

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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Our K of C Coin Toss, under the tent at the St. Pius Parish Festival was successful in so many ways. Not only did we raise money to sustain our many services to the community, we gave all who came, a chance to meet us in action. The exposure creates an interest for men to become a K of C member and an opportunity for everyone to learn who we are, what we do for the parish, and support our fundraisers and assistances.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT NIGHT DATE SET

The Euchre Tournament is set for on October 5th in the Social Hall. There will be a need for volunteers to help on that night. As the tournament draws closer, brother Knights should expect a call to help. Please make an effort to participate. This is a great idea for the men of the parish to socialize and learn about the Knights of Columbus Council 3956. Thanks to Brother Brian Batko for the idea and chairing this exciting program!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Congratulations to Alexander Brown, who signed up online. Membership Director Dave Sajdak reported that Alex is a member of the parish who will be welcomed as our newest first degree Brother Knight this month. We encourage men in the parish to join the Knights of Columbus. Information is available at info@kofc3956.org. Simply go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> (Select the option to join a local Council and type in our number '3956')

UPDATE ON NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN!

At our September membership meeting, Brother Sal Di Pasquale updated us on the status of the sign outside of the church. It is first necessary to do some welding, and then the brickwork can be done. Thank you Brother Sal for all the work you are doing for the Council and St. Pius.

DOWNRIVER KNIGHTS FAMILY PICNIC

Another successful picnic. Nearly \$1400.00 was raised, which will pay for next year's boat tour. PGK Ray Bilyk invited any Brothers who haven't attended in the past to attend next year's event.

BRINGING BACK THE SQUIRES

The Columbian Squires was the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. Still active throughout the world, it is a leadership and character development program for Catholic young men, 10-18 years old.

Designed to be run by and for young men. Squires have fun, meet new friends, travel, play sports and socialize. Squires are a youth group, a social club, a cultural and civic improvement association, a management training course, a civil rights organization and a spiritual development program all rolled into one. (<https://kofcnc.org/squires-2/>)

PGK Ray Bilyk is passionate about Squires and we join him in his enthusiasm to re-introduce a similar youth group to coordinate with our council.

GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS

Grand Knight Bill Robert thanks the many Knights of the Council for their help during the festival particularly: Joe, Frank, Dave, Ray, and Niko, who among others spent many hours in preparing, participating and cleaning up after the event. We were blessed with generally good weather and a good turn-out.

October 11, 12, and 13th will be the next Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired. It will be necessary to order 3 boxes of Tootsie Rolls. Excess Tootsie Rolls are donated to the Seminary to pass out at their Trick or Treat Program. To learn more contact Grand Knight Bill Robert at billrobert218@gmail.com

Council officers should think about registering for the Safe Environment training to be able to volunteer at events where children are present. The training can be done online at any time. Contact Bill for more information.

EXCITED ABOUT OUR WEBSITE!

Our Website at www.kofc3956.org is a tremendous resource for all things related to the Knights of Columbus. Primarily pertaining to our local council, it also provides information on regional, state and national levels. Click on the tabs to learn more. For example: The Join us tab at www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index is inspiring. Thanks to PGK and Communications Director Ray Bilk, Worthy Recorder Robert Park, and everyone who has helped.

CHARITY PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND DONUT SUNDAYS ARE BACK!

Please consider taking the time to help our wonderful crew of fellow knights with these activities. As a fundraiser and a social event, many parishioners look forward to these events each month. We plan to provide information on these Sundays to promote our current activities and recruitment of new members. To sign up to volunteer for the October Charity Family Breakfast: Go to <https://www.kofc3956.org/signup/> and click on the button there, and it will take you right to the signup form

DOWNRIVER FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGE

Thank you to all the regular contributors to the Downriver Food Pantry. There continues to be a serious shortage of many items, particularly foods with a long shelf life such as instant oatmeal, canned soups and other foods that don't require refrigeration. Thank you to Ushers Club and particularly Brother Knight Dennis Hamilton for your hard work and communication. Please drop off any non-perishable food items at the Pantry across from the Social Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22, 2019

Major Degree at Robert Jones Council at Christ the Good Shephard. Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

K of C Council 3956 Regular Membership Business Meeting in Social Hall.

Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 pm., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 4, 2019

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Saturday October 5, 2019

K of C Council 3956 Host our first Euchre night in the Social Hall. 7:00 pm.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 11, 12, and 13, 2019

Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired. Contact GK Bill Robert for more information

Sunday October 13, 2019

Charity Family Breakfast in the Social Hall after 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

Sunday October 27, 2019

Donut Sunday in the Social Hall after 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

Friday, November 1, 2019

All Saint's Day

Saturday, November, 2019

All Soul's Day

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

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PARISH FESTIVAL RESULTS

Details have yet to be completed. Please come to our next membership meeting on October 2, 2019 to learn more. Also refer to the St. Pius X Parish Bulletin and website, and our council website at www.kofc.3956.org

USHERS NOTES:

Our next Ushers Meeting is THURSDAY, September 19th in the Social Hall. Any Usher who has not paid their \$5.00 dues yet, please bring it to the meeting. Mark your calendar for upcoming meeting on November 11th, and in 2020 on March 19th and May 14th. Our Christmas Social this year will be on December 12th. More details in the coming months.

DON'T MISS KNIGHTS CORNER EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN!

Each week, we will present to the parish community a message on behalf of our K of C council. This helps to expand our reach to all members of our faith community. Please look for "Knights Corner" and share it with family and friends!

MESSAGE BOARD

Our council continues to support and fund many programs that benefit our community including Upper Downriver Right to Life, Coats for Kids, Downriver Food Pantry, and St. Vincent DePaul to name a few. There are others that seek our support including Angela's Place, Protect Life Campus and The Rosary Altar Confraternity. These and other programs will be discussed at our next membership meeting on October 2, 2019.

Get Well wishes to Dennis Hamilton who is recuperating from a fall. Please continue to pray for all brother knights, parishioners, their family members and friends in need of God's mercy for whatever challenges they face, particularly those in poor health and in crisis. It seems that our prayer list is growing larger each month. Please refer to website and church bulletin for list of those in need of prayers.

FELLOWSHIP WITH NEIGHBORING COUNCILS

PGK Bilyk would also like to coordinate an opportunity for fellowship with a neighboring council. It would be a great opportunity for the Brother Knights of the Obrien Council to enjoy each other's company and support the events of a neighboring council. More information to follow.

NEWS FROM OTHER LOCAL CHAPTERS

The Wyandotte Council is hosting a Steak Dinner on Sunday September 22th from 1:00-4:00. No preorders needed. On Friday, September 27th, a Watkins Burger Night from 4:00-8:00. On Sunday, October 13th, Octoberfest from 2:30-5:00.

The Jones Council on 3528 Fort Street in Lincoln Park will be having an inaugural party on September 15th at 3:00.

RIGHT TO LIFE PETITION DRIVE

PGK Bob La Forest updated the council on the petition beginning in September to put on the ballot for next year a ban on dismemberment abortions. 400,000 signatures are required. Bob emphasized that the abortion petition only be signed once. Also make sure to sign petition for your county.

REFLECTION

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord help me to remember today and every day that nothing is going to happen to me that you and I together can't handle. Amen.

Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco,
Brother Knight and Editor