



NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus
Council 9096
Apple Valley, MN
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AUGUST 2016

Upcoming Events

- **8/9 KC Family Picnic 630pm**
- **9/13 Monthly Meeting. at 730pm, Guest Speaker TBD**
- **9/23 Risen Savior Church Picnic**

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Grand Knight Report – by Jerry Kuennen

Brother Knights:

A focus this year from our Supreme Council is to look for ways we can support our parish in their mission. Don't get me wrong, there are many ways in which we already support the parish and have been doing so for many years. This is just an effort to see where else we might be able to serve. In that vein, we intend to discuss this issue with Fr. Tom soon, after he has had a chance to discuss it with his staff. We'll keep you posted on any developments.

Next Tuesday, August 9, is our annual Council family picnic. Guests who might be interested in joining the Knights are welcome, in fact encouraged. So if you have a friend who you think would be a good addition to our group, by all means, invite him to be with us. Better yet, bring him and his family with you. See you all on the 9th.

Vivat Jesus!

Beginning with this issue we have resumed sending this newsletter to all council members. If you received this newsletter by regular postal mail, but have an email address, please send that address to danh1225@gmail.com Sending by email saves the council the additional printing and postage expenses.

Fraternally
Jerry Kuennen
Grand Knight

Notes from the July 12, 2016 meeting—

1. Grand Knight, Jerry Kuennen, indicated the following:
 - A thank you note was received from the Feed My Starving Children organization for the \$200 donation made by our council.
 - I will talk to Father Tom concerning how the KCs can be of service to the parish.
2. Council chairman, B.J. Bertram, sent out a council activity schedule for 2016/2017 and asked for comments on possible changes.
3. Culture of Life chairman, Dave Commerford, indicated that on the third Saturday of next month at 11:00 am, a prayer vigil is said in front of the Mega Abortion clinic in St. Paul.
4. Financial Secretary, Andy Howard, indicated the following:
 - Our council received \$500 from KC Supreme for the food donations that were hauled by our council members to the food shelf.
 - Passed out an information card about the KC web site.
5. Fellow council member, Terry McCall, gave us a presentation about the Catholic Watchmen. He also asked the KCs to furnish the financial resources for the meal at the kickoff event that will be held on September 27 at 6:30 pm. More information about the organization can be found on the following web site:
 - www.thecatholocwatchmen.com
6. District Deputy, Dan Hindes, indicated the following:
 - Conducted the installation of KC council officers for the 2016/2017-year.
 - Keep in contact with Father Tom for what we can do to help the parish.
 - Our council should send out the monthly newsletter to council member who do not have email service.
7. Keep all individuals in need of healing in your prayers.

There is no regular monthly meeting in August. Instead join us at the KC Family Picnic (see article below)

HELP WANTED

We need a brother knight to produce the monthly newsletter. It is currently produced in Microsoft Word, but other platforms are welcome. The time commitment is about 2-3 hours per month and is time sensitive to the 1st of the month. It does NOT require you to write articles. You simply gather the emailed articles from various individuals, copy/paste and organize. The final product is emailed to mostly all of the membership, sent postal mail to the others by the printer, and about 10 copies are placed in the info rack at church by parish staff.

Also needed is a brother knight to take over our website. We use Weebly and right now it is pretty much a cut and paste effort. There is no coding skill required. It gets updated monthly with the monthly newsletter and whenever there are changes to our

council, e.g. annual change in officers. Please contact Dan Hides 612-237-4794 or danh1225@gmail.com if you are interested.

Apple Valley KC Council Rosary Members

Since 2004, our Apple Valley Knights of Columbus Council members have been saying a part of the Rosary every day. The original members were: Introduction (Don Miller), First Decade (Bill Conrad), Second Decade (Jim Green), Third Decade (B. J. Bertram), Fourth Decade (Andy Howard), and Fifth Decade (Fritz Welch). With the passing of Don and Bill, two members were added in June 2016: Introduction (Dan Hides) and First Decade (Jim Sowada). It is all right to have more than person saying the same part of the rosary so if you are interested in joining this group in saying the rosary, please contact B. J. Bertram at (952) 435-8461 or at bertram60@msn.com.



AUGUST 9 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PICNIC



The Apple Valley Risen Savior Knights of Columbus will have a Family Picnic at the following time:

DATE: August 9, 2016

DAY: Tuesday

SOCIAL TIME START: 6:30 PM

MEAL TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Lac Lavon Park Shelter (Corner of Lac Lavon Drive and Crystal Lake Road East)

BAD WEATHER: Picnic will be held in Risen Savior Church Basement

CONTACT: Steve Dahl (952-892-0383).

This is a fun event for our KC Members and their entire family. There is a large playground next to the picnic shelter. Please bring along potential new KC members and their families. The Knights will be serving Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, and Refreshments free of charge. Please bring along a dish to share.

FROM THE DISTRICT 55 DEPUTY – Dan Hides

Since my installation as District 55 Deputy on July 8th, I have had the pleasure of attending the meetings of 3 of the 5 councils in the District (including our own Council 9096 Apple Valley) and installed their officers. I should finish this up this month. As seems to be the norm, regular attendance at KC Council meetings (including our own) tends to be the same people, and not that many at that. It occurred to me that the dissemination of information from the State and District levels could be limited to these same few brother knights, and others are missing out so to speak. So at the last minute

in preparing our council newsletter, I decided to include this new feature, “From the District 55 Deputy.”

There are 3 focal areas for this new fraternal year: Membership, Building the Domestic Church, and Protocols.

MEMBERSHIP: You hear it all the time. To survive any organization needs new members. State is taking a very aggressive approach to recruitment. It should be in our blood to ask any practical Catholic man age 18 or older to be a KC. Ideally, 1st Degrees should be held MONTHLY. Candidates should be recruited to the established 1st degree date, not the date set after you get a candidate or 2. The degree ceremony can occur before, during, after, a meeting, or anytime/anywhere. There is a downloadable DVD version with instructions, or the ceremony can be read/memorized by a team. **Now the good part!** There are some new incentives this year both for individual Knights and Councils:

- If a member recruits 3 or more new members (completed 1st degree) between now and the end of September, he will receive a fleece jacket with the KC insignia.
- If a member recruits 5 new members between now and June 30th, he will receive a \$50 gift card to Menards, Mills Fleet Farm, or Home Depot.
 - Recruit 10 new members \$100 gift card
 - Recruit 15 new members \$200 gift card
- If a council recruits 25% of their goal (3 for our council) before the end of September, the council will receive \$250 for charitable purposes.
 - If a council achieves 100% of its membership goal (10) by June 30th, the council will receive \$250 for charitable purposes.

Our district is planning a Major Degree (1-2-3) in January, dates TBD. This will be an excellent opportunity to bring those new and not-so-new 1st degree brother knights to full knighthood.

Also, after you get that new brother knight, what do you do with him? Ask him and remind him to attend your meetings and do it frequently. Involve him in your activities and fund raisers. Put him out front and visible, not in the kitchen. Out front, he is a potential recruiter just by his presence: “Hey, Chuck, I didn’t know you were a knight. Yeah, I just joined and I really like it.”

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: There are a couple of elements here: We want to build our relationships with our priests and pastors, as well as with parish staff. The KC’s should be the “go-to-people” when something needs to be done. We need to be consistently asking, “what can the knights do for you?” The other element is for an increase in parish spirituality. I have been told of a survey which says that the KC’s are perceived as great fund raisers for charity and great doers of good works, but need more presence in parish spirituality.

To this end, Building the Domestic Church, Supreme has instituted changes to the Columbian Award (Form SP-7) for the 2016/2017 Fraternal Year. The current form SP-7 is being revised accordingly, so make sure you file the correct version later in the fraternal year. Four programs must be designated as Domestic Church. More info can be found at kofc.org/domesticchurch. Although additional Domestic Church activities

will be released throughout the fraternal year, the following programs currently carry the Domestic Church designation:

- Journey to the Inn
- Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Fully Alive Devotional Program
- Holy Family Celebrations (Diocesan-wide)
- Food for Families
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Spiritual Formation Groups (Into the Breach)'
- 5th Sunday Rosary Program
- Family Week Celebrations

PROTOCOLS: During State and Regional meetings this past month, I, along with other DD's have been reminded about the importance of observing our order's protocols, and it was specifically pointed out that this applies not only to degree ceremonies, but to meetings as well. Emphasis was placed on room/chamber set up, proper salutations, properly conducting a meeting, and the use of officer jewels. So if Worthy GK Jerry starts to tweak a few things, you know the reason why. Peace and Vivat Jesus!

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