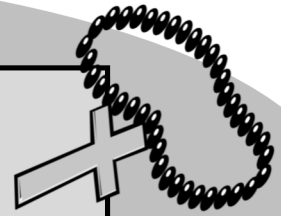




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A Message from your Grand Knight ...



Brother Knights, We are now in November, the month of remembrance. In the Parish, it is with sadness, yet joy in Heaven, of the passing of Brother Knight Joe Brown. His charity and contributions to our Parish and Diocese were countless, and his legacy will be enduring. There is no question we have been blessed by Joe's good works.

On the global front, alarmingly this past month Israel faced an unprecedented and coordinated terrorist attack. Even more alarming has been the antisemitism demonstrated by several groups. Let there be no mistake the responsibility for wrongdoing is held by the Hamas group. There were two occasions requested for prayer and fasting in the past few weeks to bring about a peaceful outcome. However, realistically there does not appear to be a quick resolution at this time. Let's continue to look for ways to offer our daily prayers and support to this crisis and, in perseverance, the crisis in Ukraine.

Lastly, my appreciation to everyone for all your efforts in service this past month. The response has been a great outpouring in support of the various needs. We now look forward to the remaining activities of the year. Particularly this month we will especially have the Father Michael McGivney Mass and the Turkey Bingo, both on November 19th. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Shoda, Grand Knight

Ladies Auxiliary News....

10 members met with the Knights on October 25! Our members brought some delicious sides and desserts to the potluck. We enjoyed a lovely dinner with our husbands. We then said a group Rosary. [always a blessing.:)] And then had a very productive business meeting. Rick Stier presented to us ideas for possible T-shirts. After much discussion, we decided we'd rather have name badges to wear instead of T-shirts. Rick is going to see if he can order those for us. Next discussion was held about the Mother's Hope Christmas Gifts. Claudia Thomas will head this up this year. We are collecting gifts now —we will announce a date and time for the wrapping party to be held at Claudia's.



Next, we discussed: The Christmas meeting/party. Several ideas were put forth about the decorations. We decided on white table cloths and asked each member to please bring two small Nativity Scenes or Candles or Advent Wreath (your choice) to decorate the tables. We are asking for sides, salads, and desserts. They suggested if your last name ends in the letters A through M. Please bring a salad or side. N-Z please bring a dessert. (this is not a hard and fast rule-bring your favorite thing to make) it is also nice to have a few appetizers!?! The meat course will be Stuffed Pork Loin!

The Date for the Christmas party is December 13! (more to come)

Blessings, Connie Dailey, Auxiliary Coordinator

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**Meetings are on
the 1st & 3rd
"Wednesdays"
of the Month.**



Our Regular Membership
Meeting is moved to
**Thursday, Nov
16th.**

Our Prayer Line:

Please keep the following members and their families, who are sick, in distress or in harms way (police, fire, ambulance, health care or serving in the military) in your prayers.

Take a moment to enliven one's heart. Msgr. Kuzmich, Teresa Koch, Jim Lane, David Gensheimer, Ivy Berghoff, Kellie Stanley, Bob Pequignot, Phil Dubois, Paul Reszel, Ellis Ryan, Howard Fischer, Dan Myers, Pam Allen, Kathy Stieglitz, Bob O'dell, Joe Brown, Ruth Ann Houlihan, Ted Okendu, Lisa Craw, Dana & Alice Achor, Mike Pranger, Darryl Smith, Ray Martin, Mike Karst.

For the departed souls: Rosemary Reszel, Msgr. Joseph Ssebayingga, Bob Cowan, Bob Gensheimer, Denny Mockenhaupt, Steve Lybrook, Don Getts, David Yee, Jim Irely, Lowell Dusseau, Bernie Richardville, Jack Oberle, Karl Cid, Robin Studt, Sheila Zoretich, Doug Schumick, Larry Eberle, Bob Deck, Dave Springmann, Ron Minton, John Hennessey, Walt Voigt, Ed Jarboe, Skip Johnson, Max Cambre, Felipe De Guzman, Greg Carlston, Donald Leffers, David Chavis, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, Don Kammer, John Kruk, Joe Brown.

For all the aborted babies and for all of the elderly and/or sick members of our council.

Please take a moment and ask God for His healing power to be sent down upon these people in their time of need.



Membership Report....

We are behind the pace that we need to meet this goal within the fiscal year. We can meet our goal, but I need you and our council to be active in welcoming new members.

If each new member last year invited one friend to join the order, we would be very close to our goal.

This is the goal of the Shining Armor award.

Need to involve us reaching out to high school aged men at the Diocesan Catholic high schools. 18-year-olds, become Knights and are the leaders of the future. I would anticipate an older member to be a mentor. These new young members would also complete service work in the name of the Council and their School or parish. Results, younger members; young men engaged in learning their faith and Knights that can move to college Councils or remain in their local Council.

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Happy 'November' Birthday, Guys !!!!

Christopher Amstutz Robert Anderson Darin Ball Robert Becker Josh Bratten Richard Cieslinski
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Council Website.... (NEW) Please check it out!!!!

Our Council website (saintv.org/knights) has been updated with many new features. The main page has been streamlined and consists of segments with basic Council information including Officer and Member Meeting information. We have a new Upcoming Events section as well as links to other pages including our Council Calendar comment, Council Officers and a Volunteer Sign Up. Regarding the Volunteer Sign up link, you can now sign up for activities online instead of responding to emails. Volunteers can sign up for Mass Crossing Guard, Adoration in the Oratory, as well as sign up for upcoming activities such as the October Breakfast and the Scouts Haunted Castle Event (our single largest fundraiser. The website will be continually updated, and we encourage members to check it out, make suggestions to improve content. And please Volunteer for our ongoing and upcoming activities. Let us know what you think by emailing us at:

council11353@gmail.com

Knights in Action!!! Council activities where we have served our parish and community.

- Traffic Assistance at St.Vincent - Masses in Oct - 12 Knights, 20 Hours
- Transport Fr Declan from and back to Airport - 1 Knight, 3 hours
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
48 Knights, 68 Hrs
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Clean Oratory and
Collect Candle Money June - 2 Knights, 24 Hours
- A Mothers Hope - Mow Yard & Blow Leaves - Oct - 2 Knights, 8 Hours
- Miscellaneous Maintenance Tasks - 2 Knights, 16 hrs
- Haunted Castle - Directing Traffic and Parking Security
- Mow Diocese Property at Clinton and St Joe Ctr. Rd.
1 Knight, 1 hr each time: 2 hrs
- Breakfast for the Parish - 28 Knights, 84 Hours
- Fire Choir Singing held at Park Place 8 Knights, /2 Ladies, 8 hrs, 24 Senior Citizens.
- Blood Drive - 10/28/23
48 units collected
- 40 Days for Life — 6 Knights, 24 Hrs
- Rosary in October— 51 knights



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Fire Choir at Park Place



Rick Reed & John Becker
Directing traffic for
The Haunted Castle



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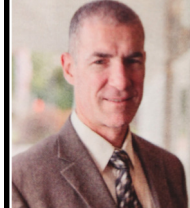


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Field Agent Report...

Last week, it was amazing to be in New Haven, CT at the very place our order began - at St. Mary's Church and Fr. McGivney's own San Salvador Council 1. It was a great experience visiting St. Mary's, Fr. McGivney's tomb, the pilgrimage center, etc. Learning more about the history of our order and Fr. McGivney's story and case for canonization, I have gained a profound admiration for the work that our parish priests do day in and day out, as well as what the order has done for over 140 years.

One thing that struck me was the dichotomy of New Haven - right on the campus of Yale, a beacon of learning and education, but also of secularism, and the presence of the Knights of Columbus. Walking on Yale's campus, whose sidewalks and streets were full of moral decay - drug abuse and idolatry - there is a feeling of darkness and hopelessness. Right in the middle of this is St. Mary's, a beacon of light, love, and hope. The Knights of Columbus HQ near enough to Yale, but also seemingly hundreds of miles away, stands tall near the Long Island sound looking like one of our KofC tootsie rolls and symbolizing something completely different than what the rest of town has to offer. We are all part of Fr. McGivney's vision. We each have a role to play, be it as sons, brothers, husbands or fathers. My role with the Knights is to do EXACTLY what Fr. McGivney did - expand the order, and work to protect the family, especially the widow and the orphan. Fr. McGivney, as they say, was the Order's first field agent. This inspires me daily to work to secure the future of our members and their families.

November is Long Term Care Awareness month. One way that we can work together to secure the future is to discuss LTC and your family's plan - it wasn't long ago that Catholics had built in LTC plans so-to-speak (large families) but times have changed and if you haven't considered this, give me a call and you will be able to talk to one of a few organizations that is still in the business of Long Term Care (while many others have dropped due to rising costs and decreasing profits). With nearly 70% of applicants getting rejected for LTC plans, it is important to discuss and start planning early - these policies are extremely valuable and increasingly rare.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless!

Joe Kimes, Field Agent

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Culture of Life....

4th Degree Report....

Well this was my first meeting as Faithful Navigator. I want to thank all who attended for their patience. We had a few more members attending and I wish to thank them for their interest. We usually have one or two from all the Councils except St. Vinnies who have four or more present. Little competition note there. We discussed the Prayer Vigil on the 12th at the abortion center. It was an all day event and we encouraged members to stop by and pray for the lost children. We need to pray for all the aborted children. We discussed snacks before the meeting and that is going to occur on the November 14th meeting. I hope the Faithful Navigator remembers to bring them in. I sure miss my memory and I hope Steve calls me.



On November 11 we will have our float in the Veterans Day parade. I hope members who were in the Military will wear their military cover while on the float. We hope to fill it with members and their family. We will meet in Northside Park around 9:45 AM. We are also going to have a Mass in the St. Mother T. Guerin Chapel on Nov. 10 at 7 PM. We hope to have members present to pray for all the deceased Veterans and those on active duty in harms way. Have a wonderful rest of the month. **Dave Barrett, Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239**

Christmas Family 2023....

Every year, our Council has worked directly with the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society in adopting a Christmas family. We have always expressed a willingness to support one of the larger families and last year we provided gifts for a family of eight. It is always a joyous occasion when we actually deliver the gifts along with food and other items to our adopted family.

We work closely with the Ladies Auxiliary on this project and **Karen Green** spearheads the purchasing of the gifts once we receive the request list from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We have been fortunate in the past to collect enough funds to cover the gifts but we have always operated not know how much money we would collect. This year, our goal will be to begin collecting funds now. We can then provide Karen with an actual budget once we receive the name of the adopted family and their request list. This will allow Karen to take advantage of the early holiday sales.

We are deeply appreciative of whatever amount you are able to donate. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent K. Of C. You can mail your donation to **St. Vincent K. Of C., St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1502 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dennis Fech at (260) 435-0860.

Update: According to our latest tally, we have collected just under \$500 towards our adopted Christmas family. We have budgeted \$1500 and need your help. If you have already made a donation this year, we are very appreciative of your support. If not, please consider a gift no matter how large or small. With over 300 members, the \$1500 goal is very achievable if a majority of members participate.

Volunteering for Activities....

Thanks to the efforts of our Financial Secretary **Gene Meenagh**, there is an easy way to volunteer for our Council activities. These include helping with the parish breakfasts, assisting with traffic control at the Sunday masses and helping out with the Haunted Castle. We especially need members to come forward and volunteer to help with the Haunted Castle as this is now our largest single source of revenue for our council. The volunteer link can be found at saintv.org/knights. Remember that in order to help on many of our activities, it is important that you take the Diocesan Safe Environment training. **Keith Burns** is our liaison with the parish. If you are in need of certification, contact Keith at kmburns@gmail.com.



Eucharistic Congress....

There will be four pilgrimages to Indiana from around the Country. The State KofC are working with the local Dioceses to determine the needs of these pilgrims so that our Councils can aid as they pass through your local area. Please be prepared to welcome these pilgrims to Indiana. I will be sending out the list of volunteer opportunities soon. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Gibault....

In late September the annual Gibault Envoy conference was held in Terre Haute. It was a great day with lots of opportunities to learn more about our number-one charity. Gibault remains an incredible place for youth to recover from abuse, mental illness, and trauma. We expanded earlier this year to include the Campagna facility in Schererville, IN. We make a significant difference in the lives of these children and their families. Gentlemen, all our Councils need to be active in this cause.

Calendar of Events

Nov 1		All Saints Day!! (Holyday)
Nov 8	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Nov 12	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Nov 14	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Nov 16	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A & B (TBA)</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
Nov 19	TBD	K of C Turkey Bingo
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Dec 6	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Dec 8		Feast of the Immaculate Conception !! (Holy Day)
Dec 10	8-12 pm	K of C 'Family' Breakfast (P.H.)
Dec 12	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting- @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Dec 13	TBA	K of C Christmas Party (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Dec 17	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Dec 25		Merry Christmas!! Jesus is Born!!
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Jan 1		Happy New Year!!
Jan 3	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Jan 9	7:00pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Jan 17	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A & B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm, Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
Jan 21	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Jan 27		7 Sister Apostolate Retreat - St. Felix, Huntington
Feb 04	8-12 pm	K of C 'Family' Breakfast - (Parish Hall) <u>(Proceeds To St. Vincent School)</u>
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TBA Council 'Free Throw' Contest (Jan)		
TBA District 'Free Throw' Contest (Feb)		

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Next Member Meeting:

Thursday, November 16th (Sp.Center A & B)

Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm
(new time this month)