

Remembering Deceased Members of the Greenville Knights of Columbus
Sid Brauns
Harold Wright
Tom Doll
Paul Durbin
Merl Dubach
George Hertz
Vivian Royer
Paul Ranson
Fr. Vic Kaltenbach
Don Speraneo
Gene Potthast
David Marti
Bill Chappel
Hollie Willmann
Wilson King
Harold Weis
John Garrison
John Hoffmann
Guy Knight
John Betscher
Bill Schrage
Al VonderHaar
Dan Goggin
Kenny Heimann

ed a Holy Hour at the Church with Adoration led by Father Hunter.

Keep Christ in Christmas: Part of the national organization efforts to focus on Christ during the holidays.

Lemuel Rhodes Cancer Foundation: Since its inception, the Knight have donated funds annually to this local organization that provides cancer patient support locally.

Pancake & Sausage Day: The Knights took over the Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage Day.

Pregnancy Support Center: The Knights have been supporting this local organization with financial contributions for 25 years.

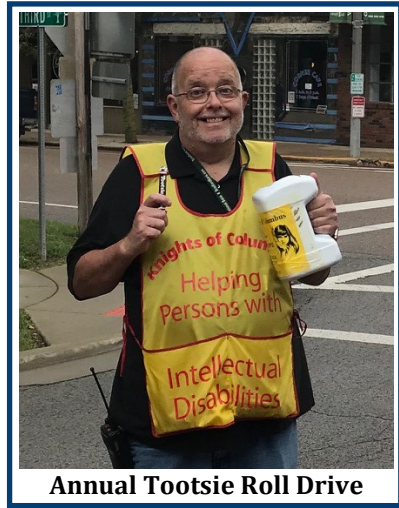
Raffle: Many raffles have been held over the years with the proceeds being donated to local organizations and youth group activities.

Salvation Army: During the holiday season, the Greenville Knights volunteer to ring the bell and collect funds for the Salvation Army.

Scholarships: For several years, the Greenville Knights have offered scholarships to students who are members of St. Lawrence.

Tootsie Roll Drive: The Greenville Knights take to the streets once a year in our annual fundraising drive to support those with intellectual disabilities.

Vocations: Annually, the Greenville Knights provide financial support to those entering the ministry.



Annual Tootsie Roll Drive



Prayer program with Father Paul Kala

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and a group of parishioners. Their intent? To bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

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Or ask any current K of C member

Greenville Knights of Columbus

#11707



Celebrating 25 Years of Faith, Family, Service

The St. Lawrence Chapter of the Greenville Knights of Columbus #11707, was chartered on February 6, 1996 under the direction of Father Vic Kaltenbach, with assistance of Virgil Dechant from the K of C Supreme Council. At the time of their chartering, the local chapter had 60 members.

Our Mission
We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

Initially, the fledging council confronted several obstacles, the most important among them was finding a home.

The first meetings were held in the newly constructed church hall. Poor acous-

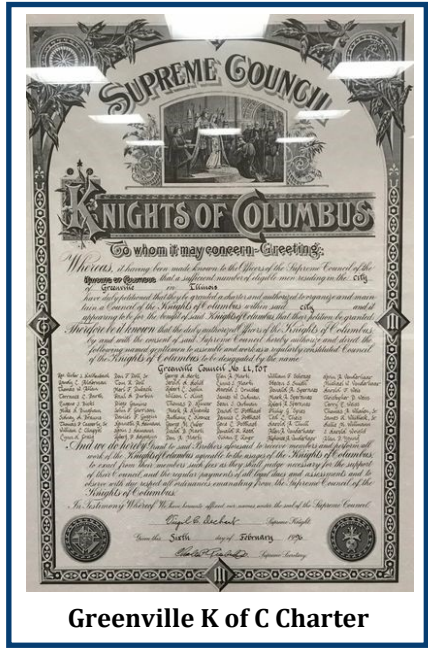
tics, cost inefficiency of heating and cooling, and other issues soon became burdensome, so the council moved into the basement of the Parish house. With heavy spring rains, water pooled across the basement floor, forcing the members to gather upstairs and share the building with the religion education classes. To accommodate all, extensive carpentry work required the removal of a wall between the kitchen and living room. However, this was to be a temporary solution since the membership numbers were increasing monthly and there was insufficient seating space.



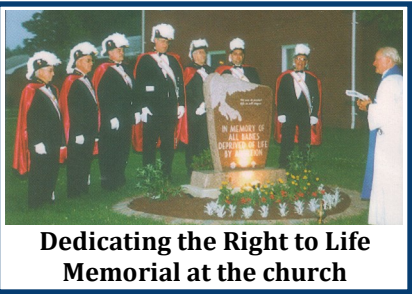
Greenville K of C Charter Membership

A short time later, major renovation of the former rectory converted the building into offices for the pastor and secretary as well as several classrooms. This necessitated a complete remodeling of the "white house" to provide a new home for the pastor and perhaps an occasional visiting priest. Once again, the Knights had to seek a meeting place.

Fortunately, a Posch family bequest provided answers to many prayers of the parishioners. A new, spacious, multi-purpose building was erected. Rental for small events with dining facilities, restrooms, and a meeting room were now available. The new building also included an excellent frying room for the annual chicken and fish dinners, and plenty of stor-



Greenville K of C Charter



Dedicating the Right to Life Memorial at the church



Father Vic Kaltenbach with the Fourth Degree team

age for items and equipment.

Finally, the Greenville Knights of Columbus had a permanent home!

Upon becoming Knights, the men of our parish are called out to live their lives through faith by performing extraordinary acts of charity, unity, brotherhood, and patriotism on a daily basis. Over the years, an impressive list of Council and Parish programs were developed to achieve such a Christ-like mission.

Over the years, the Greenville Knights of Columbus have sponsored and supported many parish and community projects and programs with both manpower and by donating thousands of dollars. As a faith based service organization, our parish and community can count on our support for many years to come.

Past Grand Knights

- 2019-2021: Randy Alderman
- 2017-2019: Joe Whalen
- 2015-2017: Dave Tabor
- 2013-2015: Mark Speraneo
- 2011-2013: Jim Hickman
- 2009-2011: Jason Klein
- 2008-2009: Dean Thole
- 2007-2008: Gary Stone
- 2006-2007: John McAteer
- 2004-2006: Tom Whalen
- 2003-2004: Ted Thiess
- 2002-2003: Guy Knight
- 2001-2002: Bob Heimann
- 2000-2001: James Whitlock
- 1999-2000: Don Speraneo
- 1998-1999: Bill Chappel
- 1997-1998: Al VonderHaar
- 1996-1997: Hollie Willmann
- 1996: Father Victor Kaltenbach

Past Chaplains

- Father Alan Hunter
- Father Paul Kala
- Father Ryszard Hanaczewski
- Father Victor Kaltenbach

to all new Baptisms at St. Lawrence.

Bingo: During the annual Chicken Dinner, the Knights are always ready for some Bingo!

Blood Drive: The Knights host a Blood Drive annually in the parish hall.



Food Pantry Donation

Throughout all the struggles and growing pains encountered over the past 25 years, the Knights have always been there sharing their leadership for the growth of our parish.

So on this day, the 25th anniversary of the Greenville Knights of Columbus, we offer a tribute of honor to the founding fathers of Council #11707 in recognition of their service and generosity. Over the past two decades, significant growth has occurred both in providing for the spiritual needs of the people and the physical facilities required to develop a vibrant, Catholic-centered church family. The men named on our official charter consistently offered the pastors their unique professional and business expertise to plan, supervise, and complete countless programs and projects.

Activities

The Greenville Knights of Columbus are involved in many activities serving both church and community. The following is a partial list of our council activities.

Baptisms: The Knights have begun providing a gift



Calling Bingo



Coats for Kids

Bond County Food Pantry: Twice annually, the Knights donate beef to this organization to assist those in need throughout the county.

Bond County Fourth Fest: It started with the Greenville Bicentennial, and since then, the Knights have provided a beer stand at the annual festival in downtown Greenville. Proceeds from this even are donated to local charities.

Church Dinners: The Knights have always volunteered for the annual church fish and chicken dinners, which are significant community events.

Church Kiosk: In the back of the church, there is a kiosk of faith based materials provided by the Knights.

Church Landscaping: The Knights volunteer every year to spruce up the landscaping around the church. This past year, they spent hours cleaning up the church cemetery.



Hosting the Marian Prayer Program

Coats for Kids: Each year, the Knights donate new coats to area schools for children in need.

Emergency Services Dinner: Once a year, the Knights prepare a meal to show appreciation to our emergency service personnel in the community including police, firefighters, and EMS workers.



Manning the K of C Beer Stand

Free Throw Shootout: The Knights participate in the national program, allowing youth to compete in a free throw competition.

Holy Hour: For the past several years, the Knights have host-



The Greenville Knights float in the Bicentennial parade.



K of C Chaplain, Father Alan Hunter, leads the congregation in prayer during Adoration.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Greenville Knights of Columbus offers two \$500 scholarship annually.

- **K of C General Scholarship**
This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are members of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.
- **The Don Speraneo Memorial Scholarship**
This scholarship, funded by the Speraneo family, is open to high school seniors and current college students who are members of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.
Students may apply for each of the scholarships using the application found at www.GreenvilleKnights.com.

