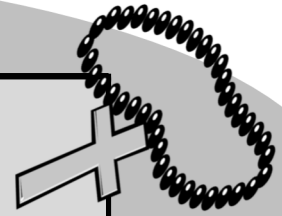




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## A Message from your Grand Knight ...



**Brother Knights, JMJ**

Abraham Lincoln once said that "elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their backs on the fire and burn their behinds then they will just have to sit on their blisters." Now, while our council elections are not nearly so important as national ones, Lincoln's words ring towards many members who take organizational leadership for granted. At St. Vincents Council 11353, we are in need of good men to step up and agree to serve as officers and bring new ideas and efforts to our many ministries and charities.

At our April and May meetings, we will begin the process of nominating candidates for the various offices in our council. This is a very important part of being a member of a service organization like ours. It cannot continue to function well unless members step up and agree to be part of the planning and administration of the group. The amount of time and labor needed for each office varies, but it is never excessive. Also found in the Lincoln quote is the idea that those who criticize leadership yet make no effort to change it will continue to be frustrated and often lose interest in the process.

Please think about where you would like to see Council 11353 go in the future. What changes, if any, would you like to see? Think about the strengths you have and how they could serve the council and the parish. This process of electoral change is absolutely essential for groups to continue to grow. Thanks for considering a term of office!

Vivat Jesus!

**Mike McMillen, Grand Knight**

## 2023 Membership Dues

A big "thank you" to every one who has sent in their 2023 dues. It is very much appreciated! To those that haven't ... please send in your dues as soon as convenient as a 2nd Notice reminder will be sent out soon which will be at an additional cost of mailing to the council.

*If you are having trouble paying your dues this year due to financial concerns, please let me know... we want to help! Also, if there is some reason you may be considering withdrawing your membership in the Knights... please let me know as well so we can discuss and resolve your concerns right away.*

God Bless, Bruce Cadwell Financial Secretary 260-750-6836

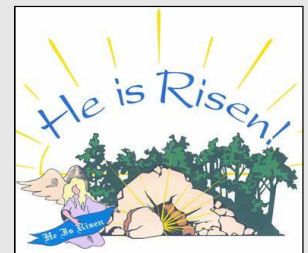
## Thank you Bruce!

A Big Thank you to Bruce doing the newsletter this past month. Due to my being in the Hospital and Rehab., Bruce took the time to put March's newsletter together for us so that all our members were kept up to date.

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



***Come to our  
'dinners' before the  
meeting. Cards after.  
Meet our new  
Members!***

## 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, Mike & 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, Rick Stier.

**For the departed souls:** Ron Brouwer, Rosemary Reszel, Msgr. Joseph Ssebayigga, 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

**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...

SPRING into action. Engaging with the Members as the weather says get out and DO SOMETHING is a big way to show Non-Members what are some of the things you do. Then of course while you're doing thing's please invite them to join us using the quick and easiest method [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). We are doing Gods work, why wouldn't they?

Every Catholic man has an opportunity to make a difference in this world and live the Catholic faith through actions of the Knights of Columbus. Please consider this a personal invitation to you to ask someone to join. Have them come and see just what the Knights are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life.

For more information contact: **Randy Lauer 615-2686 - Mike McMillen 415-0163**

**Have you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus?**

## 2022 / 2023 Officers

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## Happy 'April' Birthday Guys !!!!

Dana Achor Bill Arnold Keith Burns Michael Burton Geoff Cly Doug Davis Shawn Dundon Dan Fogarty  
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## Election of Officers.... Nominations next 3 months.

Our April business meeting marks the first day of accepting officer nominations for the upcoming fraternal year. We will be accepting nominations at the April, May and June meetings with the actual election taking place in June. If you have any interest in running for any of these offices, please email Dennis Fech at dgf1950@gmail.com. The three trustee positions are already filled for the new fraternal year. Steve Shoda had accepted the initial nomination to move up to the Grand Knight's position for 2023-24. We definitely need someone to consider the Deputy Grand Knight's position. Dan Nix has also asked to step aside as our Recorder. We definitely need someone to step into his position as well.

Grand Knight \*\* Deputy Grand Knight \*\* Chancellor \*\* Recorder \*\* Treasurer  
Advocate \*\* Warden \*\* Inside Guard \*\* Outside Guard

## Family Breakfast to Benefit Women's Care Center....

Please plan to join the parish family for our final breakfast until next fall. The breakfast will be Sunday, April 23 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We would like to see as many Knights and their families join us for the best breakfast buffet in town. The new format for our breakfast was a great hit with our guests. As always, we will be accepting free will offerings with proceeds benefiting the Women's Care Center. They will also have a table setup to answer any questions you may have about the organization.

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

- Traffic Assistance at St.Vincent - Weekend Masses in March (10 Knights - 16 Hours)
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Mar.(8 Knights - 8 Hours)
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Clean Oratory and Collect Candle Money March (2 Knights - 24 Hours)
- Life Teen Breakfast & Lunch at St Felix March 12th (8 Knight - 62 hours)
- A Mothers Hope - Repair Door Threshold, Repair Shower Head & Rod, Repair Toilet March 30th (1 Knight - 4 hours)





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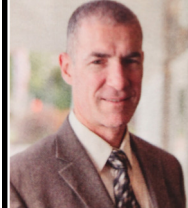
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## Field Agent Report... Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring we celebrate Easter

with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favorite season of the year. Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website ([www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)) contains much more information that I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with Autism Spectrum Disorder exhibit a broad range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on this autism spectrum. If diagnosed early in childhood and intervention begun, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other complicating medical or psychological issues and need much support during their lives. That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. The Family Fraternal Benefits cover a number of situations. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category...uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing in his council. I won't go into the others here, but this is a very worthwhile benefit, not only for those children with autism, but for any child who may be uninsurable. If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to me. They may be unaware of this benefit. I will be happy to contact them explain this valuable protection that is available. If you prefer, give my name and contact information to that parent so they can contact me at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, my members. Enjoy your spring! Vivat Jesus!

Joe Kimes, Field Agent

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## Culture of Life...

### Pilgrimage Trip to Shrine of Christ's Passion....

Plans are underway for our Council to take a pilgrimage trip to The Shrine of Christ's Passion located in St. John, IN. The Shrine is about a three-hour drive from Fort Wayne. The date for the trip will be Friday June 23. We will be traveling by bus provided by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts. The bus will leave the Scout Lodge at 8 a.m. with an arrival at the Shrine sometime between 10-10:30 a.m. their time. We will provide coffee and donuts during the ride. The bus is equipped with a restroom. The Shrine, itself, is a walk through the 14 Stations of the Cross complete with audio. We will have a tour guide available and access to a club car for those that may need assistance in walking through the exhibit. There is also an exhibit of Moses on Mt. Sinai as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The trip is open to members and their wives. We have a total of 42 seats available on the bus and we will fill them on a first come, first serve basis. The cost for the trip will be \$22.00 per person and includes a box lunch following our tour of the Shrine. Members interested in attending are asked to contact Dennis Fech at 260-435-0860 or [dgf1950@gmail.com](mailto:dgf1950@gmail.com).

#### SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I will need to use the Club Car

Please Indicate Your Boxed Lunch Choices (includes deli sandwich, fresh veggies and dip, pickle, cookie and chips.)

☐ Ham ☐ Turkey ☐ Chicken

Since we need a firm count for the caterer, we ask that you submit your reservation along with payment no later than May 31. Checks should be made payable to the St. Vincent K. Of C. Please send your payment to Dennis at 2509 Culpepper Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46845. Cost is \$22.00 per person.

### 4th Degree Report....

I hope everyone is having a good lent season, please remember to pray for the unborn and keep our men and women who serve in our military in your thoughts and prayers, especially when Easter is around the corner. I'm asking if you haven't been to a 4th Degree meeting in a long time, show up and support your Assembly. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we start with the rosary and get right into the meeting, our meetings start at 7 PM. Steve always sends out a reminder of the meeting, the night before the meeting. Mark your calendar June 22, 2023 is our Appreciation Dinner for our Priest and Sisters at the Parkview Mirrel Center, we will be sending out letters to all members, please come and support our Bishop and his staff. Reminder that in May, we have the Memorial Day parade, come out and support our new Knights of Columbus float. Steve will send out a reminder of the events coming up.



**JUST IN: There will be a 4th Exemplification in Jasper, IN on May 13th. If you are interested, please call or email me. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION/REGISTRATION FORM IS: May 5, 2023**

**Brent Mosley, Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239**

### The Value of Money (Inspiring Short Story about Self-Worth)....

At the beginning of a new school semester, a class teacher stands up in front of her students holding a \$100 bill. She tells them, "Put your hands up if you want this money". Every hand in the room goes up, to which the teacher says, "I am going to give this money to someone here, but first, let me do this..." She takes the bill and crumples it up in her hands, before asking, "Who still wants it? The hands stay up. The teacher then drops the bill on the floor, stomps and grinds it into the ground, and picks it back up. "How about now?" she asks again.

The hands stay up. "Class, I hope you see the lesson here. It didn't matter what I did to this money, you still wanted it because its value stayed the same. Even with its creases and dirtiness, it's still worth \$100."

She continues, "It's the same with us. There will be similar times in your life when you're dropped, bruised, and muddled. Yet no matter what happens, you never lose your value."

#### Moral of the story:

Life's hardships are inevitable and we'll all be put through the ringer at some point, often through no fault of our own. Don't let these challenges alter your feelings of self-worth. You'll always be enough; you have something unique and special to give and offer the world.

### Knights Softball Game Information.... (Saturday, August 5th)

Dear Brother Knights, Our fellow brother Knights at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton have challenged our Council to a friendly softball game. St. Elizabeth's Council is looking to host the game and will have food for sale (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and fruit juices). Shirts with our name and Council number (St. Vincent Council # 11353) will be provided to those participants at no cost! All proceeds raised from the food and advertisers (on the back of the shirt) will be going to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. This would be a great family event with family and friends cheering on Brother Knights and will include a bounce house for the kids.

**We are looking for about 15 Brother Knights** who are able and physically fit to play a softball game. The softball game is scheduled for Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, with a start time of 6:30 at Jorgensen YWCA (Indian Trials) on Aboite Center Rd. All interested Knights should contact Mark Sorich (260-403-2140) or Steve Shoda (260-445-8373) by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Calendar of Events

Apr 6	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)
Apr 7	1:00 pm	Good Friday - Passion Service
Apr 7	9:00 pm	Good Friday - Tennebrae
Apr 8	8:45 pm	Vigil Service (Saturday evening)
Apr 9		Happy Easter - He Has Risen !! (6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am)
Apr 11	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Apr 16	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Apr 19	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A &amp; B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
Apr 23	8:00-11 am	K of C 'Family' Breakfast - (Parish Hall) <u>(Proceeds To Women's Care Cntr)</u>
Apr 29	7 am-12 pm	K of C Blood Drive - (Parish Hall) <b>SIGN UP NOW !</b>
May 3	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
May 9	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
May 12/13	9-5pm	Tootsie Roll Drive @ Kroger's Dupont
May 14		Happy Mother's Day !!
May 17	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A &amp; B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
May 21	7:00 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
May 29		Happy Memorial Day!!
Jun 3		Priesthood Ordination including Son of the Parish, Sam Anderson
Jun 7	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Jun 13	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting- @ ST.V Scout Camp: Prepare Flags to Burn)
Jun 14		Happy Flag Day !!
Jun 18		Happy Father's Day!!
Jun 18	7:00 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Jun 21	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A &amp; B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
Jun 23	8am-5pm	Shrine of Christ's Passion Pilgrimage Trip - St. John Indiana

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## **Pray the Rosary!**

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### **Next Member Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 19th (Sp.Center)

Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @  
7:30pm