



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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St. James Council No. 6780 Liberty, Missouri

<http://www.libertykofc.org>

## OFFICERS 2011-2012

Grand Knight  
Trey Katzer

Deputy Grand Knight  
Ed Ludwig

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Chancellor  
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Warden  
Jose Gutierrez

Inside Guard  
Jim Sandt

Outside Guard  
Brandan Kramer

Trustee First Year  
Dennis Valentine

Trustee Second Yr  
Carl Palermo

Trustee Third Year  
John Talbot

## Grand Knight: Trey Katzer

Dennis-  
As I pass on my responsibilities as Grand Knight I cannot say enough positive words to express my gratitude to all of you who have helped me throughout the last two years. I have grown as a person and a Catholic with your help and the grace of God. We accomplished much, but there is much to do. Trey, our new Grand Knight, and I have already discussed some ideas for this next year. So my request is- please get involved with our Council. If you have not been

involved I ask that you set aside time for at least one event that you will participate in this year. If each of our over two hundred members does this we will have more success and be able to give more money away than ever before: get involved. I look forward to continuing to do the work the Knights ask us to do in support of our FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, YOUTH AND FELLOWSHIP. God bless you all. VIVAT JESU !

Trey- As we began a new year I would first like to say how honored I am to be your new Grand Knight. In my time with the Knights I have really enjoyed the activities that we have done and volunteered for. Through the Knights I have met some wonderful people and this Council has a lot of great men that truly want to help others in any way that they can. Our outgoing Grand Knight, Dennis, has made a tremendous contribution to the Council with his time and dedication.  
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## Deputy Grand Knight: Ed Ludwig

I have been a Knight since 1987, and Fourth Degree since 1989, a member and Pro-Life chairman of Council #3414 in Gladstone until transferring to this Council. I have been at St. James for 12 years, putting two granddaughters through this school and so far at St. Pius. They are 15 and 16, and my wife Debbie and I have raised them since they were babies. We are a blended family; Debbie had three children

and I had two. So in a sense we are on our third "family" together. As you may surmise, my passions are family and pro-life, and I am honored to be your Deputy Grand Knight.

From the Editor:  
Brother Knights see page 3 re: dues.

## Honor Roll

Heavenly Father, we commend the souls of our deceased Brother Knights and deceased spouses to Your eternal presence.

May the example of how they lived their lives be an inspiration to us in how we should live our lives in service to You and to our fellow man. We ask a special blessing upon their surviving spouses and families. Please comfort and guide them until that day when they will be rejoined together in Your Holy presence.

Herbert E. James	10.5.81
Judge James S. Rooney	11.30.81
Andrew M. McGee, Sr.	1.21.86
Charles (Roger) VanLeeuwen	2.25.88
John F. Lewis	12.02.88
Deacon Carl P. Hilts	11.23.89
William E. Hallissy	9.06.93
James E. Murphy	5.27.94
Father Lawrence P. Mallen	5.01.96
Robert L. Landuyt	9.19.96
Stephen A. Karol	2.11.97
Edward B. Ward	11.14.97
Charles D. Hessler	9.06.98
Rex E. Sullenger	11.21.99
James E. Culver	8.07.2000
Robert J. Concannon	2.11.03
Father Thomas P. Ozanne, C.P.P.S	4.02.03
Theodore E. Starr	12.11.03
Al Sanchez	7.18.06
James Pfeifer	1-05-08
Joe Dimini	8-31-08
Bob Wooten	6-05-10
Elmer Jensen	12-02-10
John Sheer	6-28-11

## Degrees Conferred and Recognitions

### 2011 Degrees Conferred

We all know what a difference being a Knight has made in our lives as well as our involvement in our parish and home community. If we come into contact with a new parishioner, or someone who is looking for more involvement within the parish, express to this person what the Knights of Columbus has meant to you. Thank you. Shawn Souders

Danny Boteler and James Sandt received the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Smithville on 3/13/11. Derek Weiner –First Degree on March 1. June First Degrees : Brandan Kramer, Cody Kaspzyk. Welcome Brother Knights.

Fourth Degree was conferred March 19<sup>th</sup> to Michael Saye and Trey Katzer. Congratulations Sir Knights.

Jesse Gonzales has

transferred from Detroit, Michigan. Welcome. Recognitions Dennis Valentine, outgoing Grand Knight, Joel Mohr for securing help for Janey's Ride, Clark Kelly for strong commitment to and support of Cancer Relay for Life. Fr. Tom- Thank you and God Bless. All Knights, spouses, family and others who support Council activities.

## Past Events

2011 Lent Fish Frys- A great success for our Council and parish community. Meals served this year surpassed prior years:  
3/14- 733  
4/1- 791  
4/15- 642

We worked hard and as is customary received many compliments on the meals and service. Many thanks to all Knights who contributed, their spouses and others who supported

us by working or providing desserts, and to the youth for their invaluable assistance. Our Council is recognized for providing a good meal and opportunity for fellowship.

May 22- Council meeting/Family Dinner with the Sisters at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. The Sisters blessed us and look forward to this as an annual event. Next year it

will be in March as a regular Quarterly meeting/Council family dinner.

June 24 Cancer Relay for Life supported by several Knights and companions.

June 26 Janey's Over the Hill Ride in support of Immacolata Manor.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 5- First Degree Ceremony at Tri County Council

July 21- Fourth Degree meeting at Excelsior Springs

July 24- Council Meeting 7pm **Installation of Officers.**

July 31- Fifth Sunday Breakfast

August 28- 7pm Council Meeting

September 25- 7pm Council Meeting

For info re: Degree Ceremonies contact Shawn Souders or a Council Officer.

Also, check Council website calendar for activities.

# Fourth Degree, Assembly No. 2075 Fr. Edward F. Mallen

The Patriotic Degree of the Order business and have a meal, all in an hour.

## Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows Knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title- It is an honor.

The Assembly meets at St. Ann's Church, Excelsior Springs @7pm the third Thursday each month. We begin in prayer of the rosary, conduct



## Under Good of the Order

We remember in prayer and hold in our hearts:

Ed Weir and family, Stan Stramel and family, Ron Bross, Bro Steve Omacht, Bob Ohmes, Mike Kieffer's father, John Sheer's wife and family, cancer survivors and those whom we lost to cancer, our Bishop and diocese, all in religious service as priests, nuns, brothers, laity, and Knights throughout the world that they may be open to the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE**

Contact John Talbot for cost and sizes. New Knights, a great way to identify yourself as a Knight at our events!

**DUES REMINDER**  
**Contact or send to Clark Kelly. It costs the Council to cover unpaid dues. Dues are due at beginning of year. Come on guys- collecting is a trying task for Council. Please get current with dues \$30/year.**

### LINKS

If you have not yet visited the Parish website, which includes the Knights' information pages and

calendar, or if you have not seen it in awhile, try it. You will be impressed. Trey Katzer has created a great Council website. From there you have links to State Council and Supreme Council web pages; both excellent sources of information.

<http://www.libertykofc.org>

Council website

<http://www.stjames-liberty.org>

Parish website

**Brother Knights:** If you know of a Brother Knight or family member of a Knight ill or in distress, ask if they would like to be included in this Newsletter; then notify me.

Also, if you know of a Brother Knight of our Council or their spouse who has passed away, please notify the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight so that the Council may be notified in a timely manner. We strive to update the Honor Roll for the Newsletter and Rosary list of deceased Knights and spouses which is recited at Quarterly Meeting/Family Dinners. Your help is needed. Alan Gremli, Recorder.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## **ST. James Parish/Knights of Columbus supported Scouting**

At the June Council meeting, Steve Main, Assistant Scout Master Troop 214, asked the Council to consider supporting as chartering organization a Venturing Program. Venturing, supported by the Boy Scouts of America, is a co-ed program that is self directed by the youth under the guidance of adult leaders. It is for youth ages 14-21. There are ranks and awards. He indicated there is interest in the parish from teen boys and girls. Assistant Scout Master Main is eager to offer his enthusiasm and knowledge of Venturing and Scouting to promote Venturing at St. James Parish.

Members present voted unanimously to Charter a Venturing Program. For further info, contact Troop leadership.

### **Scout Oath (or Promise)**

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

### **Cub Scout Promise**

I ,(name), promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people, and  
To obey the Law of the Pack.

## **GRAND KNIGHT -cont**

We all appreciate what he has done and I hope that I can represent this Council as well as he has.

I look forward to the upcoming year and continuing to do many of thing things that we have done in the past. I also look forward to doing new things and trying to accomplish projects that Dennis has set in motion. I also think we have a great new group of officers that will help ensure the Council does great things for St. James Parish and in our community. I definitely would like to thank the officers in advance for the time and dedication they will offer this year.

I look forward to working with everyone and please do not hesitate to contact me or any officer with any question, comment, concern or idea. Every one of us has something good to offer. God Bless.