

Knights of Columbus

Council 996

GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- February 1st-Bible Study and Business Mtg.
- February 5th-Super Bowl Party
- February 15th-Social Meeting
- February 17th-Family Night
- February 22nd-4th Degree Mtg.

Greetings Brothers!

I want to welcome our newest members of our council: Sean Carrier, who is the band director at Southside High School; Ryan Horn, son of Brother Knight Waylon Horn; and Nathan Barker, son of Brother Knight Gary Barker. If you see any of these new members walk up to them and shake their hands and welcome to the order.

I also want to thank the degree team for the work they put in: Robert Collins, Joe Luebke, Mike Heathcott, Daniel Moore, and John Reith.

As mentioned in last month's meeting, we will start having a Bible study before the start of our business meetings each month. The study will start at 6:30.

Do not forget that the 5th of February is the Super Bowl. We will be having our annual Super Bowl party that day, so come on out and enjoy the food and fellowship as we watch the game. We will also be having a family night on the 17th.

I have not mentioned this in a while now, but I want to say thanks to all who come out and work on the Bingo nights. I know that after working all day we just

want to get home and sit back and relax. But the ones that do come out and work those nights, I want to say thank you, that if it was not for your dedication to come out and work those nights, we would not have the success that we have.

Before I forget, Ash Wednesday is on the 1st of March this year. We will be having our fish dinners during lent at the hall and, as always, the food will be prepared by Clyde Chaney and Crew.

Vivat Jesus
Grand Knight
Gus Copenhaver

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Attention all members and guests!! Join our Super Bowl Party on Sunday Feb. 5th, beginning at 4pm. Cost is \$10 for people over 21, ages 12-20 is \$5, and under 12 is free. Charge covers food, door prizes, and soda and wine. Beer will be \$1 per can. Kickoff for game is approximately 5:30pm. Come out and enjoy the fellowship!!

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What is Lent?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet. Lent begins on March 1, 2017.

The observance of Lent is related to the celebration of Easter. In the first three centuries of the Christian era, most Christians prepared for Easter by fasting and praying for three days. In some places this was extended to the entire week before Easter (now known as "Holy Week"). There is evidence that in Rome, the length of preparation was three weeks. The word derives from the Middle English word *lenten*, meaning springtime - the time of lengthening days. There is biblical support for doing penance, but the season of Lent, like all Catholic liturgical seasons, developed over time. In its early three-week form, Lent was the period of intense spiritual and liturgical preparation for catechumens before they were baptized at Easter. Many members of the community imitated this time of preparation with the catechumens.

By the fourth century (when Christianity was legalized) Lent had developed into its current length of forty days, the length of the fast and temptation of Jesus in the desert (cf. Luke 4:1-13). Recently, research has suggested that the development of Lent was also influenced by the forty-day span of fasting practiced by many in the early Church (especially monks). This fast, beginning right after Epiphany (January 6th) stressed prayer and penance. Once most people were Christian and baptized as infants, Lent lost the connection to the preparation of

catechumens and the themes of repentance and fasting became dominant.

When does Lent begin?

Traditionally, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Since this is more than forty days, some contend that Sundays are not counted and that Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are counted instead. Others say that it begins on the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday. No one is exactly sure how Ash Wednesday became the first day of Lent. Many Catholics were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. The sacrifices in Lent are really penance, in the same spirit as the Ninevites that repented at the preaching of Jonah. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need. It is not necessary to "give up something" but it would be a tragedy to do nothing.

Do Sundays count as a part of Lent? - Ash Wednesday

It is impossible to determine when the seventh Wednesday before Easter was designated as the beginning of the preparation on period before Easter. It does date from at least the fourth century. During that century, penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sackcloth and sprinkle ashes to show their repentance. This custom certainly predates Christianity as can be seen by references in the Hebrew Scriptures (cf. Esther 4:2-3; Daniel 19:3; Jonah 3:6)

and Christian Bible (cf. Matthew 11:21).

There is no doubt that the custom of distributing ashes to everyone on Ash Wednesday came from imitation of the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents. As Lent increasingly focused on the themes of repentance and renewal, Christians sensed their own need for repentance. The practice of distribution of ashes to all members of the community is mentioned in official documents of 1091 (Cf. Synod of Benventum, 1091 Manse, XX, 739) although nearly a hundred years earlier it is already assumed in a homily of the period.

Lenten Regulations

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. Fasting means to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. Abstinence means not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church. Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so. At one time, people gave up all dairy products and meat during all of the Lenten season. Since chickens continue to produce eggs and cows milk, the custom developed to make the milk into cheese and color the eggs so that when Easter arrived, no food

would be wasted.

Other Definitions Concerning Lent:

Carnival

Originally a celebration just before Lent. Carnival is Latin for "farewell to meat."

Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent, which marks the halfway point, celebrated with rose vestments instead of the usual violet.

Mundy Thursday

An ancient English name for Holy Thursday. It comes from the Latin, *Mandatum novum da nobis* ("I give you a new commandment," John 13:34) that began the ancient foot-washing ceremony.

Palm Sunday

The celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before he was arrested. In Scripture, people placed palm branches on the road as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem.

Passion Sunday

The Sunday before Easter (also called "Palm Sunday") in which the passion of the Lord (the story of Jesus' arrest and death) is traditionally read.

Spy Wednesday

A name for the Wednesday of Holy Week that alludes to Judas agreeing with the Sanhedrin to betray Jesus.

Triduum

The "Great Three Days" - the three-part celebration beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continuing with The Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and concluding with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

F E B R U A R Y B I R T H D A Y S

1st-Greg Koenigseder, James Udouj, John Grote	15th-Christopher Lawson, Aaron Liotta
2nd-Rick Dahlem, Richard Gramlich	17th-Emmett Martin, Sr.
4th- John Becker	18th-Lewis Sparks, Kenneth Seiter, Jr.
5th-David Sessions	19th-Jerome Meyers
6th-Kendall Myers, Richard A. DeSalvo	24th-Joseph Armstrong, Mark Giuliani, Casey Hargrave, Patrick Flake, Joseph Luebke
7th-Matt Hutchinson, Richard Gramlich	25th-Brian Gilker, Michael Hassler, Justin Wisdom
8th-Kenneth Schlag, Patrick Charlton, Nicholas Akins, James Smith	26th-Michael Knitting
9th-Bill Lensing	28th-Mark Eccleston
11th-Fr. Norman McFall	
13th-Richard Bushkuhl	
14th-Douglas Lensing, Carl Carlson	

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:

Gerald Miller, Tony Spahn, Scott Koch, son of Gilbert Koch, Bill Kirk, Irene Seiter, Harold Willie, Sharon Mott, mother of Danette (Cliff Boyd), Beverly Heathcott, Kathy Fuhman, and Marilyn Boyd, widow of Teddy and mother of Cliff.

Military:

Jake Dahlem, stationed in Japan, and Jacob Ferguson, son of Carter Ferguson, who is deployed.



FEBRUARY 2017

	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Bible Study @ 6:30	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
				Business Mtg. @ 7:30			
5	<i>Super Bowl Party</i>	6	7	<i>Bingo 7pm</i>	8	9	10
	<i>Hall Rented</i>						11
12	13	14	<i>Bingo 7pm</i>	15	16	17	18
		<i>Valentine's Day</i>		Social Mtg. @ 7:30		<i>Family Night</i> 6:30	
19	20	21	<i>Bingo 7pm</i>	22	23	24	25
	<i>President's Day</i>			<i>4th Degree Mtg.</i> @ 7:30		<i>Hall Rented</i>	<i>Hall Rented</i>
26	27	28	<i>Bingo 7pm</i>	29	30		
		<i>Mardi Gras-Fat</i> <i>Tuesday</i>					

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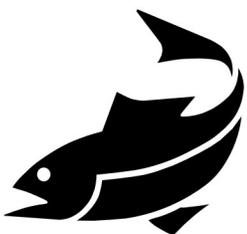
2016-2017 Columbus Club

Robert Collins, 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.*

Fish Knights!!!

Our Annual Fish Nights during Lent will start on March 3, 2017,
at 6:30pm. Come out and enjoy fellowship and our wonderful
fish and shrimp plates made by Clyde and the Crew!! We will be
open after Stations of the Cross!!!



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