

Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

December 2022 report: The Holiday Season has come and gone and now we look forward to 2023. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year! Luckily Mother Nature is being kind, so far, winter has been tolerable. Let's hope that continues!

We were honored on 1/11 at our monthly council meeting, to have Steve Vonnahme, State Deputy, join our meeting! He offered to help anyway he could and to attend anytime, just ask. Acknowledged that even KC state council came close to losing exempt status, so don't feel bad that we did. Also offered that his home council (Atlantic, IA), is dealing with higher Fish Fry pricing, as are all councils. Provided where Atlantic council gets supplies and what they pay, we plan to quote their source. Thanks Steve for joining us!

Completed events: Dec 16 - Jan 11!

1. **KC Breakfast 1/7**, great attendance!
2. **Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO)** – 1/10 provided Potato Bar - thank you Jay & Donna Fields, Larry Berns, Jeff Hoffman, Jeff Henderson, Justin Norris for all your help and Alan Dole for being Master of Ceremonies, and all other who offered up prayers and / or attended!

Upcoming events:

3. **KC Blood Drive 1/14** - last two have had great participation, lets keep adding more donors each time!
4. **District meeting 1/21 (10am) St Pius** - all invited, planned to be a workshop, vs a 'tell us how to' meeting
5. **March for Life 1/21 (11am) St Mathew's** - speaker after walk and lunch served.
6. **KC Free-Throw contest 1/24, 1/26, 1/27** - LaSalle, taking place during the day, volunteers needed, contact Alan Dole
7. **Breakfast (LaSalle) 2/5 after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.** Please attend. Invite your friends/neighbors and meet your fellow parishioners and help recruit some new Knights / support our Catholic School!
8. **Holy Hour for Vocations 2/7 6:30-7:30** - St. Jude is hosting, requesting KC5544 to provide refreshments; cookies / treats / coffee / juice / etc, after the event. I will be soliciting volunteers to provide food and serve. More to come.
9. **Council Mtg (2/8)**
10. **Spelling Bee Feb (date tbd)** - will need volunteers, contact Glen Purdy
11. **Ash Wednesday 2/22**
12. **Fish Fries every Friday of Lent beginning 2/24.** Will be Soliciting Captains, Prep Crew (Thurs), Prep Crew (Fri), Kitchen Crew, other support. **These are our biggest events for the year and have not had them for several years — request everyone's full support to make the Fish Fries successful!**

Other council news:

- **Breakfast** Captain needed for May (contact me if interested)
- **Bingo**, first application rejected for not responding to requested information, never saw request! Have to reapply! Found more info on how to recertify exempt status through the KCs, but still requires a \$600 application fee (approved at Jan mtg) and est 90-days to obtain. Working on reapplication. Absolutely putting all effort in to resolve!
- **Dues** statements to be sent out soon. Reminder dues are now \$35. Please submit payment as soon as possible.
- **Knight of the month; Alan Dole!** Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Free Throw Shoot Contest, Breakfast support, CEO Master of Ceremonies Welcome aboard Alan (member of council for only about a year!). Thanks Alan!

- **Family of the month; Toczyłowski family!** Organized the Family Christmas Party, organized Blood Drives, widely involved and present in most church functions! Thanks Toczyłowski family!

Vivet Jesus

Jeff Robinson

Grand Knight