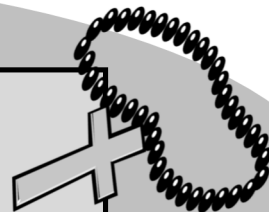




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*"Strive not to be a success,
but rather to be of value."*

Albert

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A Message from your Grand Knight ...



Brother Knights, We held several successful activities in the past month. The free-throw contest, pancake breakfast, Seven Sisters breakfast, and Mardi Gras were all wonderful. I want to thank everyone for their efforts.

I'm excited to announce Randy Weddle, who recently transferred from St. Christopher's Parish in Vandalia, OH, has accepted the position of Membership Director. Along with Randy Lauer, they will work to interface our activities more seamlessly with the Parish, and assure new members are supported through Exemplification (upcoming on April 9th) and into the

fraternity. Membership is a core activity in several dimensions. There are new programs from Supreme for us to consider and implement. We need to continue and grow our role within our Parish. As Knights, we each have a role in membership. Your support of our membership efforts is essential as we make our Council more accessible to all men in St Vincent's Parish.

A few scheduling points. Please pay your membership dues if you haven't already. And don't forget to order your Gibault raffle tickets. Also, we are finalizing the details for our 30th anniversary year celebration sometime between mid-May and early-June. And July will be the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

Finally, Pray for Father Polycarp in his journey to Sri Lanka. He is attending Bishop-elect Wimal's installation. Pray for both of them in their ministry and travels. Also, let us pray for our Brother Knights in the keeping of Lenten promises. Stay tough, Easter will soon be here!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Shoda, Grand Knight

Ladies Auxiliary News....

Dear Ladies, We had a very "Happy Heart-Filled" February meeting! The ladies brought many wonderful soups and breads and the Knights enjoyed it very much! It was a very cold, cold night but we had 6 members present. (Many members sent donations for our "Baby Shower") Thank you so much for all of the Donations. I delivered them to the Women's Care Center and they were very grateful! GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

We discussed doing the First Communion Veils once again, but with a twist!! Instead of contacting individual parishes we would donate them to the St. Vincent de Paul Store and the St. Henry Stores and they would be given out free to those who need them. We would have to meet at someone's home and have them ready to go by the first week of April. Any volunteers?? We have all the materials that we need! We were thinking about 25-30 veils.

We also talked about the Family Picnic. We decided we will need to begin the plans by our next meeting (in April). Please be thinking about ways we can improve it this year! What did you like or not like etc. We need your input!

Wishing you many EASTER BLESSINGS!!

Connie Dailey, Auxiliary Coordinator

"Thank you Ladies for a Job Well Done!!!"



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**Meetings are on
the 1st & 3rd
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**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, 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, Ted Okendu, Dana & Alice Achor, Mike Pranger, Ray Martin, Mike Karst, Tony Wagner, Dennis Fech, Ray Ohlman, Mollie Kearney, Tim Kearney, Phyllis Hamrick, Jim & Judy Cox.

For the departed souls: Rosemary Reszel, Msgr. Joseph Ssebayingga, Bob Cowan, Bob Gensheimer, Denny Mockenhaupt, Don Getts, Jim Irey, Lowell Dusseau, Bernie Richardville, Jack Oberle, Karl Cid, Robin Studt, Sheila Zoretich, Doug Schumick, Larry Eberle, Bob Deck, Dave Springmann, Ron Min-ton, John Hennessey, Walt Voigt, Ed Jarboe, Skip Johnson, Max Cambre, Felipe De Guzman, Greg Carlston, Donald Leffers, David Chavis, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, Don Kammer, Art Leffers, John Kruk, Michael Koch, Joe Brown, Richard Beeler, Robert Anderson, Darryl Smith.

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



Membership Report....

The Knights of Columbus is a pillar of our parish in supporting our faith, our parish families, and parish activities.

As a Knight you choose the projects with which you wish to be involved in within your own community. What is more, the Order is dedicated to family life and the many benefits it offers. From insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs, all are open to the whole family. 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. Do not be shy. Have you asked that man next to you in the pew if he is a Knight and is he interested in joining us. We can reach our goal and more.

For more information, contact; Randy Lauer 750-2150 Joe Kimes 241-7119 Steve Shoda 445-8373

Have you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus?

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Happy 'March' Birthday, Guys !!!!

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Council 2024 Dues....

2024 Membership Dues Notices Have Gone Out...!

The 2024 Council membership dues statement was sent out and you should have received yours in December. Please send in your dues as soon as convenient, you can pay online at www.saintv.org/kcsquare . A 2nd Notice reminder will be sent out in February which will be an added cost 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.

Vivat Jesus!, Gene Meenagh, Financial Secretary 260-267-3378

Raffle To Support Gibault Children's Services....

Tickets will be available at our monthly member meetings and in the Church office during February, March, and April. Tickets can be mailed to you, if requested.

You can also donate online, and your tickets will be completed for you and a copy of your tickets will be emailed. Go to <https://square.link/u/KyRRcIYd> or [scan the QR code](#) to donate by credit card. At checkout be sure to include your address and phone number in the "note to seller box". This is needed to complete your tickets. Lastly, be sure to let your friends and family know about this opportunity to support this worthy cause.



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

- Traffic Assistance at St.Vincent - Feb - 16 Knights, 20 Hrs
- Held 'District' Free Throw Competition - 20 Knights, 25 Hrs
- St.Mary Magdalene Oratory - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 48 Knights, 64 Hrs
- St.Mary Magdalene Oratory - Clean Oratory and Collect Candle Money January - 2 Knights, 24 Hours
- A Mother's Hope
Misc. Maintenance Tasks, Shovel Snow, Install Ring Camera, Repair Door Lock, Take out Trash/Recycle Bins - 1 Knight, 12 Hours
- Fire Choir Singing at Park Place
8 Knights + 2 Ladies, 10 Hours, 23 Senior Citizens.
- Taking Communion to Disabled Knights - 5 Knights
- Breakfast for the School - 28 Knights, 8 Volunteers
- Marti Gras Party - 24 Knights, 72 Hrs
- KofC & Ladies Auxiliary--Rosary/Dinner
40 Knights, 12 Vol, 52 Hrs
- 40 Days for Life - 6 K, 18 Hrs
- Ladies Auxiliary
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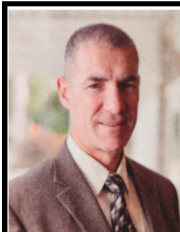
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Field Agent Report...

Brother Knights, Happy Easter! Easter is the very end of March, the 31st, so I will take this time to hope you conclude your Lenten observances with a celebration of the Resurrection! March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as “moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity” In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we’ve boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, “First, do no harm.” Attorneys have the American Bar Association’s “Model Rules of Professional Conduct.” In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and for research. The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By “represent the Knights” we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values. From our Code of Ethics and Conduct handbook the Core Values are these: Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code. Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do. Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best. Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard. I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal. I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you.



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Culture of Life.... 40 Days for Life Spring 2024

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. Closing Rally: is Sunday, March 24th.

Sidewalk advocates outside our local Planned Parenthood have seen an increase in numbers of women entering the clinic. Our volunteers need your help! Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Our Council meets at 10:30am @ The Mary Magdalene Oratory.

4th Degree Report....

We held our Assembly meeting on Feb. 13. Our Faithful Friar, as we, were missing our Fat Tuesday (Marti Gras) feast. We did have Taco's and water for our snacks. We talked about 4th Degree items going on in this month in which we participate. We are the Patriotic and Regalia Degree of the Knights. Steve Lutz, who is on the Indiana 4th Degree Veterans Affairs Group, gave a talk about what they are doing in Indiana. It is quite a bit to say the least. They have presence at the V.A.'s as Chaplains and other events. He mentioned the 5 Military Chaplains who have received the Medal of Honor and all were Catholic Priests. One from WW2, one from Korea and 3 from Vietnam. He showed a list of those Seminarians who are on the list to be Chaplains. Very very great information. Our Veterans in a 2022 Census only represent around 6.5% of the U.S. population. Of that 6.5% only around .5% are active. Of those .5% very few are ladies with only a handful of Chaplains. We need Catholic Chaplains and as a Vet I can attest to that. We are an Assembly that represents these Councils. These councils are 451, 9460, 11043, 11276, 11353, 12379, 12417, 13971, 14299, 16065, 16396, 17446, 17867, 12741 and 13142. It would be nice for those 4th Degree members to be present to let us know what is going on at your Church and Council. As a practicing Catholic Knight, you get to say the Rosary 2 times a month, one in your Council and one here at your Assembly. By attending, you get to know and hopefully participate in your activities as a Knight. We enjoy our snacks at around 6:30 before the meeting with good conversation. As always, our Assembly meetings are the 2nd Tuesday at 7PM. The next one in the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel is March 12th. Dave Barrett, Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239



Council Shirts and other Clothing Items....

Several of our brother Knights have recently inquired about ordering polo shirts or other Knights clothing items. There is a local contact in Fort Wayne who supplies shirts, hats, windshirts, jackets, etc. for several of the area councils. The contact is Jen Ramos and her number is 260-615-2203. She can also be reached via email: jen@ramosmade.com. Jen does all of the embroidery work in her own home. The types of items available can be viewed at companycasuals.com. Company Casuals is the supplier of all of the items she embroiders and there are a number of brand choices. Once you select an item or items, you can contact Jen directly for a price. Be sure to let her know to add the following to the K. of C. Logo: St. Vincent Council 11353. Items may also be personalized with your name.

National Eucharistic Congress (NEC)....

We are excited to share that the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) will soon be recruiting volunteers. Beginning July 17 through July 21, 2024, thousands of Catholics across Indiana and nationwide will convene in Indianapolis for a week of spiritual revival, worship, programming, and fellowship. If you or someone you know is on the lookout for volunteer opportunities, please consider lending your talents to the NEC. Official registration to volunteer for the NEC will open in the Spring, and we will reach out again with more detailed information on this process. In the meantime, please visit the NEC Volunteer webpage and fill out the official volunteer interest form. Please note that filling out this interest form does not guarantee volunteer placement. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this historic event!

Nice Guys Finish First.... By Joseph J. Mazzella

"Nice guys finish last!"

I have heard that phrase literally hundreds of times over the years. There was even a few times when I believed it myself. But if I ever need a reminder of just how false that line is then I only need to remember what happened to me recently.

It was a cold, overcast, gray and drizzly day. I had just finished taking my son to the sheltered workshop where he works a few days a week. Road work, however, had delayed me both ways and now I was running 20 minutes late. I still had a full day's worth of work to do and was feeling a little stressed. I had to pick up a few things first at the local store before heading home. As I was checking out a couple asked me if I could give them a ride going back the way I'd already came. My stressed brain wanted to say: "no" but thankfully the better angels of my heart said: "yes." They climbed in my car and I headed back down the road. During the trip we talked and laughed and after I dropped them off they thanked me for what I had done. As I turned the car around and headed back home I felt a warmth in my heart and a peace in my soul. I glanced in the rear view mirror and saw I was smiling without knowing it. Then for the first time that day the sun broke through the clouds and the heavens seemed to smile down on me as well. I may have been more behind schedule than ever but in that moment I felt I was right where I was meant to be. When it comes to money, power, and fame in this world then it might be true that sometimes nice guys do finish last. But when it comes to the heart and mind of God, nice guys finish first. When you share love, when you help people, when you are kind and caring, when you freely give others your joy then you are doing God's will here on earth. And when you do God's will here on earth then you will always finish first both in your own soul and in the eyes of Heaven.

Calendar of Events

Mar 6	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Mar 7	6-8 pm	Lenten Evening of Confessions (Church)
Mar 9/10		Christ Renews His Parish - Women's Weekend Retreat
Mar 12	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting- @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Mar 17	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Mar 18	6:30-7:30pm	Fire Choir @ Park Place
Mar 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>
Mar 31		<i>Easter Sunday—He Has Risen !!! (6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am)</i>
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Apr 3	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Apr 9	7:00 pm	3rd Degree Initiation for New Members (Kuzmich Ctr)
Apr 9	7:00pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Apr 17	6:30 pm	K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A & B (Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm, Mtg @ 7:30pm)
Apr 20	TBA	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall) (20 yr anniversary!!! Saturday)
Apr 27	7 am-12 pm	K of C 'Blood Drive' - (Parish Hall) SIGN UP NOW !
TBA	8-12 pm	K of C 'Family' Breakfast - (Parish Hall)
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May 1	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
May 14	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
May 17-19		Indiana State KofC Convention @ Bloomington, IN
May 19	6:30 pm	K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A & B (Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)
May 19	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)

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Wednesday, March 20th (Sp.Center A & B)

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