

# St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus



## Newsletter

January 2025 | Council 1777

## A Message from your Grand Knight:



### Current Officers:

Deputy Grand Knight: Bryan Pekarek  
District Deputy: Paul Broxterman  
Chaplain: Fr. Quentin Schmitz  
Chancellor: Eric Wright  
Financial secretary: Dave Kongs  
Insurance Field Agent: Kirby Schmelzle  
Treasurer: Ryan Smith  
Lecturer: Mickey Schmitz  
Advocate: Alex Rombeck  
Recorder: Mike Minihan  
1st Year Trustee: Paul Broxterman  
2nd Year Trustee: Bob Voet  
3rd Year Trustee: Jeff Keating  
4th Degree Rep: Paul Broxterman  
Inside Guard: Dominic Schwarz  
Outside Guard: Kenneth Hula  
Warden: Daylan Carson

### Announcements:

Jared Strunk was last month's cash drawing winner for \$10. Jared was not present so next month's drawing will be for \$15.

Dear Brother Knights,

- **Committee Work List** – The latest committee work list is enclosed with this newsletter. If you did not receive this, please let me know. One thing I want to be sure to mention is, that if you don't see your name (or one of your "buddies") please let me know. Not including you would have been an oversight and we want you to have the opportunity for fellowship, camaraderie and the ability to give back to the parish through your tithing of time and talent. Feel free to contact the committee chairman and ask how you might be able to help.
- **Soup Day** – Reminder: Soup Day is on **January 9th**. We will be serving from 11:00am – 7:00pm. We would greatly appreciate your help. We always ask that each Knight bring at least two pies (desserts). This is intended to mean every Knight member and not just those on the committee – FYI.
- **Free Throw Contest** – The annual K of C Free Throw Contest will be held on Jan 12th in the MJHS/MHS gym; Girls and Boys ages 9-14 are eligible. Sign-up upon arrival. Contest start time still being determined. Check church bulletin on updates to start time as contest gets closer.
- **Corporate Communion** – The Knights will be having a "Corporate Communion" on Sunday December 29. Reminder: The Knights will be "in charge" of mass at 7am on December 29. With that being said, I will be reaching out asking for volunteers for the following positions: Lector (2), Servers (3), Offertory (2), Greeter (2), EM-Eucharistic Minister (4). The other aspect of "Corporate Communion" is that we Knights will process into mass as a group ahead of Father, and sit together to portray our unity and provide our parish an awareness of who the Knights are. Please feel welcome to join the group. We will gather in the back of the church prior to mass. After mass, one of our committees will be serving breakfast in the church hall. Most recently they have served coffee, orange juice, biscuits/gravy (or a breakfast egg/meat casserole) and cinnamon rolls. This is offered as a free-will donation, and has always been a great meal following the Corporate Communion mass. Please consider joining after mass for breakfast

Have a great upcoming month. God Bless!

*Rob Peschel, Grand Knight*

## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

Each month, the Supreme Chaplain of K of C issues a challenge based on one of the Gospel readings of the month. The following comes from this month's challenge:

**[A]nd on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:11a).**

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi recognize the newborn king and offer him homage. This great feast occurs during the liturgical season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During Christmas time, we all remember and celebrate the reality that God assumed our human nature and became a little child. May this season also remind us to recognize the dignity of all children - including unborn children - today.

**The Challenge:** work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.

Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to read more

**Reflection:** Do you look upon the lives of children — and all people — with respect, recognizing the dignity of human life? What more can you personally do to protect and support life wherever it is threatened or in need? Are there ways you can witness to others — in word or deed — to foster awareness of the sanctity of life?



**\*\*PLEASE NOTE \*\* January 2025 Knights of Columbus Soup Day & Raffle**

**Chairman:** Steve Moser

**Current Committee Members:**

Brad Armstrong  
Henry Brucker  
Jared Strunk  
Tom Kirkland  
Robert Dummermuth  
Ed Taphorn  
Jerry Tiemeyer  
Arnold Bruna  
Larry Brucker  
Lyle Stohs

Gary Crownover  
Kerry Smith  
Fred Smith  
Greg Strunk  
Don Bruna  
John Wilson  
Paul Broxterman  
Brian Strunk  
Dick Nordhus

**All Brother Knights:  
2 Pies per member**



Francis Taphorn  
Richard Smith  
Kelly Fitzgerald  
Galen Holthaus  
Mick Keating  
Brad Dressman  
Mike Wetter  
Mike Pacha  
Ed Henry

## Knight of the Month

Marvin Kramer

## Family of the Month

Fred and Julie Lienemann

## Reminders:

Dec. 29: Corporate Communion

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 2: K of C Monthly meeting

Jan. 9: K of C Soup Dinner  
(Community wide)  
- Serving 11:00am - 7:00pm  
(Parish Hall)

Jan. 12: K of C Local Free Throw  
Contest (MHS/MJHS Gym)

Feb. 6: K of C Monthly meeting

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday

Mar. 6: K of C Monthly meeting

Mar. 7: K of C Fish Fry (first of the  
season)