St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

October 2016

SECOND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Council 12640 will host a Second Degree Exemplification on Friday, 2 December 2016. Further details will be sent out as they become available.

PINE CAR DERBY

Council 12640 will host the Pine Car Derby. It is tentatively scheduled for February 2017. Further details will be sent out as they become available.

OPERATION LAMB 2016

Operation Lamb 2016 is here. The two weekends this year are 11, 12, & 13 November 2016 and 9, 10, 11 December 2016. To volunteer for this worth event sign-up at the following links:

11 November 2016
http://stmaroncouncil12640.weebly.com/oplamb-11-november-2016.html

12 November 2016
http://stmaroncouncil12640.weebly.com/oplamb-12-november-2016.html

13 November 2016
http://stmaroncouncil12640.weebly.com/oplamb-13-november-2016.html

CHOIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Francis Younger of our Council and Parish Choir Director request volunteers to sing in the choir. Interested Knights should contact Brother Francis before or after the Sunday 10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Individuals who are not able to make it to Safe Environment Training there is an online alternative. The link for this sight is: http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1047

This training is mandatory for Council Officers per K of C Supreme.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires this training for anyone who works in the Catholic Church's Youth Programs.

LOVE LUNCH

The Love Lunch at the Salvation Army Kitchen on Alexander St., Fayetteville, NC, is suspended until further notice. The Salvation Army Kitchen was flooded out by Hurricane Matthew. Repairs are in progress. The Salvation Army will notify all participants when operations resume.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2016

November 5	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Swannanoa, NC
November 5	State Youth Soccer Challenge (WEST) – Belmont Abbey
November 6	State Youth Soccer Challenge (EAST) - Fayetteville
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 15	Family of the Month
November 15	IRS Form 990
November 19	4th Degree Exemplification – Fayetteville, NC
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 25	Council Charitable Outreach Day
November 29	Bishop Burbidge Celebrates Last Mass in Raleigh Diocese, St Michael's, Cary, NC

December 2016

December 3	Knighthood (3rd) Degree (Spanish) – Wilson, NC
December 8	Spread the Light of Christ program
POSTPONED	Holy Family Prayer Event
December 15	Family of the Month
December 25	Christmas Day

January 2017

January 7	Mid-Year Meeting (EAST) Kinston, NC
January 7	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – #1728 – Due at Mid-Year Meeting
January 7	Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics – #4584 – Due at Mid-Year Meeting
January 13	Charlotte March for Life
January 14	Mid-Year Meeting (WEST) Morganton, NC
January 15	Family of the Month
January 21	Raleigh Prayer Breakfast
January 21	Love My Life Youth Rally and Mass
January 27	National Right to Life March, Washington, DC
January 28	Jacksonville March for Life

DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree Ceremony: 15 November 2016. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Fourth Degree Ceremony: 19 November 2016. Location: Assembly 783, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Second Degree Ceremony: 2 December 2016. Location: Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony (Spanish): 3 December 2016. Location: Council 4660, Horton, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 4 February 2017. Location: Council 2546, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 11 February 2017. Location: Council 8363, Franklin, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

First Degree Ceremony: 18 February 2017. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 18 February 2017. Location: Council 9499, Clemons, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

First Degree Ceremony: 6 March 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Second Degree Ceremony: 6 March 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 18 March 2017. Location: Council 1074, Wilmington, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 8 April 2017. Location: Council 9709, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

First Degree Ceremony: 1 May 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

First Degree Ceremony: 16 May 2017. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

Third Degree Ceremony: 20 May 2017. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: http://kofcnc.org/

SAINTS AMONG US

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Our Heavenly Father provides the Faithful with many guides to help us in our daily lives. Some of these guides are the Holy Spirit and the Word contained in the Holy Bible. Another important guide for the Faithful are the Saints. Pope Francis stated the "Saints are contagious examples of everyday Holiness." (Harris, 2015) The Bishop of Rome defined Saints not only those canonized by the Holy Catholic Church, but those people who are saints among us i.e. friends, family, and fellow Christians. Pope Francis' commentary on Saints brings up two questions. Who are Saints? How do they guide the Faithful in their daily lives?

Who are the Saints? According to *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* a Saint is defined as, "one officially recognizes especially through canonization as preeminent for holiness." (Merriam-Webster, 1993) This definition addresses any Saint who has gone through the canonization process of the Holy Catholic Church. One example in Fayetteville, NC is the patron Saint of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first Saint born in the United States of America. (Catholic Online) She went through the canonization process and was canonized a Saint by Pope Paul VI on 14 September 1975.

The next definition is, "one of the spirits of the departed in heaven." (Merriam-Webster, 1993) This definition applies to any Christian who died in God's grace. There is no formal canonization process. One example is the patron Saint of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. Saint Patrick is credited with bring Christianity to Ireland. (Catholic Online) He was never formally canonized. St. Patrick was proclaimed a Saint by early Christians.

Angels are considered to be Saints since they reside in Heaven. (Merriam-Webster, 1993) An example is the patron Saint of Saint Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. Saint Michael is God's warrior angel. (Catholic Online) He was the first Angel to combat Satan. Saint Michael is the patron Saint of soldiers.

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary also addresses the Faithful who have not been called from this life, "one of God's chosen usually Christian people." (Merriam-Webster, 1993) Who are these chosen people? This definition applies to anyone who does God's will. The Faithful does not have to perform monumental works. It is the everyday charity good Catholic gentlemen do; volunteering for Operation LAMB, at the local soup kitchens, or a kind courtesy to a stranger.

How do the Saints guide the Faithful in their daily lives? They provide examples for the Faithful to follow and they also intercede with prayers on behalf of the Faithful to God. Saints lead virtuous life and do the will of God. St. Patrick was held captive by Irish pirates. (Catholic Online) After his escape he could have plotted revenge against his captors. Instead, St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton lost her husband to tuberculous. She could have fallen into a pit of self-pity. However, she devoted her life to God so she could help others. (Catholic Online) St. Michael the Archangel intercedes to God on behalf of the Faithful. (Catholic Online) The Saints who are still in this world set examples to be followed by their kind acts of Charity.

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayer all our deployed military members especially
Christians in the Middle East.
The victims of human trafficking.

ARTICLES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Any Brother Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Financial Secretary Chris Cooper, at the next Council meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.