



# The Knight Times

ASCENSION COUNCIL 11139 — FEBRUARY 2021

## CALENDAR

### **Saturday, February 20**

Catholic Men for Christ  
Virtual Conference  
*Details inside*

### **Sunday, February 21**

Reach Out Sunday

Blood Drive at Ascension

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Virtual Fourth Degree

Exemplification

### **Tuesday, February 23**

February Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Via Zoom

### **Saturday, February 27**

Club 150 Drawing

9 a.m., Outside Rectory

### **Saturday, March 6**

Pro-Life March on the Arch

### **Monday, March 8**

Officers and Directors Meeting

7 p.m. Via Zoom

### **Thursday, March 11**

St. Agatha Adopt-a-Family

Meet at Aldi at Noon

### **Thursday, March 18**

Ascension Day of Prayer  
at Planned Parenthood

### **Tuesday, March 23**

February Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Via Zoom



## Reasons for Council Pride

*By Ken Colombini*

This month we witnessed two momentous occasions for our Council, our parish, and its children. Thanks to the hard work of you Knights, we were able to make a few check presentations. Above, you see the presentation of two checks to our pastor, Fr. Molini, for \$5,000 each. One is to help provide financial aid to students at the parish school, another for general parish needs.

We also were able to present Ascension's "Little School" with \$2,125 in proceeds from the canceled 2020 golf tournament that donors wanted to be passed on immediately, not rolled into the 2021 tournament.

We are so grateful to those who wanted us to move the money along, and we're really looking forward to the next golf outing, now set for September, to benefit the



Little School's 90+children, ages 2-5. The tournament will also benefit the Academy of St. Louis.

I've said it before, and I will keep saying it. I'm so proud of our Council, which during these times has continued to support so many needy efforts — just read about them in the following pages.

**All told, we have raised and given away more than \$21,500 this fraternal year.**

## **Council Charitable Contributions**

### **This Fraternal Year**

**\$5,000** in proceeds from the Club 150 raffle program for Ascension Catholic Church's general parish needs

**\$5,000** in proceeds from the Club 150 raffle program for the Ascending Angels scholarship program

**\$3,412.32** to Marygrove from the DD "Tootsie Roll" Drive

**\$3,412.32** to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

**\$2,280** provided to Columbian Charities of Missouri for the state's Religious Information Bureau. *Ascension Council contributions total \$115% of the Council's quota*

**\$2,125** for Ascension Early Childhood Center, designated from the 2020 golf tournament funds collected

**\$150** for the American Wheelchair Mission

**\$125** for Academy of St Louis, designated from the 2020 golf tournament funds collected

## **Annual Dues Reminder**

\$30.00 - Dues

\$7.50 - Optional Religious Information Bureau contribution

### **If you have overlooked sending your 2021 council dues, there are two ways to pay:**

By check, payable to Ascension Council 11139

Mail to:

David Copeland  
Financial Secretary  
15128 Amherst Green Ct.  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

*Please do not mail your payment to the parish office.*

Or, you can pay online via PayPal

Click on the link below:

<https://www.paypal.me/ascension11139>

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## **Blood Drive, Reach Out This Sunday**

This Sunday, Feb. 21, is the Mercy/KofC Blood Drive, taking place from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the MPR. Please consider donating for this vital effort. You can register for an appointment online at MercyBlood-Donor.net or by phoning Pete Bruggeman at (636) 530-9057.

We need one or two additional volunteers to assist with loading and repositioning the MPR afterwards. Please reach out to Pete if you can help between 1 and 2 p.m.

February Reach Out donations of clothing or food, will be accepted before and after Masses this Sunday. Those items need to be turned in at the MPR also. March Reach Out menus will be handed out after each of this Sunday's Masses also, and we need volunteers for each Mass. As you help, please remember to wear the masks and the gloves provided.

## **St. Agatha Helping Hands for Easter**

We are announcing the first of our three Adopt-a-Family/Helping Hands programs for this year. We had a wonderful collection for St. Agatha's and the sisters at Christmas. We gave lots of clothes and gift cards to the

needy. Ron Meier and his wife collected extra clothes and added to those we purchased. Thanks to the generous Knights, our giving Council, and Ron and his wife for making this a memorable Christmas.

The collection for the Adopt-a-Family for Easter will be in the next few weeks. Donations can be the requested food items below, or money to be used to purchase the food items and a donation to the sisters to be used by them to help the needy. If you want a State Food Pantry Tax Credit, the check needs to be made out to St. Agatha's. Otherwise, a check can be made out to the Council (not John Wood, please!).

We will meet at Aldi in the Valley at noon on Thursday, March 11, and then leave the home of John Wood at 2 p.m. to deliver the purchased items. The address is 14647 Fairfield Farm Drive, and you can call John at (636) 391-9294 if needed. All are welcome to participate in this worthy project both in shopping and delivery.

Requested food items include canned hams, spam or such, canned chicken, tuna, chicken and dumplings, sugar, cooking oil, flour, cake mixes, icing, brownie mixes, canned fruits, canned sweet potatoes, pancake mixes and syrup, pie crust mixes.

# Chaplain's Corner—Use of Latin During Lent

By Fr. Michael Lampe

You probably noticed that certain songs and parts we sing at Mass during Lent are not in English. Instead of "Lord have mercy" we have "Kyrie eleison" (Greek). Instead of "Holy, Holy, Holy," we have "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus" (Latin), and instead of the "Lamb of God" we have "Agnus Dei" (Latin). These can be found in the Hymnal Mass Setting for the Chant Mass (starting with #855).

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church and all official documents, letters, and prayers are recorded in this language then translated for use around the world. Until the Second Vatican Council, the entire Mass was celebrated in Latin (except the Kyrie). During this time, permission was given to celebrate Mass in the local language (called the vernacular). But the Church always intended that people would still know how to pray parts of the Mass in Latin.

Pope John XXIII in *Veterum Sapientia* from 1962 said, "The Catholic Church has a dignity far surpassing that of every merely human society, for it was founded by Christ the Lord. It is altogether fitting, therefore,

that the language it uses should be noble, majestic and non-vernacular."

The Second Vatican Council document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, from 1963, in #36 said, "The use of Latin, with due respect to particular law, is to be preserved in the Latin Rites." In #54 it said, "[C]are must be taken to ensure that the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."

Pope Paul VI in *Sacrificium Laudis* from 1966 said, "The Latin language is assuredly worthy of being defended with great care instead of being scorned; for the Latin Church it is the most abundant source of Christian civilization and the richest treasury of piety... we must not hold in low esteem these traditions of your fathers which were your glory for centuries."

Because Latin is an important part of our Catholic identity and patrimony, we use the Latin (and Greek) Mass parts in this sacred liturgy during Lent. We hope you enjoy this tradition as we remember and connect with the many generations of Catholics who preceded us in the faith.

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## Membership Matters

By Tim Lewis

I'd like to recognize and congratulate several of our Knights who are making their patriotic Fourth Degree this weekend, to become "Sir Knights":

Larry Cramberg      Chris Sweicicki  
Richard Hasler      David Zink  
Dick Sawyer

Congratulations, Sir Knights!

Our First Degree Knights are encouraged to

make their "virtual" degrees of Fraternity and Unity over the next several months. In doing so, they too will be eligible to make their Fourth Degree. Besides future "virtual" Fourth Degrees, Knights can consider to participate in our annual in-person event, taking place on Sept. 11 at the Airport Hilton. It will include the ceremony, Mass, hospitality, and banquet, and will honor our Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.

For more information on any of these opportunities contact me at [rainmaker63017@yahoo.com](mailto:rainmaker63017@yahoo.com) or (314) 757-5800.

# Club 150 Update: Bonus Drawing Added

Thank you for your support of the CLUB 150 program. As you probably know, except for Tootsie Roll Drive, our top fundraising events have been on hold for the last year, and going forward the next few months. Our largest fundraiser, the golf tournament, was canceled last year and now the May date has been pushed back to September this year, all due to the pandemic.

Club 150 was initiated to fill in the gap while we're unable to raise funds through social gatherings, with the purpose of offering support to Ascension parish, school and local charities. It's done a good job so far, as you can see in these highlights:

- We now have 130 members signed up and have added PayPal as a payment option.
- Our first \$500 drawing was held Nov. 28, with Ann and Jeff Kauffman the proud winners and Fr. Rich presiding over the event.
- On Feb. 9 we presented two \$5,000 checks (\$10,000 total) to Fr. Molini as (we hope) first installment for our parish and school needs.
- Our next \$500 drawing will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, in the rectory parking lot. Feel free to attend, and don't forget to mask up.
- For those who joined the club, our Club 150 ball-caps are in and will be distributed at this drawing.

- As a SPECIAL APPRECIATION BONUS we have added a \$500 drawing to thank those who have signed up previously, and hopefully entice some new memberships. This increases the total payout to \$5,000 and your chance of winning one of the prizes is currently 1 in 32. That's pretty good odds!

We feel we can do more and its far from over, with four more drawings. Currently, only 20% of our Knights are signed up, so we are hoping for a big rush to membership. Remember: More than one family member can join, and if you get your new membership by Feb. 26, you will be in the Feb. 27 drawing.

Whether you can join or not, please help us get the word to as many parishioners, family and friends--in and out of town--to give them the opportunity to join. Many are looking for something to look forward to as this pandemic rolls on.

For more information, call Al Tornabeni at (314) 956-9958 or Paul Blase at (314) 805-7886.

[SHARE OR USE THIS LINK FOR EASY CLUB SIGNUP](#)

**OR USE THE FORM BELOW**

For more information, call Al Tornabeni at (314) 956-9958 or Paul Blase at (314) 805-7886.

## Join Club 150 and help your Knights raise money for our parish and school

Complete this form and mail to: Ascension Knights,  
230 Santa Maria Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005.

Insert check for \$150 payable  
to Ascension Knights of Columbus

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

We've already had one winner! With a \$150 club membership to benefit Ascension and local charities, you will be automatically entered into three more drawings of \$500 each, and one Grand Prize drawing of \$3,000. All those over 18 are eligible; more than one family member may join. Participants need not be present to win. Use this form, or sign up and pay online:

[www.AscensionKofC.org](http://www.AscensionKofC.org)

# From our Field Agent

By Gabe Jones

By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it?

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles, but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course that song about "Tradition" is the old fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's

one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!

So don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

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## From the Family Director

By Ron Meier

### Family of the Month:

I am still looking for assistance in selecting a family of the month. If you know a family that you would like to nominate, please drop me an email and we can discuss: [tsr.meier@gmail.com](mailto:tsr.meier@gmail.com).

### Sunday with Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is in the process of setting up a visit to Ascension Parish on Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday. After speaking with Fr. Molini, we are planning another "drive by" for the children of the parish, as Santa did in December. This again would eliminate the need for crowding in the MPR and provide for social distancing.

The Easter Bunny would be set up in front of the Little Church, handing out plastic Easter eggs filled with

wrapped candy and a KofC Easter coloring book. Fr. Molini suggested having the bunny available after the 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 Masses. We will provide more information as it becomes available, including a call for volunteers.

### A Lenten Family Prayer

All praise to You, Lord Jesus,  
Lover of children:  
Bless our family,  
And help us to lead our children to You.

Give us light and strength,  
And courage when our task is difficult.  
Let Your Spirit fill us with love and peace,  
So that we may help our children to love You.

All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,  
For ever and ever.

Amen.

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