

# Knights of Columbus

## Council 996

### GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

#### SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- May 2nd-Bible Study and Business Mtg.
- May 4th-5th-I.C. Carnival
- May 9th-Columbus Club Mtg.
- May 16th-Social Night Cookout
- May 18th-19th-CTK Carnival
- May 23rd-4th Degree Mtg.

Brothers, Spring is finally here! Time to start getting out there taking care of our flower beds and mowing our lawns! Well that's no different than out here at the acres! A huge thank you to a couple of brothers who helped with very nice monetary donations! This will help a lot with the things we need to do around here. But I'm sad to say we will still need some help with this. We are looking at replacing our Kubota lawn mower. It has seen better days and needs repair almost every time it's used. The machine we are looking at is pricey-right at \$6000! But we feel the size of the area this is going to cut demands this size of mower. PLEASE! If any of you Brothers are able to donate to this cause- help us. Thank you all in advance.

Last month the Knights of the River Valley area hosted a viewing of the Movie: Paul, Apostle of Christ. This was a fund raiser for the Stork Bus, another pregnancy crisis center. This was to purchase a bus to house a traveling ultrasound machine. A most worthwhile cause I'm sure you'll all agree. This movie viewing was talked about at the meetings and posted in the church bulletins in our area. With all the talk and posting for this movie, only about 25 people, TOTAL, showed up for this very worthwhile project. To be honest, I felt this an embarrassing showing! We can, and should do better! In bringing up the issue of pregnancy crisis center, I have been asked: When are we going to have the unveiling of the ultrasound machine at Heart to Heart? Your answer is: I don't know. We have been contacted by the board from Heart to Heart that Ms. Dahlem has stepped down as director and they are in the process of restructuring, and all projects are on hold until further notice. They will let us know when they finish their work and are back to business as usual.

May is bringing in the

carnival season! Both IC and CTK are having their carnivals this month. Please sign up to help with these fun events, especially if you attend one of these churches! There is definitely more fun than work here!

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard was on hand at CTK for their First Communion masses and Conformation in April. This was a first for them with a communion and it was VERY impressive and MOST appreciated by the teachers, parents, and both Fr. Juan and Fr. Norman. I heard nothing but great complements that day and several since! At the end of Mass Fr. Juan had a lot to say to the church about the Knights and all the good things they do! Thank you for stepping up for this gentlemen, and thank you Fr. Juan for all your kind words! Also, the conformation was impressive as well, and very much appreciated. All members of both communion classes and the conformation class received a finger rosary blessed by Fr. Juan and Bishop Taylor from the Commander of the Honor Guard Mike Heathcott.

Every month we publish the names of our members having birthdays. We don't publish their ages, just the dates. Well, in April we had a member reach his 100th birthday!! SK Milt Earnhart turned 100 on April 1, 2018. To help honor this milestone we invited him (and his assistant Pat) to our steak dinner on the 20th. After saying grace we brought out a cake and all sang Happy Birthday to our brother! He was pleasantly surprised and grateful. Milt hasn't been out to the hall in a long time and was impressed. We hope to see more of him.

The October Golf Tournament meetings have begun! If you would like to be a part of this money maker, please join us! If you would like to be a golfer in the tournament, please let us know! If you know someone who would like to be a tournament or team sponsor, please let us know!

This last topic is hard to bring up. We as you know are having some financial issues here at the hall. It is no secret that we are having trouble making ends meet. It is up to ALL OF US to see what we can do to help in this matter. Every little thing helps! Now

then- Anytime we are out at the hall as part of a WORKING detail, we usually have something to eat or drink at the expense of the hall. This is if we are WORKING. Sadly, it has been brought to my attention by several brothers that someone, no names here, (one or two brothers) have been going into the pantry and cooler after business meetings to help themselves to snacks and drinks to take home. This has been going on for some time, and at first I didn't want to believe it. I have now seen it for myself. Brothers we can't let this go on! It's not fair for the rest of us that pay for these things, and we can't keep a budget if someone keeps taking these things without paying. It hurts to have to do this, and I'm sorry, but we will bring this out in the open if it does not stop immediately!

Brothers, thank you, it is a privilege to be your Grand Knight!  
 God Bless you all and your families!  
 Matt Hutchinson  
 Grand Knight  
 KoC 996  
 Fort Smith, AR  
 Please remember our Vets!

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## Council Lecturer

### Dc. Greg Pair

We are all created for relationships. The whole Law and the prophets, Jesus said, can be summed up in loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Matthew 22:36–40). So a moral life is one in which we live our relationships well. After all, no one sets out to be a poor parent or a lousy friend. But wanting to succeed in our relationships is not the same thing as actually excelling in them. It's not enough to simply desire to be a loving spouse or a loyal employee or a diligent student, just as it isn't enough to just want to be a doctor or a musician or a star athlete. Rather, we must have the necessary skills in order to actually fulfill those roles. In the case of our relationships, the necessary skills are more than knowledge or natural talent. We need virtue to live out our relationships well.

## Council Activities

### Art Rideout

There will be no family nights in May because of the church carnivals that we will be working. The next one will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. Thanks again to all the people who helped out at the Fish Knights this year. It was another great year but would not have been possible without Clyde, Chris, and their crew, cooking and serving the meals along with all the other people who donated their time. The Steak Knight on April 20<sup>th</sup> was a big success. Thanks to the people who prepared the meal, Jayne Ann, Dickie and Jerry Spahn, along with Waylon Horn. A good time was had by everyone. We may try to do another one in the fall. Last but not least, at the social meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be cooking hamburgers and, weather permitting, playing horseshoes. We will begin at 6 pm.



M A Y B I R T H D A Y S

1st - Nick Padley	15th - Michael Day
3rd- Michael Schluterman	16th- Stephen Maestri
6th- Richard Udouj, Jacob Maestri	18th-Scott Gleason
7th - Johnathan Gramlich	19th-Tim Wald
9th-Kenneth Eckelhoff	24th -Alex Sharum
11th-James Lopez	25th- John Polinsky, IV
12th-Robert Brown, Dan Hornung, Dennis Spahn	28th-Phillip Boyd, Greg Spires
13th-Bill DuBois, Edward Valley	29th- Mark Urban
	30th - Leslie Stone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS!

F A M I L I E S I N N E E D O F P R A Y E R

**Sick:**

Tony Spahn, Harold Willie, Kathy Furhman, Betty Uerling, Anne Maestri, Dickie Spahn, Tony Scherrey, Theresa DuBois

**Deaths:**

Craig Gilker, brother of Brian Gilker, Brother and Sir Knight Herman Lutz.



# MAY 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo 7pm Acres Rented	2 Bible Study 6:30pm Business Mtg. 7:30pm	3	4 I.C. Carnival	5 I.C. Carnival Acres Rental
6 Acres Rental	7	8 Bingo 7pm	9 Columbus Club Mtg. 6:30pm	10 Ascension	11	12 Acres Rental Ballroom	
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Bingo 7pm	16 Social Night Cookout 6pm	17	18 CTK Carnival Northside Graduation Ballroom Rented	19 CTK Carnival Southside Graduation Ballroom Rented	
20 Pentecost	21	22 Bingo 7pm	23 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	24	25	26	
27 Holy Trinity	28 Memorial Day	29 Bingo 7pm	30 Schools Close for the summer-watch out for the kids!	31 Corpus Christi			

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Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Deputy Grand Knight	Carder Ferguson
Financial Secretary	Marc Lux
Treasurer	Mark Urban

**2017-2018 Columbus Club**

Joe Luebke, President

*Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of  
every other month at 6:30 P.M. All Council  
996 members are invited and encouraged to  
attend.*

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