



The Knight News

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Fall Raffle

The 2017 Fall Raffle can be considered very successful! We raised just over \$3,000 that will be used for operations and continued remodeling and upgrading of our facility. We would like to congratulate the six winners of the prizes for the evening.

1. ¼ beef won by John Bruckman
2. ½ hog won by George Welte
3. ½ hog won by Ken Gillett
4. Webber gas grill won by Tom Ray
5. Muzzle loader won by Fred & Ann Petersen
6. \$200 cash won by John Bruckman

We had a nice group of members and guests attend the raffle celebration. We hope to continue with this tradition next fall. Thanks to all who supported the raffle!

\$100 Party

We have received our license for the annual \$100 Party to be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2018. That means we will have the tickets printed and ready to sell in the near future. The party will follow a very similar format as in years past. We will sell 250 tickets. A ticket allows two people to enter the party. It also includes all your drinks and food for the evening. We will have a band in the lounge and a disc jockey in the big hall.

Total prize money given away that night is \$6500 with one \$3000 winner, three \$500 winners and twenty \$100 winners.

We will send a letter to people who have previously purchased a ticket. They may reserve the same number as in years past or choose another ticket. There is no limit to the number of tickets any person can purchase.

The doors will not open until 6:00 p.m. for the \$100 party. Anyone person interested in donating a prize for our raffle may contact Mark Bruckman, Fred Petersen, John Smith, Gary Bendall or any other House Committee members.

Early Bird Party

Each year we also have a pre-party in conjunction with our \$100 Party. It will be held on January 26th in the lounge and Flynn Room. Each ticket purchaser will receive two drink tickets. We will pull three tickets from the early purchasers, with each ticket worth \$100. Those prize winners will also have their ticket eligible for the drawings held at the \$100 Party.

You need not be present to win one of the three prizes. We also will have each ticket purchaser PRESENT entered into a drawing for a \$25 prize. Along with that, each purchaser PRESENT will get a free raffle ticket for donated prizes given away the night of the \$100 Party.

We will have Gerry Davis as our disc jockey that evening. We will also have appetizers available that evening.

We will begin our spring fish fry dinners on Friday, January 26th. See the fish fry article in this newsletter for details of the fish fry.

Nativity Set

Through the generous donations we have been able to purchase an outdoor nativity set. It will be blessed as part of our annual "Light up for Christ" celebration on December 5th. The blessing will be held inside the hall. It will then be moved outside to the front of the building until January 13th. A new stable has been constructed by Noel Meyers, Gary Bendall and Tom Svrck. Tom has volunteered to store the nativity set and staple after the holiday season. We believe it is important for the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the county to emphasize the importance of this season.

If you would like to donate to help pay for this nativity set you can do so by sending your donation to: Owosso KC at P.O. Box 163, Owosso, MI 48863. You may also leave a donation at the lounge during hours of business.

Grand Knights Corner

Brother Knights: You will soon be getting a letter describing a humanitarian project that our Council is taking part. We are part of a committee to raise the funds necessary to bring Fr. Dieudonne's sister to the United States. This is a huge undertaking for us but is necessary if we really believe in helping persecuted Christians. She is 29 years old and has been educated as a nurse in Burundi. However, the economic and political instability make it very difficult for her to live a Christian life. I ask that you read the letter carefully and prayerfully. If the letter does not answer your questions I ask that you seek an answer before deciding on your contribution. If there was ever a reason for being a member of the Knights of Columbus this is it!

Fraternally yours, GK Gary Bendall

Music in the Lounge

Friday December 8, Jen and Juice, featuring Jenny Haber will be playing from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Come out and support your club

Ice, Just a reminder, we are still selling ice in EIGHT POUND BAGS for \$1.50 per bag. We only sell during regular bar hours. The bartender will make sure you can get to the freezer to get the number of bags you purchase.

Friday Night Fish Fry

The fish fry's are back! The meals are served in the Lounge in a "Pub" style. The meal is purchased in the Lounge and brought to you in the Lounge. Refreshments are available at the bar. The fish fry's start January through Lent.

The First Degree Team

Our first degree team is looking to add a few members to there numbers. First degrees are held second Tuesday of the month as needed. Contact Bob Hardenbergh

Chicken Dinners

Our next monthly broasted chicken dinners will be Sunday, November 5th. We serve from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Our meals include a full dinner with salad bar, a nice variety of side dishes, your drink and cake for dessert. It is served buffet style and is an all you care to eat meal. They are only served one Sunday per month. The price is \$12 per adult, ages 5-12 is \$5 and under 5 is **FREE!**

Credit Card

We now accept credit cards. This convenience is offered in the lounge, chicken dinners and at fish fry dinners. We do charge a \$1 service fee for any transaction under \$10. This charge simply helps defray charges we incur on all credit card transactions. We do accept all credit cards at this time.

Dueling Pianos January 20, 2018

Knights of Columbus-Owosso

Doors open at 6PM, Pianos start at 7PM and play until 10:30PM...Bar closes at 10:45PM

Gold Sponsors

8-Tickets

Free Drinks for the evening

Ride from your house/place of business to the KC and returned to the same location when the event is over. (Pickup and Drop off at one (1) location)

Name on our Board

Cost \$1000

Silver Sponsors

8-Tickets

Free Drinks for the evening

Name on our Board

Cost \$500

Bronze Sponsors

4-Tickets

Free Drinks for the evening

Cost \$350

Tickets \$30 per person at the door...wristbands for free Drinks at the door \$50 per person....cash bar available.

Checks made payable to St Paul Athletic

Lounge Hours

The lounge is normally open Tuesday through Saturday. It opens each day at 3:00 p.m. It closes at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. It remains open later on Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate pool league nights. It is open later on Fridays and Saturdays to welcome members and their guests looking for a nice place to enjoy a drink of their choice. We hope you will take advantage of your lounge area when you are ready to relax and visit with friends. All profits from the bar are used for the operations of the lounge and other hall areas.

Help Needed

We are looking for a few members who are willing to work as security personnel for weddings and other events held at our building. We try to rotate the members willing to help out every now and then during the year. The main responsibilities deal with making sure minors are not drinking, not allowing people to bring their own alcohol into the event and assisting the bartenders as needed. This is a paid position.



On the Nativity set can you name the three wise men?

Melchior

Caspar

Balthasar

House Committee

Officers for the House Committee for 2018 have been elected. Secretary is Josh Atkinson, Treasurer is Brent Tuma, Vice-President is Mark Bruckman and John Smith is President. There are thirteen members of this committee. Their main responsibility is to coordinate all events held in the building. They also oversee all operations of the building. This includes paying bill, having repairs done and making improvements where and when possible.

A 4th Degree Lansing Diocese Special Exemplification

was held Monday October 16th at the K of C Hall in Owosso. Approximately 150 Knights from Michigan District 2 were in attendance to welcome 45 new Brother Sir Knights to our Order. The Robert L Flynn Assembly who hosted the event would like to thank the House Committee and Council for working with us to allow this function to take place in Owosso. Congratulations to all new Brother Sir Knights!

The Robert L Flynn Assembly of the 4th Degree would like to welcome the following recently exemplified Sir Knights to our Assembly

Fr, Dieudonne Nitakarutimana, Joe Holden, Dan Koch, John Bueche, Gerald Gialanella, Jason Nequist, John Bruckman, Fred Brusio and Courtney Benson

Welcome aboard Gentlemen!

2018 Admirals Ball

Saturday, January 27th

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church,

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. social hour at the K. of C. Hall

6:00 p.m. dinner followed by dancing until 10:00 p.m.

Short program Cash bar

\$25.00 per person

DRESS IS SEMI-FORMAL, NO JEANS PLEASE,

(MEN-DRESS SHIRT, TIE, and COAT)

4th Degree Sir Knights please wear your Social Regalia (tux and social baldric) or dark suit, white shirt, dark tie, and baldric, if you have one

reserved table for a party of eight

for tickets or information, call or e-mail

Sir Knight Jerry Bendis, P.F.N. Sir Knight Jeff Gerding, P.F.N.

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All tickets must be purchased by January 21, 2018

Thanks for reading the newsletter! Cut out your mailing label on the back of the newsletter and return it to the lounge. We will have a drawing of the labels turned in. Friday December 8 at 7:00 pm we will draw one label for a \$25 gift card.

**Council #1139
Assembly #0511**

December 3	Chicken Dinner
December 5	Light up for Christ @ 7:00 pm
December 5	Assembly Meeting @ 7:00 pm
December 8	Christmas Social @ 6:30 pm
December 8	Jen and Juice in the Lounge, 7:00pm to 11 pm
December 12	Council Meeting at 7:30 pm
December 18	House Meeting at 7:00 pm
January 7	Chicken Dinner
January 2	Assembly Meeting at 7:00 pm
January 9	Council Meeting at NEW TIME 7:00 pm
January 15	House Meeting at 7:00 pm
January 20	Dueling Pianos
January 26	Early Bird Drawing
January 27	Admirals Ball
January 26	Fish Fry
February 4	Chicken Dinner
February 6	Assembly Meeting at 7:00 pm
February 13	Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
February 19	House Meeting at 7:00 pm

Hall Rentals

Our hall rentals continue to grow in number. We would like to provide some information regarding what you get for your money. The Waldie Banquet Room is \$395 for active KC members in good standing. The cost is \$495 for non-members. The rental fee includes hall set-up, clean-up, the use of dishes, silverware and white paper napkins. Colored cloth napkins are available at a rental fee.

The head table, cake table, gift table, buffet and entry tables are skirted with white skirting at no additional charge. All catering is done by our approved caterer with an unlimited selection of menu items that can be customized to your liking. Food prices are locked in once your rental is paid. All alcohol must be purchased through the Knights of Columbus, according to State of Michigan law.

The Flynn Room is available for parties of up to 80 people. Member rate is \$85 for members and \$100 for non-members. The one exception is that Sunday rentals now cost \$150 for both members and non-members. On Sundays the room is available for a five hour period between noon and 6:00 p.m. A \$50 deposit is required for the Flynn Room. Bridal parties are offered use of this room for their rehearsal dinners at a 50% discount, upon availability.

All questions concerning hall rentals should be directed to Tammy Holden (989-277-9081). Her email address is tammym1139@gmail.com.

We need your help. In an effort to maintain current member information we are asking that if your address, phone or email has changed to please let us know. Call (989) 725-8348 or email gk1139@mikofc.org

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