

Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council

Council #2955, Dodge City, KS 67801



Monthly Newsletter **From the Grand Knight**

Dear Brother Knights,

The New Year has arrived and we as Knights of Council 2955 have much to be proud of and to look forward to in 2014.

I would like for us as a council to re-dedicate our efforts to the principles that our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, gave us over a 100 years ago. Sometimes we get caught up in the events of our everyday world and lose focus on why we as an order exist.

It is my hope that we as the members of Council 2955 will especially be about charity and unity, as well as about fraternity and patriotism in this coming year.

As always, thanks to all who continue to support our order and the council.

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4th Degree Valentine Dinner

The Rev. John Handley Assembly will host its annual Valentine Dinner on February 15, 2014, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Social hour from 6:00 to 7:00, with Prime Rib Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person/ corsages available. Speakers will be Michael & Deanna Johnson who will talk about their recent trip to Rome and meeting Pope Francis.

For tickets and RSVP call Dave Littler 620-255-5834, Joe Gleason 620-253-3922 or Greg Lix 620-408-8221 by February 9th.

January – February 2014 Calendar of Events

- Jan 19.....Van Driver – Mike Salem
- Jan 25.....Toy Show & Sale, K of C Hall
- Jan 26.....Van Driver – Brad Israel
- Jan 26.....Council Free Throw Contest**
- Jan 27.....3rd Degree Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

- Feb 2.....Van Driver – Dave Snapp
- Feb 2.....District Free Throw Contest**
- Feb 9.....Van Driver – Dennis Scheck
- Feb 15.....4th Degree Valentine Dinner**
- Feb 16..... Van Driver – Phillip Ziegler
- Feb 17.....4th Degree Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
- Feb 23.....Van Driver – Tim Burke

Upcoming Events

- Jan 24.....Friday Nite Meal – Fried Chicken
- Jan 31.....Friday Nite Meal – Ham & Beans
- Feb 1.....CASA
- Feb 6.....St. Andrew Valentine Dinner
- Feb 7.....Friday Nite Meal – Tacos
- Feb 8.....NWTF
- Feb 13.....Prayer Group – Lounge
- Feb 14.....Friday Nite Meal – Valentine’s Day
Stuffed chicken
- Feb 21.....Friday Meal – Chicken fried steak
- Feb 26.....Garden Wise
- Feb 27.....KMOM
- Feb 28.....Friday Meal – Enchiladas
- Mar 1.....Sacred Heart Auction

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Lenten Fish Frys

We are seeking opinions/ideas on the possibility of sponsoring a benefit fish fry on one of our Friday nights during Lent with invites extending to our parish as well as Wright and Spearville.

Ideas that have surfaced include fish filets, hushpuppies, fries, coleslaw as sides. Pricing will either be by the plate or free will offering.

We could also do a Lenten fish fry as a covered dish social gathering with the Knights providing the fish and our members bringing the sides and desserts. Ash Wednesday is March 5th and Good Friday is April 18.

If you have ideas, opinions, or suggestions, please let any of the 3rd degree officers know your thoughts and we will provide more info soon.

Odds & Ends

There is a Super Bowl watch party being planned for February 2 at the lounge. Pot luck meal

There are several hall functions needing help over the next few months. Bingo helpers are also still needed.

Dave Littler's term as District Deputy is up at the end of June. If interested in replacing Dave, please get in contact with him.

Officers for next term – As is the case every year, the council will elect a new slate of officers at the May meeting. It is not too early to begin thinking about these important positions. If you are interested in serving, please contact GK Dan Stremel.

Looking to 2014 - Activities

As we wrap up another calendar year, we are looking already to the New Year and many activities.

Jan 2014 – Council & District Free Throw Contests

Contact Shawn Steiner or Chad Meitner

March 8-9, 2014 – State Squires Convention

Council 2955 & King David Circle hosting

March 2014 – Vocations Poster Contest

Contact – Mike Salem

May 2-4, 2014 – St K of C Convention, Manhattan

BINGO Update

As mentioned in last month's bulletin the bingo teams, 3rd degree officers and guild leadership continue to evaluate and consider how to make bingo as successful as it can be.

The games have been restructured and for the first time ever, the K of C bingo is offering a prize of up to \$2,000 on a blackout game.

More workers are needed. Team Captains – Don Nau, Greg Schaffer, Randy Zerr and Dan Stremel all need people for their teams. If you have called in the past, worked the window, or worked the pull tabs we could use your help occasionally.

The revenues from our bingo games help pay for the hall operations and all of the groups and organizations that the Knights support.

Many have said that they have done their turn at bingo, or have no desire to work bingo. That may be true, but without new or rededicated people, bingo is not going to be successful in the future which in turn will be detrimental to our council activities and efforts.

Giving Activities for 2013

While we are still compiling some of the info for 2013, it appears as though the council was able to donate over \$28,000 this year from our charitable activities which include the Tootsie Roll campaign, Needy Family Fund, benefit breakfasts and dinners, Adopt a Family, and baby bottle campaign.

We supported Sacred Heart School, the Cathedral youth group, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Catholic Social Service, Arrowhead West, DC Special Olympics, SW Kansas Special Olympics, Philippine Relief, Hurricane Sandy, Oklahoma tornado relief, Boy Scouts, seminarians as well as needy families in the community.