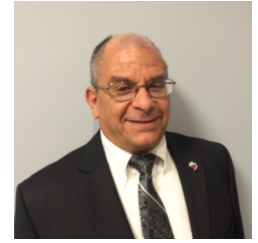


Notes from Sam Joseph, Grand Knight . . .Happy New Year!

As always, thanks again to all of our loyal volunteers. Spalding Council is very active, but we still need your participation. Have you made your New Year's Resolutions?

- Ask someone to come with you to council hall and/or become a K of C member
- Have you been to a council meeting or event lately?
- Lent is quickly approaching and there is much we can do as a council during this Year of Mercy.



Please see the calendar and get involved. We will have First Degree initiation on Feb. 25th. Upcoming events in March will include the Ladies Day of Reflection and a Council Mass and breakfast. Let's remember how we started this fraternal year. "Ask not what your council can do for you; Ask what you can do for your council.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are united in the bonds of brotherhood as we rely on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism—principles on which the K of C order was founded. With Charity as the primary fundamental, we are called to give of ourselves for the sake of others through our generous works, our prayer life and the living example of Jesus Christ through our genuine faith values.

LEAD ME GUIDE ME LORD!

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Council Platelet Drive—March 16 Please sign up today!

Location: Knights of Columbus
7403 N Radnor Road

Date: March 16th, 2016

Platelets are collected for patients with cancer, leukemia, and those undergoing major surgery. **Platelets have a shelf life of just 5 days so the need is continual.**

Ten to 12 donors are needed. A platelet donation is a two arm process and takes a few hours to complete. Soft beds, friendly staff, T-shirt give away and snacks!

Please sign up now for the success of this Knights of Columbus platelet drive.

To schedule: Call Deborah Lasher Schmitt
(309) 636-4281 or
Email: Deborah.schmitt@redcross.org

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars—Be Active	
Tues Jan 5	Steak Fry 5-7 PM Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Wed Jan 6	Epiphany—Watch Pope Mass; Chorale Present
Friday Jan 8	Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM
Tues Jan 12	Wings Special—Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Wed Jan 13	4th Degree 7 PM
Friday Jan 15	Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM
Tues Jan 19	Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM; Chicken Dinners
Thurs Jan 21	Directors 5 PM; Officers 6 PM
Friday Jan 22	Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM
Tues, Jan 26	Pork Chops—Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Thurs Jan 28	Council Meeting 7 PM; Ladies Auxiliary
Fri Jan 29	Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM
Tues Feb 2	Steak Fry 5-7 PM Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Fri Feb 5	Fish/Chicken/Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM
Tues Feb 9	Wings Special—Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Wed Feb 10	Ash Wednesday; 4th Degree 7 PM
Fri Feb 12	Fish & Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM (Lent)
Tues Feb 16	Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM; Chicken Dinners
Thurs Feb 18	Directors 5 PM; Officers 6 PM
Fri Feb 19	Fish & Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM (Lent)
Tues, Feb 23	Pork Chops—Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM
Thurs Feb 25	Council Meeting 7 PM; Ladies Auxiliary
Fri Feb 26	Fish & Shrimp Dinners 5- 7 PM (Lent)
Tues Mar 1	Steak Fry 5-7 PM Progressive Drawing 7:30 PM

Basket Winner—Penny Svymbersky



Chili Judging

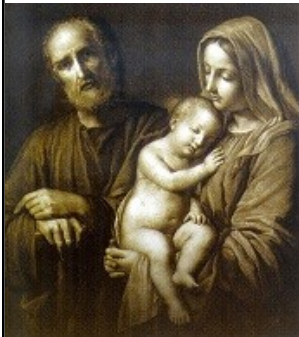
**2015
Champ:
Gene Peters**



Council Gives away \$25 every Tuesday! It is time to come out and build the jackpot up again. You can win \$25 if your name is drawn and a chance at the jackpot, which is over \$1300. Bring your friends too!

K of C Prayer Program

Did you know the Knights of Columbus has a prayer program? This year the Knights have dedicated its 17th Orderwide prayer program to the Holy Family.



The featured image for the program is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra. One of the larger images was displayed in our hall during December.

Prayer service booklets are available and a Family Prayer is featured on the backs of the Holy Family image cards. To request a copy for personal use, or to download a PDF, visit kofc.org/holyfamily

Knight and Family of Month

In December, Bud Knight is the recipient of the Knight of the Month award. Family of the month are Perry Anderson and Bonnie Weisbruch. Congratulations! We will have to find a picture of Bonnie for another issue!



Remember these Knights and relatives in your prayers

Your prayers help! Please pray for:

Kenny Kerker	Ed Godsill
Max Carson	Dave Waugh
Richard Boland	Gene Peters
Olga Katus	Joan Heinrich
Jack Duvall	Paul Sullivan
George Tracy	Sal Pisano

Bud and Frieda Knight
 Walt and Janet Kuecks
 Don and Dorothy Thomas
 Freddie and Joe Waugh
 Terry and Stephanie Cochran
 Denise Doyle, wife of Rob
 Dawn Dotson, wife of Jimmy
 Kevin Martin, son of John & Joanne
 Judy Gorman, wife of Tim
 Monica Stewart, Bob Claude's daughter

Yearly Dues: You should have received your dues invoice in the mail. In case you missed the open house, your annual or semi-annual dues are due. You can drop in office drop box anytime we are open or mail them.



If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Scott Diestelkamp or Sam Joseph.

Rest in Peace:

Harold "Pete" Spitzer
 Mary Jean Tracy
 Howard "Joe" Wiles
 Jill Hatfield, daughter of Bill Cunningham

Please call 692-9696 to report any additions or corrections

Photos from Children's Christmas Party



Above: Children at end of Christmas Party Magic Show.

Left: Ann Williams, Karen Camper, and Dennis Goett.

Welcome New Members

As a result of Herb Bingham's choir activities, he was able to reinstate **John Darling**. Welcome John.

Next Degree Work

Feb 25th 6 PM
 Look to your family and friends for a new member. Form 100s available

Coats for Kids:

A case of coats was donated to Neighborhood House and another to the Sisters of Charity for dispersal to needy children.

Vocations Raffle

Thanks everyone. We collected \$2212 in ticket sales. The state awarded \$109,000 to vocations!

Get Your Dining Out Coupon Book

You only need to use a couple coupons to defray the cost of the book. Proceeds from this sale go to St. Joseph's Home in Lacon.

You can purchase one at the bar or at the fish fry.

Year of Mercy
 Dec 8, 2015—
 Nov 20, 2016

WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR POPE FRANCIS'
YEAR OF MERCY?

For information, see <http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/>

