

**Father Widmer #7877, St. William of York Catholic Church**

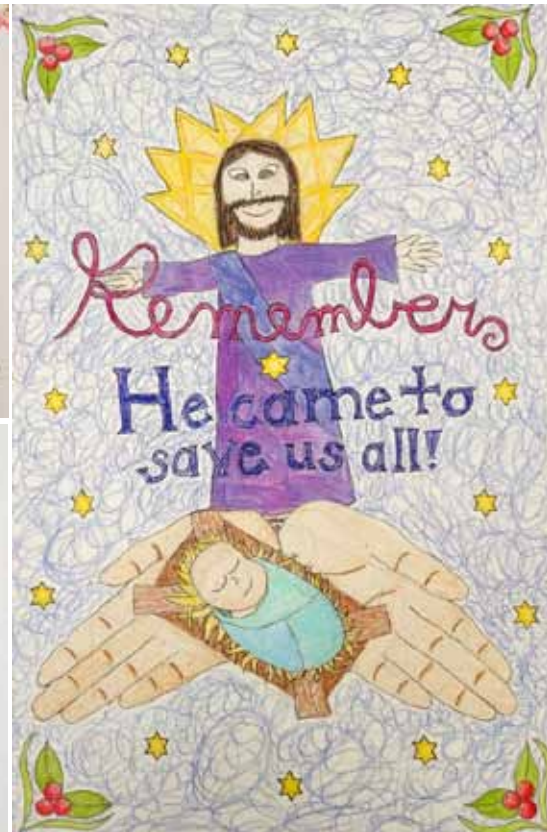
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Newsletter 2016-2017, 3rd Quarter (January-March 2017)



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
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**“The Knightly News”**



### ***Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Winners***

Ages 5-7 Winner: Owen Haight (Top Left), Ages 8-10 Winner: Kalman Trickey (Bottom Right), Ages 11-14 Winner: Faith Pham (Right)

Each winner will be awarded \$25. The winning entries have been forwarded up to the District Level and if they win there, they will go up to the State Level in early January and potentially to the National Level late Jan or early Feb.

**Join the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #7877  
Taking Applications NOW!!**

Grand Knight Walter Lamb invites all Catholic Gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. Contact Walter at 571-247-2957 / [walter.lamb@yahoo.com](mailto:walter.lamb@yahoo.com) or the Membership Director Frank Santana at [fiifrs@aol.com](mailto:fiifrs@aol.com), to obtain more information about joining. If you are a member in another Council, please consider transferring to #7877.

## Principles of the Knights of Columbus

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

**Unity** - None of us are as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.

**Fraternity** - In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

### **ALL CATHOLIC MEN SHOULD JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Supreme Council Knight of Columbus: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Virginia Knights of Columbus: [www.vakofc.org](http://www.vakofc.org)

Our webpage is at [www.staffordknights.org](http://www.staffordknights.org)

**Contact us** at: [www.staffordknights.org/contact.php](http://www.staffordknights.org/contact.php)

Facebook Page - KofC 7877: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/staffordknights/>



## **General Membership Meeting Dates**

The General Membership Business and Program meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month with Rosary at 7 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Socials are held normally the 4th Wednesday on alternate months. **Please see calendar at the end of newsletter.**



## **The Annual Religious Freedom March**

Takes place in Fredericksburg and celebrates the 1777 drafting of “The Virginia Act” by Thomas Jefferson that became the basis of the religious freedom clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This year’s event will be January 8th. Additional details will be forthcoming.

### **DONUT SUNDAYS and PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**8 & 15 Jan, 12 & 19 Feb, 5 & 19 Mar**

**Donut Sundays and Pancake Breakfasts continue to need support. These are great ways to enjoy fellowship with our Church community and spread news about the good works of the Knights. Please show your support! Volunteers are always needed. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Rudy Janiczek (760) 576-9777 or Brother B. J. Donley (540) 842-0805 for additional details.**



**FRIDAY FISH FRY-13 January, 3-8 p.m.**

**Please join us for our fund-raising Friday Fish Fries (Please see calendar at the end of newsletter). This is a great opportunity for fellowship. These events require a lot of support so please come out to help. For more info contact Brother Justin Fernandez at justvm@msn.com.**



**The Margaret Ladies Auxiliary promotes the Women of the Parish and supports the Culture of Life and Education. Open to all Women of the Parish. Contact Deb at dan3e457@aol.com. Come out and support the Margaret Ladies' Muffin Sundays: 29 Jan & 26 Mar**



**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**



Free event! All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age as of 1 Jan) are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday, **January 15th**. For convenience, participants may show up anytime between **11 am to 1 pm** at the SWOYCC school gymnasium to compete.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. At the council level, each competitor gets 15 free throws, and the one who makes the most shots wins. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. For additional information contact: James Kotwicki at 540-903-8031 or jpwicki@gmail.com.



**THE POWER OF ONE**

**March For Life**

**Need more Knights for MARSHALS. Please signup at <http://tinyurl.com/KofC2017MFL> or Contact Grand Knight Walter Lamb (571) 247-2957. The March For Life is the largest grass roots Civil Rights event of the year. Your help as a Marshal is needed to assist the participants, guide the march, and help have a successful March For Life. Carpool will be leaving SWOY at 6:30 AM. Meet at the First Aid RV on the Washington Monument Grounds near 15th Street and Constitution between 9:30 and 10:00 AM on Friday, January 27, 2017. We will finish up at the Supreme Court before 3:30 PM. Soup supper will go from 4:00-7:00 PM.**



**Car, Truck, Van and Cash Raffle - April 2017**

**Knights of Columbus & St. William of York Debt Reduction TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL SWOY HOUSEHOLDS IN FEBRUARY. FEB-4 WE WILL BE STUFFING ENVELOPES WITH TICKETS TO SUPPORT THE MAILING. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOR. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT RUDY JANICZEK (760) 576-9777.**

## Superbowl BBQ- 5 Feb

SK Jim Everett will be smoking his famous NC style BBQ to help raise money for the seminarians. Last year we raised over \$1000 for this worthy cause. Many hands are needed to prepare the BBQ and side dishes for this event so please contact Jim if you can help at [jimeverett47@gmail.com](mailto:jimeverett47@gmail.com).



### FR. WIDMER COUNCIL FRATERNAL BENEFITS & SOCIAL

- **Fraternal Benefits -Tuesday 21 February - SWOY Parish Center - 6 p.m.**
- **Social - Wednesday 22 March - SWOY Parish Center - 6:30 p.m.**

### **St. John Paul II Shrine Pilgrimage**

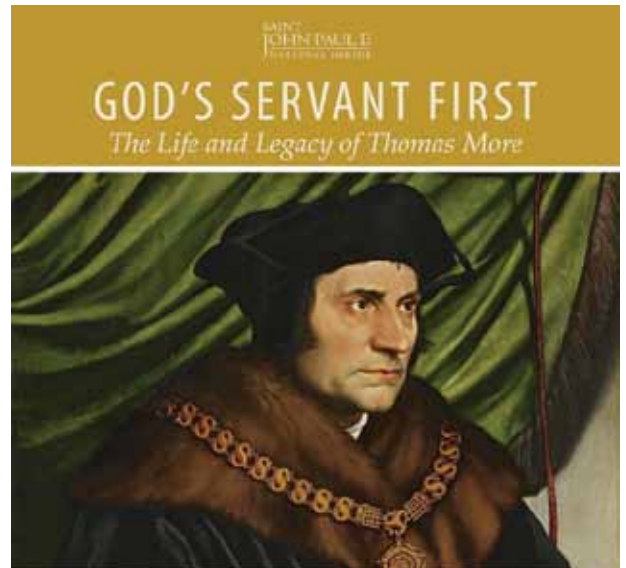
**Date:** February 25th 2017

**Time:** approx. 0800-1800 (will be finalized when bus reservation is made.)

**Who:** Up to 55 people. Couples preferred, but children are welcome. (Knights get first dibs, but it will be opened to the parish on Sunday Jan 29th.)

**Price:** \$25.00 per person for bus only. Looking into a box lunch option that will be \$5-10 extra if selected. Unfortunately, there is no discount for Children. Payment can be made at any time up to boarding the bus. Would prefer earlier payment to get an idea of who/how many is/are going.

**Why:** Because we can! Also, the Shrine is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and therefore it will get us points toward our Domestic Church Goal for the Fraternal Year. Contact Brother Chuck Diaz if interested at [cwdaiz@yahoo.com](mailto:cwdaiz@yahoo.com).



American  
Red Cross

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON 19 MAR

“Give the Gift of Life” to someone in need this year. The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on the above Sunday, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please be aware that a valid picture ID is required to register. Donors will be processed as quickly as possible on a first come basis. If any questions, contact Mr. Ray Piaskowski (540) 429-3151.

### **2016 Council Soccer Challenge Champions**

22 Total Participants: 15 Boys & 7 Girls

#### Boys

9yo champion Bo Martin

10yo champion Joseph Born

11yo champion Jack Lima

12yo champion **Willem Jameson\***

13yo champion **David McSorley\***

14yo champion Robert Annunziato

\* **Competed and won State Championship**

#### Girls

9yo champion Sofia Reyes

10yo champion Elizabeth Dixon

11yo champion Genevieve White

14yo champion Coral Towne



## **Father Bader Scholarship Program**

Virginia's Father Bader Scholarship honors the memory of Fr. Michael J. Bader, who entered the priesthood in 1989 after a long career in business and the military, at the age of 62. The scholarship program offers need-based scholarships for Knights, their wives and widows of Knights who reside in Virginia at death. It also offers scholarship aid to graduating high school seniors who are children of Virginia Knights in good standing. Application period is open from 1 January – 31 March 2017. For greater details about the program and the downloading of the application from please go to this link: <http://www.vakofc.org/scholastic-programs.html>

### **Congratulations to our Newest Knights!**



**Congratulations and welcome to, from left to right, John Minear (Admissions Degree 10/26/16, Formation and Knighthood on 12/03/16); Allen Hanslovan (Admissions Degree 10/26/16); Bill Zolp (Admissions Degree 12/15/16); not pictured Fr. Lino (Admissions Degree on 12/14/16).**



Fall Harvest Food Drive Success! Contributions to the Fall Harvest Food Drive on 11/20/16 (Part of the St. Lucy Project) allowed us to collect about 4,320 lbs. of food that went to St. Matthews Outreach in Spotsylvania. Donations of \$950 were collected and given to Catholic Charities to help purchase much needed food. The St. Lucy project can change lives, one meal at a time. Thank you for your generous support of this year's Fall Harvest Food Drive!



### **HONORARY LIFE APPRECIATION DINNER**

***SK Dan D'Agostino receiving his Honorary Membership Award w/25 consecutive Years of service***

## ***A Note from Warden Chuck Diaz on the Completed Council Home Maintenance***

Over the weekend of Oct 21-24, the Meeting Room of the Council Home was repainted and had a slew fixes and upgrades done. The ceiling and walls were repainted, the ceiling fans were replaced, light bulbs replaced, light fixtures repaired, curtains were dry-cleaned, and plaques/pictures were organized and hung. Myself along with Brother Knights David Thoma and Josh Palotay (with an assist from WGK Walter Lamb) tackled the painting. On the 24th, we had over 15 Knights and family members show up to put the Meeting Room back together and knock out the fixes and upgrades. In conjunction with the repainting, over the weekend of Nov 4-6, the Meeting Room and Hallway floors were stripped and waxed. Our Worthy Financial Secretary Anthony Devino and his wife, Jubi, did the heavy lifting for this weekend. I just stood around and heckled him the entire time. Thank you to all who helped out.



### ***Upcoming Degree Ceremonies***

All Catholic Gentlemen are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. There are many great opportunities this quarter. Especially, note Fr. Widmer Council will be hosting a 1st and 3rd Degree Ceremony, which is a great opportunity to grow our council. If you know someone interested in joining, please contact Grand Knight Walter Lamb at 571-247-2957 / [walter.lamb@yahoo.com](mailto:walter.lamb@yahoo.com) or the Membership Director Frank Santana at [fifrs@aol.com](mailto:fifrs@aol.com).

Date	Time	Location
10-Jan	730PM-9PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 13599 St. Jude
25-Jan	730PM-9PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 7877 Fr. Widmer
9-Feb	730PM-9PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 12434 Bishop Keating
11-Feb	9AM-1PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and Formation (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 4034 Fredericksburg
14-Feb	730PM-9PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 10246 Battlefield
14-Mar	9AM-1030AM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 13599 St. Jude
21-Mar	730PM-9PM	Admissions (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 7812 Holy Trinity
25-Mar	11AM-1PM	Knighthood (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ Council 7877 Fr. Widmer
1-Apr	12-3PM	Patriotism (4 <sup>th</sup> ) Degree Ceremony @ All Saints Church, Manassas

### ***MEMBERSHIP and DUES PAYMENT RENEWAL NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED***

***It is important that every Knight pay their dues annually and promptly. The Council is responsible for paying all State and Supreme Council assessments.***

***For members who fail to make their payment, the council must pay out of the council's general funds, which reduces our ability to support other programs.***

***If you have been disabled or out of work, please let us know and we can make other arrangements. If you did not receive your Due Renewal notice, please contact us and provide us with your current address, telephone number and email address. CONTACT: Financial Secretary, Anthony Devino, 540-657-0592***

**“DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE DONE”**

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

This quarter we need to have 100% of all #7877 Knights to PAY ANNUAL DUES and correct mail, email and telephone numbers. This will ensure each Knight has a current membership card and name tag. Contact the Financial Secretary Tony Devino if you have any changes in your membership information. If you have any difficulties in paying your dues we have many options available.

Walter Lamb, Grand Knight

**FROM THE GK’s DESK**

Worthy Brothers,

As 2017 emerges with energized resolutions and hopes for a better future, I would like to reach out to my brothers who haven’t been to a membership meeting within the last year. I would like to encourage you to amend your New Year’s Resolution to include attending at least 1 council meeting in 2017. We would LOVE to see you again! We have given the council home a face lift and we would like you to see it while spending a few hours socializing with your fellow brothers and getting an update on council activities.

God Bless and I hope to see you soon.

Walter Lamb  
Grand Knight

**A Note from the Faithful Navigator of Holy Trinity Assembly No. 2520**



Greetings My Brother Knights and Sir Knights!

As the Faithful Navigator of the Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 I would like to wish you and your families a most Happy and Healthy New Year!! Here have a few things going on with the Holy Trinity Assembly:

Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 was awarded the Star Assembly, one of 67 worldwide to receive this. This is a new award starting in 2016. In the November 2016 issue of Knightline, “These assemblies led the way by excelling in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, reports to the Supreme Council Office, and keeping their members and others informed of assembly activities. Star Assembly award plaques are being engraved and will be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Master for presentation at an appropriate ceremony”.

Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 will be supporting the Religious Freedom Day, 08 January 2017 in Fredericksburg, VA in Service Regalia. Contact me at [fn2520stfd@gmail.com](mailto:fn2520stfd@gmail.com) if you can support.

Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 will be hosting a Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) Dinner on 14 January 2017 at Vinny’s Italian Grill at 7 pm. Contact SK Bill Emond ([wemond@gmail.com](mailto:wemond@gmail.com)) to RSVP by 09 January 2017.

Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 will be conducting a Renewal of Obligations on Tuesday, 07 February 2017 at Fr. Widmer Council Home at 7 pm. All SK’s holding a position need to be present.

Holy Trinity Assembly 2520 will be hosting a Color Corps/Commanders Training on Saturday, 18 February 2017 at Saint William of York Parish Center at 8:30 am. RSVP me at [fn2520stfd@gmail.com](mailto:fn2520stfd@gmail.com).

For those Brother Knights who are Third Degree, I sincerely wish that you consider further growing in Knighthood of the Knights of Columbus by taking the next 4th Degree Exemplification on 01 April 2016 at All Saints Church in Manassas, Virginia. Please contact me at [fn2520stfd@gmail.com](mailto:fn2520stfd@gmail.com) for more information.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year supporting our Church, our community and our country!

Vivat Jesus!

SK Paul Trautman  
FN 2520

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish a Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights that will be celebrating Birthdays this quarter.

January		January		February		February		March		March	
Vicente P. Carag	2-Jan	Sam C. Yakulis	13-Jan	Brian P. Buckley	3-Feb	Conrado B. Mayo	14-Feb	Gunter D. Buhrdorf	1-Mar	Jonathan H. Duckworth	15-Mar
Donald F. Flusche	2-Jan	Courtland V. Davis	14-Jan	William A. Emond	5-Feb	Joshua J. Cole	15-Feb	William A. Grab	1-Mar	Patrick D. Kelly	17-Mar
William T. Guyton	3-Jan	Travis E. Mc Crackine	14-Jan	Jeffrey C. Brixius	7-Feb	Steve E. Craig	15-Feb	Angelo M. Collora	3-Mar	Jose S. Ramirez	17-Mar
Brian A. Harris	3-Jan	John M. Nande	14-Jan	Rudolph M. Janiczek	8-Feb	Arthur B. Gonzales	17-Feb	Lee R. Mudd	4-Mar	Daniel J. Rubbo	17-Mar
Andrew J. Stoltz	3-Jan	Jonathan A. Carter	20-Jan	Stephen P. Kelly	8-Feb	Thomas M. Clasen	18-Feb	Brice A. Bader	5-Mar	Patrick A. McIlheran	18-Mar
Michael E. Nichols	4-Jan	William J. Tehan	23-Jan	William E. McQuillan	9-Feb	Charles M. Russo	18-Feb	Michael R. Scharf	5-Mar	Ray B. Cook	19-Mar
Edmund K. Nawurah	9-Jan	Robert Yates	23-Jan	Amancio G. Jimenez	10-Feb	William J. Casler	19-Feb	Matthew G. Nichols	6-Mar	Robert A. Greczek	19-Mar
John D. Levesque	11-Jan	Luis B. Carrillo	24-Jan	Caleb T. Heffern	11-Feb	Ruben T. Benito	22-Feb	Paul W. Trautman	6-Mar	Isaac T. Bettendorf	20-Mar
Robin C. Burke	12-Jan	Ray Cuevas	24-Jan	Joseph G. Piccolo	12-Feb	Gerard R. White	24-Feb	Christopher V. Patterson	7-Mar	Jacques C. Chretien	21-Mar
Gino Orsini	12-Jan	Blaine J. Donley	25-Jan	Mark E. Jaworowski	13-Feb	Dennis C. Williams	24-Feb	Christopher J. Ehrmann	8-Mar	Timothy B. O'Keefe	21-Mar
Edward A. Rubbo	12-Jan	Daniel W. Darley	29-Jan	Nicolo L. Lo Duca	13-Feb	Donald W. Starbuck, Jr.	25-Feb	Jason E. Akridge	9-Mar	John M. Somerville	21-Mar
Everett A. Taylor	12-Jan			Michael G. Nichols	13-Feb	Glenn A. Sprumont	26-Feb	Michael J. McLeese	10-Mar	Roger D. Sharpe	23-Mar
				Gregory G. Bobeck	14-Feb	John B. Chapman	27-Feb	David R. Thoma	10-Mar	Sean P. Quigley	26-Mar
				Manuel J. Mathew	14-Feb	Justin P. Bettendorf	29-Feb	Fr. Lino Rico-Rostro	11-Mar	Michel O. Fortin	28-Mar
								Gregory J. Brunacci	13-Mar	James J. Toth	28-Mar
								Robert P. Luxeder	13-Mar	Michael R. Parrott	29-Mar
								Jose T. Espinosa	14-Mar	William D. McSorley	30-Mar
								Francis J. Reck	14-Mar		

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – GET INVOLVED

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH
1-Jan	Holiday - New Year Day	3-Feb	Adoration Security	1-Mar	Holy Day - Ash Wednesday
1-Jan	Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	4-Feb	Car Raffle - Stuffing	3-Mar	Adoration Security
3-Jan	4th Degree Assembly Mtg, 2000	5-Feb	Hispanic Breakfast, 0630 - 1300	5-Mar	Pancake Breakfast, 0630-1300
6-Jan	Adoration Security	5-Feb	Superbowl BBQ	6-Mar	Council Officer's Meeting
6-Jan	Holy Day - Epiphany	6-Feb	Council Officer's Meeting	7-Mar	4th Degree Assembly Mtg, 2000
6-8 Jan	VA KOC Mid-Yr Meeting - Richmond	7-Feb	4th Degree Assembly Mtg, 2000	8-Mar	General Membership Meeting, 1930
8-Jan	Pancake Breakfast, 0630-1300	8-Feb	General Membership Meeting, 1930	11-Mar	VA KOC Quarterly Meeting - Charlottesville
10-Jan	Council Officer's Meeting	12-Feb	Pancake Breakfast, 0630-1300	12-Mar	Daylight Savings Time - Spring Ahead 1hr @ 2am
11-Jan	General Membership Meeting, 1930	14-Feb	Holiday - Valentine's Day	12-Mar	Hispanic Breakfast, 0630 - 1300
13-Jan	Fish Fry Friday, 1500-2000	19-Feb	Donut Sunday, 0630 - 1300	18-Mar	St. Patrick's Day Celebration
15-Jan	Donut Sunday, 0630 - 1300	20-Feb	Holiday - President's Day	19-Mar	Donut Sunday, 0630 - 1300
15-Jan	Freethrow Competition	21-Feb	Fraternal Benefits Night 1800	19-Mar	Red Cross Blood Drive
16-Jan	Holiday - Martin Luther King Day			22-Mar	Council Social
16-Jan	Religious Freedom Day			24-Mar	3rd Degree Ceremony, 1830
22-Jan	Hispanic Breakfast, 0630 - 1300			25-Mar	3rd Degree Ceremony, 1100
25-Jan	1st Degree Ceremony, 1900			26-Mar	Margaret Ladies' Muffin Sundays, 0630 - 1300
27-Jan	March For Life & Soup Supper - 1500-1900				
27-Jan	March for Life Marshalls: 0630 Carpool				
29-Jan	Margaret Ladies' Muffin Sundays, 0630 - 1300				





## **For Insurance Needs** **CONTACT**

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***Member of Fr. Widmer Council #7877***

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

SOURCE: <http://www.kofc.org/en/insurance/benefits/index.html>

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***If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please contact the Grand Knight, Walter Lamb at [walter.lamb@yahoo.com](mailto:walter.lamb@yahoo.com) or Brother Nathan McAndrews at [newsletter@staffordknights.org](mailto:newsletter@staffordknights.org) (NEW EMAIL). We are always looking for human interest stories, book reviews and items of interest to the Knights, Families, Parish and Community.***

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