



Frank Scarpino – Grand Knight  
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“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them”. Since this is my last Grand Knight Newsletter (wow after three years), I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who have supported me as Grand Knight. Jacki and I have made some great friends! It is such a group as ours that help make our Parish outstanding. Thank You!!

For those of you who could not attend May’s council meeting, please take time to meet and welcome our new Brother, Michael Benson at our next council meeting!!

I need to remind members of the Knights accomplishments during this past year. For example, do you know the function of the Knights Scholarship Committee? The committee reads, judges, and chooses two scholarship recipients who they feel are deserving of a scholarship. The committee receive many applications every year! The committee members are: Rick Colby (chairman), Glenn Gebhardt, Jim Gerke, Jerry Unrein and John Renth. The Knights scholarship consists of \$250 for the next eight semesters of the student’s college career. Since the onset of this program in 2011, we have had twelve students receive the award. Two students each year for six years. At this time we have six active in the program. Those students are: Megan Gerant, Meghanne Davis, Emma Vogel, Emily Tichy and the two new current student winners, Jensen Bauer and Jullian Terhune. This is an extremely time consuming task and requires dedication from each one on the committee. When you see these five Knights be sure to acknowledge their dedication in making this committee honorable and successful with a big thank you!!

Brother Bob O'Bryan reports that the baby bottles will be available until Father's Day, and we really need more parishioners to support this important program. Bob also reminded us that the Haven of Hope is for sale, and volunteers are needed to mow the grass to keep it looking attractive as a result of all the volunteer hours spent on remodeling the inside and outside.

Below, for your convenience, is my last recap of the community donations, major operating expenses and activities that have occurred this past year.

### **COMMUNITY DONATIONS** (this year)

Our Tootsie Roll Drive yielded the largest donation ever to the Special Olympics - \$923.97, K of C Emergency Fund called "Clothes for Kids" - \$327, Community for Christ - \$2000, Pregnancy Help Center - \$1,000, Boy Scouts Retreat - \$600, Food Pantry - \$100, Laurie Park Youth Tractor Pull/BBQ - \$450, Enchanted Village of Lights in Laurie - \$50, West Side Chamber - \$100, Laurie Easter Egg Hunt - \$100, Scholarships - \$1,500, Road Clean-up - \$100, Hay Ride - \$424, Burn Camp - \$300, and ACT Missouri Youth Ambassador Program - \$500

**RELIGIOUS / PARISH DONATIONS:** Columbian Charities - \$1,343, March for Life - \$100, Right to Life - \$500, Nova donation - \$500, Vitae Foundation - \$250, RIB booklets - \$100, Seminarians - \$1,300, , Harvest Fest - \$750, Church Christmas LED light bulb replacement - \$500, Roses for Life - \$75, Mother's Shrine - \$500, School of Religion - \$500, Missouri Catholic Conference - \$200, "Christ is Born" Christmas Sign - \$1,150, K of C #3586 Golf Tournament - \$100, MO State Supreme Ultra Sound - \$500, Supreme Culture of Life - \$377 and Diocese Vocations - \$100.

### **OPERATING EXPENSES, etc.**

The Knights share of Parish expenses annually - \$1,842 (i.e. kitchen expenses, cleaning, repairs), Installation/Anniversary Dinner - \$1000, Accountant - \$2,919, Priest Christmas donations, funeral plaques - \$269, , Kitchen Roasters - \$232, Safety Improvements for Fish Shack - \$1,314, advertising - \$320, miscellaneous meeting expenses - \$110, and Supreme per capita \$855.50.

### **2015-2016 KNIGHTS ACTIVITIES (requiring volunteers):**

Blood Drives, Flu Shot Clinic, Shootout Parking Fundraiser, Enchanted Village of Christmas Lights, Knights support of Christmas food baskets/Giving Tree (helped fill 56 boxes of groceries for 29 families along with gifts for 72 children), supported the Pregnancy Help Center through fundraisers or facility upkeep, Baby Bottle Campaign, Old Church Cemetery upkeep, display wooden crosses representing the number of abortions, Boy Scout Retreat, help seniors in our community, scholarship committee, Knights who volunteered to help Father Pat clean up the leaves and other Shrine work, Decorating church grounds with Christmas lights, and remodeling St. Joe's Lounge and parish restrooms. In addition, the Knights provided the basic necessities and clothes for school children at 7 elementary schools totaling 300 kids, collecting

food for local food pantries, the "A" and "B" Fish Fry teams, monthly K of C Pancake Breakfasts, Fourth Degree display of flags, Lenten fundraiser raffle tickets, Knights Memorial Mass, Lake Road Clean up, Adopt-a-Highway, Tootsie Roll Drive, assist in getting funds for the Special Olympics, Buddy Back Pack program, supervised the PSR kids Ham and Bean Soup Dinner, Divine Mercy Sunday K of C Honor Guard and I am sure that I missed some.

What another successful year! As a member of our Knights of Columbus Council #10381, we should all be very proud! Once again we raised a lot of money and as you can see, we gave a lot away. Our members and their wives have given many hours of their time to make all of our activities successful. None of this could have been possible without our great volunteer spirit and willingness to give back to the community. For the past three years as a Grand Knight, I couldn't be prouder and more grateful!

I would like to take this time to thank all the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary for supporting the Parish, the Guild, the Shrine and the Knights of Columbus functions and hope all the members will give our new Grand Knight, Brother Jim Gerke, their full support.

## **ON THE OUTSIDE**

The 2016 Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament held Saturday, July 16, 2016 hosted by Holy Spirit Council 8334 at the Adams Pointe Golf Course, Lee Summit Mo. If interested please contact Mick Mithelavage @ 1-816-537-6040.

The Missouri Knights of Columbus 36th Annual State Horseshoe Tournament hosted by St. Joseph Council 6420, Scott City, MO will be held on August 19, 20 -21 2016, interested please contact Mike Miller @ 1-573-450-2320. Tournament registration deadline is July 14th.

There is also a Sporting Clay Shoot on September 17, 2016 hosted by Dutzow Council 1927, at the Blackhawk Valley Hunting Club, Old Monroe, MO. If interested please contact Jerome Kleekamp @ 1-636-239-5291.

Finally there is a Knights of Columbus Assembly 2121 raffle for a Henry Golden Boy, Walnut and Brass 22 caliber S,L, LR Load or \$350, second prize is a Spotting Scope 15-45 x 60 magnifications. Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10 or seven for \$20. Drawing will be held in Shell Knob, MO on September 27, 2016. Winner need not be present to win. See Jim Gerke for raffle tickets.

## **Fourth Degree Update**

Memorial Day marks the beginning of the year for the flag program. The Fourth Degree knights display about 200 flags at businesses around the greater Lake area: Memorial Day, Flag

Day (June 14), Fourth of July, Labor Day, September 11, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, and Presidents' Day. This is a very visible and patriotic activity of the Fourth Degree and its only fundraiser. Election of officers for the 2016-2017 year will be held at the meeting on June 15th. Nominations from our council are Jim Gerke, Faithful Navigator; Jim Yahnke, Faithful Scribe; Frank Scarpino, Faithful Inner Sentinel and Rick Purdon, One Year Trustee.

### **IN THE NEAR FUTURE:**

June Calendar:

12 – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after each Sunday Mass

14 – Flag Day – Fly your American Flag!

16 – K of C Officer Meeting 5:30 St. Joe's Hall

19 – Father's Day (No Knights Breakfast at the Elks)

23 – 25 St. Pat's Rummage Sale

25 - The Knights of Columbus Regional Retreat at St. Patrick's w/Father Uribe

28 – NO Knights Council or Ladies Auxiliary meeting this month!

28 – Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Installation of Officers and Dinner at the Laurie Elks (advance reservations required).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

\* Volunteers are greatly needed on June 12th to help with our Pancake Breakfast. Several of the "regulars" will be unavailable. Please contact Brad Deters if you are able and willing to help this event.

\* Brother Bernie Marco, who has volunteered to take care of our area's Red Cross Shelter Agreement, is asking if the Knights consider assisting if we have a disaster in our area. Please let Bernie know of your interests for this very lifesaving support program in our community.

\* I am hoping you have already signed up to volunteer for the LAKE OF THE OZARKS SHOOTOUT on August 27 – 28th. This is the Knights major fundraiser., Please contact Ken Nicholson to put your name on the sign-up sheets. Please let him know your shirt size and if you are willing to work more than one 4 hour shift over the course of the event.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

02 – Ken Nicholson

03 – Jim Klein

04 – Marvin Opie

06 – Richard Chiodini

15 – Gale Morgan

18 – Rick Colby

21 – Bud Reker

22 – Al Sinovic  
26 – Andy Bayerl

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES** - Knights Service Anniversaries (# of years):

26 – Jim Gerke, George Tankersley, Gene Hanrahan, Arthur Prestia  
25 – David Franken  
24 – Harold Waisner, Ben Luebbering  
18 – Raphael Wendling  
13 – Duane Kennedy  
11 – Louis Noland  
09 – Thomas Bell  
01 – Andrew Neff

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Bill Shortino, Don Hamilton, Dennis Devine, Ralph Baracz, Jim Kempf, Tom Costello, Mike Kuse, Jim Saab, Bob Grady, Tom Gerant, Duane Kennedy, Bud Reker, George Tankersley, John Willcott and Andy Bayerl.

My Last **SOMETHING TO THINK UPON THAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT:**

(During the past three years I have been repeatedly told that Knights are not familiar with the Fourth Degree and why should they consider to join, so this is my last reminder)!

Most of us notice when the Knights Fourth Degree Honor Guard serves at a religious function, the reverence level of importance of the function seems to be uplifted as the Knights in their prestigious regalia accompany the Priests. The Honor Guard deserves to be congratulated for their deep religious convictions and worldwide recognition. Therefore, I would like those who are not familiar with the purpose and background of the Fourth Degree to become aware with this last reminder below:

**[What is the Fourth Degree All About?](#)**

Another degree open to members in the Knights of Columbus is the Fourth Degree. The first exemplification of that degree was held in New York City, on February 22, 1900. The ritual added Patriotism to the three principles of the Order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Any Third Degree member, in good standing, six months after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called "assemblies".) Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in their council to remain in good standing with the Fourth Degree. Certain

members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.



Pictured above is the Fourth Degree Emblem. Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian gentlemen in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, Bishops and hierarchy of the Church, and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and Priests.

The triad features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans. Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe - God the Father, Creator of the Universe
- The Cross - God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind
- The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The colors of the symbols are:

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross
- A white dove

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress Patriotism, the principle of the Fourth Degree.

I hope you found this interesting. If you are interested in becoming Fourth Degree, the next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on September 26th.

Yours in Christ,

Frank Scarpino

P.S. Jacki and I will truly miss you Father Patrick Dolan! May The Lord take good care of you on your new journey! (I still think you should trade that Ford truck of yours in for a good GM truck!!)

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## **Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Information**

Meeting: No Meeting in June. We will see you at the Elks for Dinner and Installation of Officers and Trustees.

June Birthdays: 6/25, Marge Devine

Shoot-Out 2016 Information may be available.

Reach out to any Potential Member and encourage them to join us for our goal is a minimum of 1 new member each month. (Sarah Pasowiez is our newest member).

God Bless You and hope to see you June 28,

Julie Dorman, President