonialists with many decades of experience in the exemplification of our degrees."

What the new exemplification looks like: "Instead of having separate ceremonies, all three degrees can now be conferred in a single ceremony. The new exemplification focuses on the history and principles of our Order. It presents a fuller and richer understanding of who we are, what we stand for and what we are called to be. It hearkens back to the simple ceremonies of Unity and Charity first approved by Father McGivney. Our new ceremony can be held in a council chamber or in the parish with families and friends seated in the pews. They will see firsthand, the organization that their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining — the principles and values they are committing to and why it matters."