

# Knights of Columbus

## Council 996

### GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

#### SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Bingo every Tuesday @ 7pm
- May 3rd: Bible Study and Business Mtg.
- May 5th-6th: I.C. Carnival
- May 10th: Columbus Club Mtg.
- May 14th: Mother's Day
- May 17th: Social Mtg.
- May 19th-20th: CTK Carnival
- May 24th: 4th Degree Mtg.
- May 26th: Schools Dismiss
- May 29th: Memorial Day

Happy Mothers day to all the mothers!

Just a couple of things to go over quickly:

1) May 5th and 6th I.C. church carnival. We need some brother Knights to help with making funnel cakes.

2) May 19th and 20th Christ the King church carnival will need some bother Knights to help with making the funnel cakes again. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge at the Hall.

I want to thank the Clyde Chaney, Chris Brown and their crew for cooking the fish during our fish Knights this year, and thanks to the

clean up crew. Let's not forget about Boy Scout Troop 3 for coming out and helping with keeping the tables cleared and making sure the condiments were plentiful. They also helped in the Kitchen.

You might have had a cinnamon roll for dessert after eating a fish dinner. Well, if you did, it was for a fund raiser for IC school. The parents that made them volunteered to take time out of their day to make those. I heard they were delicious. Thanks to Sandra Moore wife of brother Knight Daniel Moore for making the icing for them. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the cobblers that same night.

We had our annual

clean up the acres campaign in April. We had four Knights show up and a scout from Troop 3 with his grandfather. It took them all about 5 hours out of their day to rake leaves and pick up sticks.

This year, Dickie Spahn is going to need any help he can get taking care of the acres. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

God Bless  
Vivat Jesus  
Grand Knight  
Gus Copenhaver

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### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ART RIDE OUT

Well the Lenten season and our fish nights are done for another year. It was a good year and I would like to thank all the people who helped make it another success. First of all the cooks, Clyde Chaney, Chris Brown, his wife Christy and daughter Elizabeth, Susan and Theresa Dubois, Henry, Phillip, and Daniel Moore, and Gus Copenhaver. Then, there was the clean up crews who worked hard every week: Robert Collins, Dave English, Nick Matthews, Luscious, Rick Gramlich, Marc Lux, Waylon, Sam and Jake Horn, Gary Barker, Bo Helmert, Carder Ferguson and the Troop 3 Boy Scouts. The money takers, Jim Foldvary, Mike Heathcott, Matt Hutchinson, Bill Dubois and Holly. Also the bartenders, Jayne Ann and Jennifer. I have probably forgotten someone so I am sorry for that. Once again thanks to everyone who helped out. Because of the IC and Christ the King carnivals in May we will not have a family night, but will return on June 23rd with the menu to be determined.

**COUNCIL LECTURER  
DC. GREG PAIR**

Handing on the Faith  
by Mark Shea

In our family, we have a tradition. Every evening, my wife and I (sometimes one of us, sometimes both) go into the children's bedrooms, make the sign of the cross on our kids' foreheads and bless them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It has become a last sign of love for the day, a fixed point in a hectic, crazy and painful world. No matter how things went at school, no matter whether they were rotters or angels, no matter what, they know they will find hands extended in blessing at the end of the day. The kids have come to expect it, and to share it with their younger siblings as one of the deepest expressions of love they know. The life and love grows and spreads and puts down roots.

I often think of our family tradition when I think of the way God's family, the Church, grows and spreads and puts down roots. For the human experience of family love is a kind of image of the love of God. God, after all, is a little like a family Himself. He is one God in three Persons. And the love between those Persons is so intense and creative that He desires nothing more than to be given away to the creatures He has made, even when those creatures have sinned against Him. We are called to be members of God's family, even if we are black sheep.

But how? Does He hand us a Bible and say, "Read this, kid. If you can understand it well enough, I'll see you in heaven when you die. Otherwise, tough beans. Now I'm going out of town for many years. Bye." No. God is not some distant Father or abstract theological concept. So far from being distant, His Spirit is, as one of the saints says, closer than water to a fish. So far from not being able to get near Him, the Psalmist exclaims rather that he can't get away from Him even if he wanted to! (Ps 139:7-12)

But even this closeness was not enough for God. That is why the Second Person of the Trinity was born in a stable at Bethlehem. He came to us, not merely through a book, but as a man. The Word became, not just words, but flesh. And when He did, He offered us, not just words, but his hands extended in blessing just as, in our own fumbling way, my wife and I offer our hands to our children. "He stretched out his hand and touched" the leper (Matt 8:3). He touched Peter's mother-in-law and the fever left her (Matt. 8:15). "He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them" (Mark 10:16). And in the climactic moment of his life, he stretched out his hands-and died.

Yet the glorious truth is, He did not stay dead. "See my hands" He told His astonished disciples (Luke 24:39). It was by His hands that He showed Himself alive to Thomas (John 20:27).

Not strangely then, the Church sees its mission as "handing down" the revelation entrusted to it. Like families still do, it passes down the life given to it by its Father, not just in the family diary called the Bible, but in the family memory called Sacred Tradition: the common life, common teaching and common worship of the whole family in union with the bishops and our Holy Father the Pope. It hands down the sacraments. It collects images of its children the saints in photo albums called icons. It honors its Mother Mary. It passes on to us the full knowledge of what it means to be children of God. As St. Paul said, what he received, he also handed on (1 Cor 15:3).

In this way, Jesus makes us, by the Holy Spirit, "participants in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4), agents of His grace and power, and "members of the family," not so much by handing us a book as by handing us Himself. And He calls us as Catholic fathers to participate in His work in a crucial and irreplaceable way. For we are called to be like our heavenly Father and "hand" Christ to our children, not just with words, but by our example, by our love for our wives, by our prayer for and with our families, by our teaching them of and exposing them to the sacraments, by teaching the doctrines and living the life of the Church, by upright conduct at home and at work, and by our care for the poor and marginalized. In so doing, we hand our families our very lives, just as Christ handed us his.

For as St. Teresa of Avila said long ago, "Christ has no hands on earth now but yours."

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS!

## FAMILIES IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Sick:**

Gerald Miller, Tony Spahn, Scott Koch, son of Gilbert Koch, Harold Willie, Beverly Heathcott, Kathy Furhman, Doris Moschner, mother of George and the late Anthony Moschner, Betty Uerling.

**Deaths:**

Harold Geels, father of James Geels.

**Military:**

Jake Dahlem, stationed in Japan.



# MAY 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 May Day	2 Bingo 7pm	3 Bible Study 6:30	4 National Day of Prayer	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 IC Carnival
		Ballroom Rented	Ballroom Rented	Business Mtg. 7:30	Acres Rented	IC Carnival	Acres Rented
		Ballroom Rented	Acres Rented	Acres Rented	Acres Rented	Acres Rented	Acres Rented
7		8	9 Bingo 7pm	10 Columbus Club Mtg. 6:30	11	12 SHS Prom	13 NHS Prom
							Acres Rented
		14 Mother's Day	15	16 Bingo 7pm	17 Social Mtg. 7:30	18 SHS Graduation	19 CTK Carnival
		Acres Rented				NHS Graduation	20 CTK Carnival
					Ballroom Rented	Greenwood Grad.	Acres Rented
21		22	23 Bingo 7pm	24 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	25 Ascension	26 Schools out for the summer—watch for kids!!	27
					Acres Rented		
28		29 Memorial Day	30 Bingo 7pm	31			

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**2016-2017 Council Officers**

Chaplain	Fr. Babu Battula
Grand Knight	Gus Copenhagen
Deputy Grand Knight	Matt Hutchinson
Financial Secretary	Marc Lux
Treasurer	Mark Urban

**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.*

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Please consider donating to an Eagle Scout Project that is going to be working on improving our playground!! Please contact Dickie Spahn for more information and donation. Thanks!!



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