

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



COUNCIL 1221 NEWS

The latest news for members & friends of the Knights of Columbus Council #1221

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[Download the January-February 2023 Calendar of Events Here!](#)

(Read our updates and newsletter below in the email.)



A Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights:

Season's Greetings to you all.

We had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and New Year's. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy your family during this time. We had a chance to visit with our children and grandchildren along with our siblings and their children as well. Family is first on our list of priorities, and it should be.

Mr. B's Christmas Breakfast was a huge success, with 130 homeless and needy persons being served a great hot breakfast and given lots of gifts (including backpacks, essential items, food, and sleeping bags). Toni Broderick and our Pickleball Ladies secured the purchase of items and gathered donated items. The Knights provided monetary donations and food. We had 40

volunteers on Christmas morning to prepare food, serve our guests and make sure everyone left with needed supplies. There was even a little dog named Duke who also got a little Christmas breakfast.

We also hosted a Children's Christmas Party in the Council room, which was a lot of fun. Next year, please think about bringing grandkids and any child you think might enjoy the gathering.

We have a brief lull before Lent begins, and we start our major fundraising season of Fish Frys. We have January 6th (first Friday) and January 20th (OLPH athletic fundraiser) coming up quickly. As always, your help is crucial to the success of these events.

You should have received your membership cards in the mail. Please remember to remit your dues and get your cards marked as paid.

Thanks to everyone who has given their time and talents to making this a Star Council for the past two years. Every hour you spend helping allows the KofC to do good things in this Community and in the World.

Worldwide the KofC has Charitable Giving of 47.7 million service hours, \$153.9 million in donations, and \$1.4 billion value of time. (According to KofC Supreme)

Your contributions to the Cardinal Ritter Council #1221 are included in those figures, so be proud of your Council.

Tom Waters, GK

Chaplain's Encouragement

The Christmas season is now quickly behind us. The "Twelve Days" seem finished before they start. The world incorrectly assuming December 25 as the

culmination not the beginning of those august days of the Word made Flesh. Closely associated with the Birth of Our Lord are two other feasts in the Church: The Feast of the Holy Family (December 30 in 2022) and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (January 1). Feasts that rightly remind us that Christ coming to earth was not as conquering solitary God but as humble family member. The Holiday season – or rightly remembered, Holy Days season – held such promise and potential. It always does. The opportunity to be together with family, to give and receive, to recognize the unfathomable Gift of the Christ Child born into the loving – albeit impoverished – arms of Mary and Joseph. But our family time is meant to be incarnate in more than smiles, hugs, and wrapped gifts. It is meant to incarnate authentic love in real and tangible relationships of the Holy Family.



So, did it? Did your relationships get better? Did you experience the Incarnate love of Christ in the Holy Family and then re-present that incarnate love into your family, thereby making it more holy? Would your family say you loved them better, more intensely, more intentionally, more authentically after these last few days? Did they see Joseph in you?

Well, the experience of Christmas is meant to be lived in love the whole year through, including today. There is still time, still promise, still potential, latent there. As we move into January, we Knights are mindful of the true gift of life always latent within family, within women, within the birth of a child. As we approach the anniversary of Roe v Wade mindful of the Dobbs decision, we are also mindful of just how much need there is for a rediscovery of the sanctity of family, of women, of children, of life. Supreme Court decisions, won by careful jurisprudence, prayer, and grassroots legislation, will now need to be put into local reality in real families, real towns, real lives. Your families, that of your neighbors, your coworkers, all. The initial months since Dobbs have not fared

so well at the state level – reminding us all the more of the need to change hearts more than laws. My prayers for those who will be attending the March for Life. For while the immediate goal has shifted, the long term goal of full recognition of the sanctity of life & family from conception to natural death is still very much before us.

February can seem one of the longest months, even though the shortest 28 days. The winter cold and darkness partner together, toward dreariness. In the secular world, levity is sought with Valentine's Day. Yes, I know St Valentine is a fully Catholic saint, but as on display in the world, not so much. We Knights know that true joy and lightness of heart comes from true love rooted in real faithful, fruitful, free, and full relationship. Not that Valentine's Day is contrary to real relationship, but that is not what seems to get the attention. One's marriage (if one bothers with such practices anymore!?) needs much more than to stoke a fire in the bedroom as to enkindle the Flames of the Spirit in the Heart. We are challenged to think beyond mere romance to a renewal of Marriage vows and the gift of Marriage itself. Marriage is written in our bodies, yet the fallenness of our minds, bodies, and souls leaves us grasping. For Marriage to be life-giving, it needs to become the supernatural relationship God designed it to be. Promises of fidelity in good times and bad, sickness and health, where love and honor are the foundation for all the days of one's life cannot be mere words... They must be incarnate in our lives of sacrifice, of humble service, of holy lives. They must witness the need, the truth, the gift of complementarity – male and female. And this all the more, as the world has once again taken strange detours. The so-called "Defense of Marriage" law passed in December does nothing to uphold such real, true, incarnate marriages. And like Roe and Dobbs and other legislation of our days, this too will be the confrontation before us as Catholic Christian Men, as Knights. It seems Christmas and the Holy Family and Mary the Mother of God reach much further than first imagined. They reach into every day. Each and every day where we strive to live and love

as God created us – male and female born each into our families, so as to be formed and accepted into the Holy Family of God.




~ Rev. Jeremy M. Gries, Chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Council #1221






On the feast of the Holy Family Brother Knights took our Chaplain, Fr Jeremy, out for breakfast after Mass and presented him with a KofC chasuble.

EVENTS at KofC Council #1221

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BYERLEY PARTY	2	3 PICKLEBALL (PB)	4 PB WHEEL OF CASH (WOC) WHEEL OF CASH	5 PB SLAW PREP OFFICER'S MTG	6 FISH FRY 	7 DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETING
8	9 BLOOD DRIVE 	10 PB	11 PB WOC	12 PB MONTHLY MTG	13	14 MARTINEZ PARTY
15	16 4 TH DEGREE	17 PB	18 PB WOC	19 PB	20 OLPH FISH FRY	21
22	23 BLOOD DRIVE 	24 PB	25 PB WOC	26 PB	27	28
29	30	31 PB				

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PB WOC	2 PB OFFICER'S MTG	3 FISH FRY 	4
5	6 BLOOD DRIVE 	7 PB	8 PB WOC	9 PB MONTHLY MTG	10	11 POLAR PLUNGE & DANCE?
12 SUPER BOWL	13	14 PB	15 PB WOC	16 PB	17	18 COUNCIL WORKDAY
19	20 BLOOD DRIVE 4 TH DEGREE	21 PB	22 PB ASH WEDNESDAY WOC	23 PB	24 FISH FRY 	25
26	27 PB	28				

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New Albany Christmas breakfast serves homeless, honors late K of C member

[Story in The Criterion By Natalie Hoefer \(full story\).](#)

When Michael “Mike” Broderick joined Knights of Columbus (K of C) Cardinal Ritter Council #1221 in New Albany more than 40 years ago, his motives might not have been entirely altruistic.

“I think he did it just to impress my dad!” jokes Toni Broderick, neé Tegart. She was dating Mike at the time and later became his wife.



“We hung out at the K of C all the time—it was like our bar!” she says of the council’s century-old building.

Knights of Columbus events, parties, gatherings—you name it, the Brodericks were involved, says member Michael Carter, calling them the organizations “go-to people.”

[\(Read the full story here at this Criterion Link.\)](#)

2022 Christmas Breakfast images...





Thank you to all who came to help serve the homeless on Christmas!





Knights of Columbus

MEMORIALS

Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 Our Brothers in Christ

2021-22 *We Remember our Deceased Knight of Columbus Members*

Joseph H. Geswein

May 20, 1923 January 22, 2021

Clarence D. Jones

October 1, 1928 October 22, 2021

Carl Wayne Cullins

September 7, 1947 November 29, 2021

Paul J. Bacher

August 1, 1934 December 9, 2021

✠ **Rev. Louis M. Manna**

September 16, 1945 December 23, 2021

✠ **William A. Russo**

August 29, 1943 December 24, 2021

Loren Lee Bower

March 18, 1944 January 12, 2022

John D. Craig Jr.

June 14, 1952 January 22, 2022

Joseph Allen Andres

August 15, 1950 January 23, 2022

Donnie R. Crawford

July 5, 1959 March 30, 2022

✠ **Timothy E. Baltz**

September 30, 1946 April 20, 2022

David H. Jamison

November 18, 1949 June 23, 2022

John W. Stiner

September 12, 1929 July 20, 2022

Martin R. Schindler

April 8, 1933 July 31, 2022

✠ **Joseph E. Brown**

February 10, 1935 August 26, 2022



*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
and until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the hollow of His hand.*





Week Days 4 - 8 PM

**GET YOUR
TICKETS**

Drawing each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

(Subject to rules posted at Council #1221)

