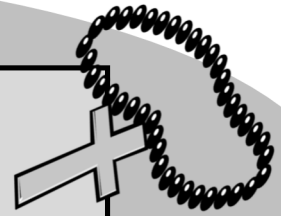




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A Message from your Grand Knight ...



Brother Knights,

Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful summer days. It makes for a good environment for evangelization. As Knights, our lives center around evangelization as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ in communion with our families, our St. Vincent's brothers and sisters, and our community. Our Council offers the means to confidently apply ourselves to the Lord's work in our faith, family, community, and life activities.

My appeal to all St Vincent's Knights is to support our upcoming events. First and foremost, your commitment and service is an act of love. Whether it's a social gathering, directing traffic, helping park cars, guiding people walking, or raking leaves, these acts of kindness are good, and genuinely fun. But also, often behind the scenes we generate funds and then we direct these funds to others doing acts of love. We pay it forward.

Many hands make small work, but not when appeals for volunteers go unanswered. Every time a second call for volunteers e-mail goes out, it is rework, and rework is burdensome. Last year we realized almost \$8000 in proceeds from our partnership with the Boy Scouts Haunted Castle to pay forward to our Seminarians and other St. Vincent's Parish related charities. But we left about 1/3 of what was available on the table because our volunteer calls went unanswered.

September and October are our biggest months for Knights to be present. If you can fit in a few hours, particularly on one of the weekend nights, we will fulfill the opportunity given to us. While fundraising is important and yields great benefits, let's also be present for Adoration and the Holy League, where we encounter our Lord and orient our hearts and feed our souls. Our Council officers work hard to organize and facilitate these events, please do all you can to participate in the one's you feel called to be present, and evangelize!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Shoda, Grand Knight

Ladies Auxiliary News....

Thanks to all of our members for your participation in the 1st ever knights Picnic! The Lord provided a beautiful day and you all pitched in with great food, flowers and help! Truly a great team effort! THANK YOU!! Also a big thank you to Jim Cox and his family for hosting us at his barn. I think everyone had a very enjoyable time!

We skip Sept. so our next meeting with the guys is Oct. 18th. At that time we will be taking donations for A Mothers Hope Christmas Backpacks. Watch your E-mail for updates to see what items need to be purchased. If you have already shopped please E-mail Karen and tell her what you have got.

Please be praying and thinking about a new Co-ordinator! I have done it the last 5 years and I'm feeling really "burned out"!! Perhaps God is calling you to this position Any questions feel free to contact me and I'll share with you what I really do!

The guys really want to purchase us Ladies T-Shirts. Please E-mail Karen with your size. I think it would be fun to work the "Breakfasts" with cute matching T-Shirts!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October!
Blessings, Connie Dailey

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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, 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, John Kruk, Ray Martin.

For the departed souls: 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....

Time flies. We are already half way through the First Quarter of the new fraternal year. My ask is that all of the things needed to have our Council set up for the year are already in place so you can focus on Serving Your Parish and do Recruiting. Officers chosen, Directors and Chairmen in place. As your Council Membership Director, a special THANK YOU for all the new Members you invited to Join us last year. Now what you ask? First of all, don't let all those new men go unnoticed. They joined for a reason. Listen, encourage and get them engaged.

Last year you found some things just didn't work out as you had thought. Don't worry about that, tweak it and do it again! There were things that you did that turned out as good or better than expected.

Do that again! Lastly there were things you all talked about doing and didn't get around to doing. Do it! Just remember to always make all activities a recruiting activity. You know that everything we do is a recruiting activity, but do our members? Imagine what you COULD be doing with new members excited and willing.

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Happy 'September' Birthday Guys !!!!

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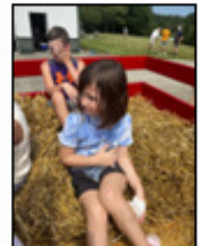
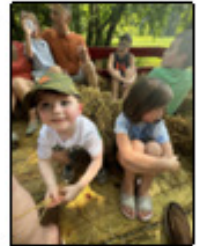


Council Website.... (NEW)

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 period 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 - 5 Weekends, Masses in July - 10 Knights, 26 Hours Holy Day Masses
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for June - 8 Knights, 8 Hours - Family Hours - 64 Hours
- St. Mary Magdalene Oratory - Clean Oratory and Collect Candle Money June - 2 Knights, 24 Hours
- A Mothers Hope - Mow & Trim Yard - 2 Knights, 20 Hours
- A Mothers Hope - Clean 3 Outside Air conditioning Units - 2 Knights, 4 hours
- Mow Diocese Property at Clinton and Wash Center - Clinton/St Joe Rd. 1 Knights, 1 hrs each time: 5 hrs
- Council Family Picnic— 75 attendees 4 hrs each
- Monthly dinner— 15 Knights, 2 hrs each.



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Field Agent Report...

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. Christopher Kauffman, the historian, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 35, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family." Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. As a pastor, he didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice. I'd like every member to know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families: 1. Discover - Identify their current insurance situation and financial goals 2. Gather Data - Collect facts & figures based on their current situation 3. Analyze - Conduct an Insurance Needs Analysis (Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls) 4. Recommend - Propose appropriate KofC products to help them meet their needs and goals 5. Implement - Work with them to implement the product solution they select (take the application, etc.) 6. Periodic Review - Review regularly (at least annually) for changes in their needs and goals and make appropriate recommendations based on those changes This is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help find solutions that fit within almost any budget. I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance can provide: protection from the risk of a significant change in life-style for the survivors, including not being able to stay in the house where they want to be of not being able to give your daughter the wedding she's been promised, or a child the college education he or she has been promised and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind. That's where I can help. Vivat Jesus!

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Culture of Life....

We have many Life activities available to our council that can make a difference in protecting and defending God's greatest gift-Life! We have good news in Indiana. As of this writing, the Indiana law to ban abortion that went into effect September 15, 2022, was reinstated on August 1st. Please keep that other obstacles occur that would limit our efforts to build a culture of life in Indiana. Indiana Attorney General and fellow Knight Todd Rokita, made this statement when the Indiana Supreme Court ruled in favor of Life on June 29th. Attorney General Todd Rokita's Office released the following statement on today's ruling in the Medical Licensing Board v. Planned Parenthood case: "The Indiana Supreme Court has just upheld the abortion laws passed by the Indiana General Assembly. We celebrate this day - one long in coming, but morally justified. Thank you to all the warriors who have fought for this day that upholds LIFE. One final comment/suggestion: PRAY and COMMUNICATE...as a leader, begin everything with prayer and communicate often. We have some wonderful initiatives and want to be sure all brother Knights are aware so they/the council can receive the blessings of these programs.

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4th Degree Report....

I hope everyone had a great summer. Our first meeting will be on September 12, 2023 with the installation of the new officers (2023-24) in the Mother Guerin Chapel. Officers please invite your wives to come so they can put your jewel on you. We will have a get together after the installation. The Assembly purchased a trailer to build our float, so we can have it in the Memorial Day and the Veteran's Day Parades. We need volunteers for the Veteran's Day Parade in November. We had our planning session for the upcoming year. I know with school back into session, everyone has a busy life, please try and make a meeting. We meet every second Tuesday of the month and our meetings start at 7 pm with the Rosary. I will always send out a phone blast with all the information going on in our Assembly. Please remember to pray for our men and women who serve our country. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and please pray for the unborn. Have a wonderful rest of the month and hopefully a long, very long summer.



Dave Barrett, Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239

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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.

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Knights 'Family Picnic' a Huge Success....

Nearly 75 brother Knights and their families gathered at the barn of **Jim Cox** on Sunday, August 20 for our inaugural family picnic. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary under the direction of **Karen Green** and **Connie Daily**, we had a wonderful meal, along with plenty of games and activities for the families. Among the activities were golf lessons, bocce ball, corn hole and more. Tony Wagner provided music throughout the afternoon. There was an enjoyable hayride as well. We are open to more activities in the future. If any members have ideas, please share them by sending an email to council11353@gmail.com.

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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 are in need of certification, contact Keith at kmburns@gmail.com.

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Family of the Month....

Our Family is Kathy, Nick, and Cody Dawson. I (Kathy) can never thank the Knights enough for all the support that they have given me and Nick over the years. They welcomed Nick with open arms and have been wonderful spiritual father figures for him. God bless you guys! Nick and I have been parishioners of St. Vincent's since 2004, and Nick was baptized at Easter of 2005. I made a CRHP weekend and was on Team 45, and Nick was on Team 60. Since that time, we have both been involved in many, many activities at St. Vincent's. Nick is serving as Inside Guard with the Knights for his 11th year, and I am very busy with the Carpenter's sons building wheelchair ramps.

A little over a year ago we were blessed to have Nick's older brother Cody return from living out of state for 15 years. He now lives with me and helps me out, while working with my brother in his lawn service. Nick is ecstatic to have his brother here and enjoys even more coming home almost every weekend to spend time with us.

Calendar of Events

Sept 6	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Sept 9/10		Men's CRHP weekend
Sept 12	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting- @ Cathedral (<i>Installation of 23-24 Officers</i>)
Sept 17	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Sept 20	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>
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Sept 27		St. Vincent De Paul 'Feast Day'
TBA	9-5pm	Tootsie Roll Drive (Site & time TBA)
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Oct 1	12-4 pm	Vincentfest 2023 - (St.V. Parking Lot)
Oct 4	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Oct 10	7:00pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Oct 15	8-12 pm	K of C 'Family' Breakfast (P.H.)
Oct 15	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Oct 25	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>
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Oct 28	7 am-12 pm	K of C 'Blood Drive' - (Parish Hall) SIGN UP NOW !
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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 15	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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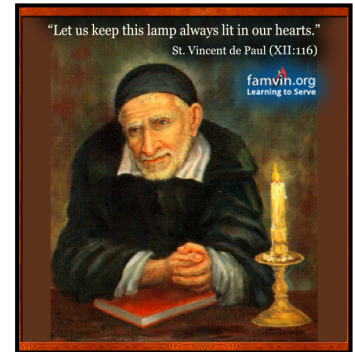
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