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Knights of Columbus
Chisholm Trail Council 9368, Round Rock, TX
St. William Catholic Church
December 2017 Monthly Newsletter

Brothers,

As I am writing this over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, I am reminded how thankful I am for our Council and all of its members. I had attended the annual Annie's Way turkey prep event and was once again reminded of the power of like-minded men working in unity, fraternity and charity. We donated and prepared about 47 turkeys along with some canned vegetables that were served to our community on Thanksgiving, while also enjoying good fellowship.

In December, our council is also continuing its tradition of Breakfast with St. Nick, working with our sisters of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Worthy Lecturer Mike Goertz tells me of the deep roots of this tradition dating back to the early days of our council. Perhaps he can share that story at a council meeting. Learning the rich history of our council helps us to gain perspective and remember that we are stewards of a venerable ministry.

Our council was well represented at the St. John Paul II Life Center "Life is Beautiful Gala" last month. The council sponsored a table, and some individual members sponsored their own tables as well. We were entertained by a funny and thoughtful keynote from a St. William parishioner, the radio host and author, Jennifer Fulwiler. The Knights of Columbus were recognized as we presented the Center with a new sonogram machine, paid for by donations from diocesan councils, including ours, and help from the Supreme Council through the Ultrasound Initiative program.

We have distributed about 250 yard signs reminding our community to Keep Christ in Christmas. This is the second year for us to give out the signs after giving out bumper magnets in years past. All of these items are given to parish and community members at no charge, with the only ask being that if you take a sign, you display the sign throughout the Christmas season.

Brothers, let us rest during the Advent and Christmas seasons, for the busy Lent season begins early, on February 14. During those 40 days, we will be engaging in the Food For Families drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign; and of course the Friday Fish Fries. I kindly ask for all of you to help out with these events to the extent you are able. If your EIM certification has lapsed, please renew it; the schedule is shown on the next page.

I invite you to attend our next council business meeting on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Pavilion at St. William. Come early for the rosary at 7:00.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Michael Barnett

Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus

Chisholm Trail Council No. 9368

Please remember to send your prayer request to: prayerline@kofc9368.org

Pray for our brothers and family members who have gone home to be with our Lord.

Calendar

December 2
Breakfast with St. Nick
St. William Parish Hall
7:00 am – 11:00 am
Contact: Michael Barnett

December 6
KC 9368 Council Business Meeting
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Michael Barnett

December 13
First Degree Exemption
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Pavilion
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Greg Castro

December 20
KC 9368 Officers Meeting
Exfluor, 2350 Double Creek Drive
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Michael Barnett

January 3
KC 9368 Council Business Meeting
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Michael Barnett

January 10
First Degree Exemption
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Pavilion
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Greg Castro

January 17
KC 9368 Officers Meeting
Exfluor, 2350 Double Creek Drive
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Michael Barnett

January 19
Round Rock Lacrosse Gala Casino
Allen R. Baca Center
301 W Bagdad Ave
Time TBD
Contact: Mike Goertz

January 20
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship
St. Dominic Savio H.S. Gym
9300 Neenah Ave
12:30 pm-4:30 pm
Contact: Michael Barnett

Scheduled EIM Classes

All volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults at any parish, Catholic school or diocesan location are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years.

Registration in advance is required. To register, click [here](#). Or you can simply Google “Austin EIM.” There is no charge for the course.

St. Julia Parish, Austin
12/4/2017
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Austin
12/9/2017
10:00am – 12:00pm

St. John Neumann Parish, Austin
12/14/2017
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Emmaus Parish, Lakeway
1/13/2018
9:00am – 11:00am

St. Mary Catholic School, West
1/16/2018
6:30pm – 8:30pm

St. Mary Parish, Taylor
1/23/2018
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Officers

Michael Barnett, Grand Knight
Rev. Dean Wilhelm, Chaplain
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Louis Gonzales, Chancellor
Michael Goertz, Financial Secretary, Lecturer
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Kevin Furey, Recorder
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