

## Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

April 2023 report: Spring is here. Time to get the mowers out and the snowblowers away for the season! Completed our Fish Fries for 2023. Overall happy with how we did. Had three good weeks, then three weeks impacted by; St Patricks Day, weather, & Iowa games. Did have a follow-up meeting after the season, only small changes brought up, biggest suggestion is to add Drive Thru option. At State convention (April 9-11), spoke with 6-8 councils, all have Drive-Thru options, claim it make up 30-75% their business. Speaking of State Convention, good event, a list of suggested ideas below, two big changes; 1. new State Deputy - John McGee, 2. raised the per diem of dues from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

### Upcoming events:

1. **KC Breakfast** 5/7 (Faith Formation), need volunteers to work, please contact Barb / Chris Zaugg
2. **May Council Meeting** 5/10 (7-8pm) need Nominations for Officers;
3. **Blood Drive** 5/13 (8-noon)
4. **Bottle Drive** 5/14 (after all Masses)

### Other council news:

- **St Joseph Icon** - 4/4 held a Holy Hour to honor, had about 20-30 attendees. Thanks to everyone! Basically all Knights involved; Introduction-Jeff Robinson, Piano/Organ-Leah Rae, Cantors-Steve Oldridge & Larry Berns, First Reading-Jeff Robinson, Second Reading-Jeff Freiling, Gospel-Fr Nick, Catechesis 1-Jeff Robinson, Catechesis 2-Kevin Wymore, Catechesis 3-Randy Milsap, Rosary-Tom Hutchins, Litany of Saints-For Nick.
- **Fish Fries** - made over \$10k! Nice job and big thank yous to all who participated and especially those who worked every week!
- **Bingo**, sent request 2/9 to reopen our application with correct zipcode, IRS responded 3/22 that they received request and would advise in the next 45-days (early May).
- **Chicken Fry** - I have been talking about a May Chicken Fry, backing out. Too many other things happening in May. Do not think we should do over summer. Pushing out to Sep / Oct.
- **State Convention** Dave Olson & I went, voted on many new resolutions, turned in our Raffle Tkt sales, met with many councils to compare notes and ideas from convention in general;
  - always work with your priest, how do the KCs help the priests
  - make sure forms for events and other requirements are turned in
  - KC Masses, KC report outs to parish ie what the Knights do / accomplished
  - Cleanup days; cemetery, parishioners, widows
  - KC presence, wear KC apparel, promote, report, Swag Bags, table tents, place mats, signs, etc
  - other Dinners; Beef & Noodles, Pork, Steak, Spaghetti
  - Bottle Drive, Ultr-Sounds, Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) are all big events for KCs
- **Dues** statements sent out 2/9. Reminder dues are now \$35. Many of you have already paid, if you have not, please submit payment as soon as possible.
- **Recruitment** - have not had a single new recruit this year! Need everyones help identifying / recruiting new candidates. Please discuss with your family, friends, other parishioners. Need to keep our council vibrant.
- **Knights / Family of the month; Jay & Donna Fields**- organizing / managing the Fish Fries, could not have happened without you! Ordering, tracking, serving, cleaning, you do it all. Thank you so much!

Vivet Jesus  
Jeff Robinson  
Grand Knight