



Tolton Times



Fr. Augustine Tolton Knights of Columbus Council 16126

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Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, 1/22, 2 p.m.
Springfield Right To Life annual Recommitment To Life Rally
- Saturday, 1/22, 4 p.m.
Free Throw Championship
St. Aloysius School Gym
- Sunday, 2/12
Hospitality following
10 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, 3/25 &
Sunday, 3/26
Membership Drive
Following Weekend Masses
- Thursday, 3/30, 7 p.m.
Fraternal Benefits Night



Future Meetings:

Meetings are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated

- Thursday, January 26
Membership Meeting (School Hall)
- Thursday, February 23
Membership Meeting (School Hall)
- Thursday, March 23
Membership Meeting (School Hall)
- Thursday, April 27
Membership Meeting (School Hall)

Grand Knight's Corner

On behalf of the Officers, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! What an exciting time of the year it has been. Our council has been extremely active the past couple of months. In October we hosted a Steak and Whisky Dinner that proved to be extremely successful. (See article below for details) In November, our very own First Degree Team held an exemplification for 3 candidates. We also helped distribute Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets at Catholic Charities and held the Regional Kick-off for the Knights Soccer Challenge. Even though December was not as busy, giving us all time to prepare for the holidays, January and February are shaping up to give all of us plenty of opportunities to help our council.

Recently, membership dues statements were mailed out. Please return your dues and Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. You may notice and increase in the bottom line amount. Our dues have NOT increased. The "Special Assessment" is NOT MANDATORY. The software that is provided to councils is somewhat out of date with the way we can ask for additional funds. The Special Assessment is our way of asking members to help cover the charitable goals set by the Illinois Council that are not covered by our per capita. Please do not feel obligated but know that any amount given above your dues will be put to good use.

Finally, I would like to take this time to ask each one of you to recruit a new member. As we all know, men are not the type to seek out and join groups. Many men are interested in our great organization but need a nudge to join. Ask someone if they are a Knight and if they are not, ask them to join. You might be surprised when they say "Yes".

Welcome

Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to the Father Tolton Council:

Brother Austin Quick - Transferred in on October 27

Brother Kaleb Hamende - 1st degree on November 02

Brother Edward Longcore - 1st degree on November 02

Brother Joseph Murphy - 1st degree on November 02

Mark your calendar!

January 22, 2 p.m.; Springfield Right To Life annual Recommitment To Life Rally. Change of routine; Reception to follow in the South Wing of the Capitol rotunda, instead of trekking to the Howlett Building!

Anyone wishing to donate cookies, contact Brother Larry Travis.

Winners

The Meeting Attendance Drawing winner for October was Brother Fred Pryor; he was present and took home the \$40.00 prize. Brother Terry Tuttle's name was drawn for the November prize but he was not present. The Member Attendance Drawing rolled over to the December meeting where Deacon Larry Smith's name was drawn. Deacon Smith took home the \$20.00 prize. January's prize will be worth \$10.00. **Remember, the winner MUST be present to WIN.**

Insurance

Please contact Brother Mike Muto at 217-801-8688 for more information on Knights of Columbus Insurance and Investment opportunities available to you.

Steak & Whisky Dinner

Our first annual Steak & Whisky Dinner was a great success both financially and socially. It appeared that everyone in attendance (46) had a good time as we sampled some very nice single-malt Scotch whiskies directed by John Long and listened to some live music of Buckhart Road by Marty Morris. As a fundraising event we netted just over \$800 which is excellent for a first-time event.



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