



Knights of Columbus

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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- The annual Right to Life Rally was held on Saturday, January 16, at the Lerner. It was a great event and hopefully, many of you were able to attend. The 4th Degree Color Guard was also in attendance.
- The Columbus Club's annual Chicken and Mojo dinner will be on January 30. Buy your tickets now. We cannot guarantee tickets will be available at the door to be sure we have enough chicken for everyone who has bought a ticket.
- We need a lot of volunteers to help on Saturday the 30th at the mojo dinner event and also others to help with the food prep work on Friday afternoon and evening. Please contact Steve Riikonen at the Club for more details.
- The Knights are holding a free-will offering 5th Sunday breakfast at the Columbus Club on Sunday, January 31 from 8-11 a.m.. Breakfasts will be made-to-order with selections of omelets, bacon, sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee, etc. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to the Christmas food basket drive.
- The Knights are hosting a blood drive at the Columbus Club on Monday, February 22 from 2-6 p.m. Please consider making an appointment to donate as the Red Cross staffs the event based on the number of reservations. This means that there may be longer waits if there are many walk-ins. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "kofcelk" for our site.
- Dues notices are being mailed out. Please return payment with the dues coupon via USPS to: Knights of Columbus, ATTN: Rick Frye, 112 E. Lexington Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516. We certainly would appreciate everyone's paying their dues promptly as there is quite a bit of effort expended in generating second billings and the Supreme-mandated retention process. Our viability depends on our continued support of members. Thank you.
- You do have an option of paying your dues online via our website as well. It utilizes PayPal to do so, but you do not need a PayPal account if you do not have one. Visit our site at koc1043.org.
- Our Knights Council sponsored a free-throw contest for kids on Saturday, January 9, at St. Thomas' gymnasium. The thirteen kids had a good time, and winners for the different age groups will be representing us in the regional to be held at St. Joseph High School gym in a few weeks.
- The Council was awarded the Columbian Founders Award for 2014-2015 programming and insurance. District Deputy Brad Soule presented us with the award at the meeting.

January 2016



Brother Knights,

We have a lot of exciting things going on as the new year starts. January 30 is our annual Chicken and Mojo's dinner. This is our largest event of the year, and we could use the help of everyone to pull this off. We are expecting over 1000 people to join us for the dinner over the 6 hours we are open.

Then on January 31, we have our 5th Sunday breakfast. This is a free-will offering breakfast for made-to-order meals. Please stop down after church and have a great meal. In addition, February 12 starts our Lenten fish fry's.

Please note upcoming changes to our building. Over the next few months we will be transitioning the building to the Elkhart Columbus Club. Signage will change, brochures will change and our online presence will change. Take a minute and like both the Knights Facebook page as well as the Elkhart Columbus Club page to keep up-to-date with everything that is going on down at the club.

In this new year I encourage all members to try and volunteer at one of our events. I hope everyone has had a great holiday season and look forward to an even better year with the Knights in 2016. GK Steve Riikonen

SAVE THE DATE!

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News Summary continued....

- The Council was also given an award by the State for exceeding 200% of the SOS (Support Our Seminarians) goal. District Deputy Soule presented this award to us at the meeting as well.
- If you visit Supreme's website at www.kofc.org, there is a concerted effort there to raise funds to support Christians that are being persecuted in the Middle East. Brad Soule mentioned that the Council may consider buying crosses for \$5 and selling them for \$10 in a fundraising effort for this cause. If there is someone interested in spearheading this project, please let Steve Riikonen know.

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February 9 at 7 p.m.

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January Meeting

Members at the meeting on

January 12 were as follows: Steve Revelli, Richard Sheve, Phil Kile, Rick Frye, Jon Fish, Andrew Fry, Larry Scalise, Joe Tinervia, Steve Revelli, Brad Soule, Jim Smith, Kevin Doroh, Steve Gonsoski, Tim Mauck, Steven Wenzel, and Jose Luis Rodriguez Gonzalez.

Calendar of Coming Events

January 30—Chicken & Mojo Dinner
January 31—5th Sunday breakfast 8-11 a.m.
February 4—4th Degree-Bristol
February 5—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
February 9—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
February 12—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
February 19—Fish Fry 5-7
February 22—Blood Drive @ Club 2-6 p.m.

Birthdays for February

Date	Member	Saint
2	Michael B. Rody	St. Joan
3	Max L. Overton	St. Blaise
8	Richard Scheve	St. Jerome
9	Francis Vite	St. Alexander
10	Timothy D. Dibley	St. Scholastica
15	Brian Turco	St. Agape
18	Ronald Cataldo	St. Agatha
18	Lawrence J. Krazit	St. Simeon

Date	Member	Saint
20	Daniel Morrison	St. Basil
20	John S. Uryga	St. Wulfric
22	Chuck D. Bueter	St. Margaret
26	Msg. Joseph Caterino	St. Iasbel of France
26	James Mann	St. Alexander
27	Thomas D. Hartnett	St. Augustus
28	Ron Desimone	St. Oswald

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Christmas and New Year are over, and finally winter has come to this part of the world, 9 degrees and snowing as I write this. All the decorations are down, trees put away or thrown away, and churches back to “normal.” We are even in the liturgical time of the year we call “Ordinary.” So let me ask you this: has the joy of Christmas left you? Has that feeling of contagious excitement you got from your child or grandchild as you took them up to the manger scene in church after Mass been replaced by the drudgery of everyday life, work and problems that we are dealing with? For most of us, the sad truth is yes, it has.

Let us think about this for a moment. The coming of that Baby Jesus has been replaced by the coming of the Savior Jesus. We don’t see Him now in the manger but in the tabernacle. He still comes to us at least every Sunday, more often if we go to daily Mass, in the Eucharist. As we are walking up the aisle and approaching the altar to receive Communion, do we have the joy and excitement of those little children as they went up to the manger to see the Baby Jesus? If we don’t feel that way, why not? We are children of God going forward, not only to see Jesus, but to receive Him. Has that walk up the aisle become “ordinary” for us? What is “ordinary” about receiving the Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jesus Christ? As we get ready to leave our pew to receive Communion, maybe we should ask God to take us by the hand and walk with us as we go to receive His Son so we children can experience the joy and excitement of Christmas throughout the year as we should.

As we embark on this Year of Mercy to which Pope Francis has called us, we can fulfill one of the Corporal Works of Mercy--to heal the sick--by praying our First Friday Rosary with Brother Knights and family members. The next one is February 5 at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent. We look forward to seeing you there.

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need. Obviously, when you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

However, if you’ve put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you, too. Now I can help members that I couldn’t help before. Are you or one of your Brother Knights one of those members?

Whether you’re 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

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March 8 at 7 p.m.

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- Second notices for membership dues are being mailed out to those from whom we have not received payment.
- Three participants from our Council's free throw competition advanced to the regionals in Ft. Wayne.
- Our Council is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, February 22, from 2-6 p.m. We still need volunteers to assist that day.
- Chicken and Mojos did well at the Columbus Club a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to all the volunteers and patrons for their support of this fundraiser.
- The 5th Sunday breakfast also did well, generating about \$200 for the Christmas food basket program.
- George Kalil reported on the Life Rally at the Lerner. There was a lighter turnout for the event than in the past. We, as Knights, need to show support for these events by attending.
- The next spaghetti dinner will be on April 13, from 5-7 p.m. to benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life.
- Fish Frys continue every Friday during Lent from 5-7 p.m. at the hall.
- There was discussion about starting a Student of the Month recognition program with families getting fish fry tickets.



Brother Knights,

As we enter the season of Lent, many people think of things to give up for the season. In addition to giving up something that may be important to you, I challenge you to also "give something". Can you give some time to make a difference? Can you make a donation to help out someone in need?

The Knights are going to start by make a concerted effort to work more closely with our churches and schools. By working side by side with our priests, we will be able to help them with many different projects that they are working on. Come to a meeting and see what other exciting projects we are going to undertake over the next few months.

Our weekly fish frys have begun, and it would be great to see many of you either helping out or enjoying the meal with family and friends. Keep the Knights open for dinner every Friday during Lent from 5-7. It is the best fish dinner in town.

GK Steve Riikonen

"Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference"

Need some fire in your spiritual life? Still need to kick-start 2016? Want to get to know the Person of Jesus?

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Sons of St. Joseph

The Sons of St. Joseph is a group of Catholic men who meet once a month in Elliott Hall of St. Thomas Church to pray and discuss topics of importance to Christians today. Please plan to join us on March 20 at 4 p.m. as we continue study and discussion. Sons of Saint Joseph is a wonderful source for growth in your spiritual life! Learn from us while we learn from you!

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February Meeting

Members at the meeting on February 9 were as follows: Richard Scheve, Rick Frye, Jon Fish, Andrew Fry, Larry Scalise, Joe Tinervia, Jim Smith, Steve Gonsoski, Rob Jackson, Jeff Robertson, Lee Evers, Larry Kruse, George Kalil, Harry Palmer, Steve Riikonen, James J. Knopick, and Shane Blotkamp.

Calendar of Coming Events

February 19—Fish Fry 5-7
February 22—Blood Drive @ Club 2-6 p.m.
February 26—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 3—4th Degree-Goshen
March 4—Rosary St. Vincent's after Stations
March 4—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
March 11—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.



Holy Rosary

Brother Knight Benny Wiercioch was so devoted to Our Mother and the Holy Rosary that starting a First Friday Holy Rosary recitation is said to have been a condition of his joining the K of C. One month short of 33 years later, we will be praying our 395th Rosary on Friday, March 4. Sadly, Benny (and Our Mother) would be disappointed at how few Knights come each month. (If Benny were still editor of the newsletter, you can be sure he would be telling you so!) 1-4 is pretty meager.

What has been keeping you away? What is so urgent that you cannot take 20 minutes to pray for those in need?

In addition to the first Friday Rosary, please attend the 5th Sunday Rosary at St. Thomas Church in May, July, and October to increase devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Corrections

Our apologies to Brother Knight Richard Scheve for having misspelled his name in recent newsletters. While we do our best to proof-read each month, our humanness manifests itself at times. If you notice an inaccuracy, please let us know so that we can make a correction as soon as possible before it is perpetuated.

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Birthdays for March						
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2	James Pettit	Bl. Charles the Good		21	Michael Dadosky	St. Philemon
3	Filippo Bumbaca	St. Katharine Drexel		21	Dennis Griffen	St. Benedicta
4	Scott Samuels	St. Casimir		21	Salvadore Plaia	St. Arcangelo
6	Robert E. Letherman	St. Colette		21	Paul A. Roell	St. Birillus
7	James W. Linn	St. Ardo		23	Adam Bujalski	St. Toribio
9	Andrew Kloss	St. Frances		25	Joe Foy	St. Dismas
13	Todd Kankel	St. Agnello		25	Francis M. Lima	St. Alfwold
17	Drew Billings	St. Ambrose		27	Sean Asoera	St. Rupert
17	Phillip D. Stillson	St. Patrick		29	Joseph P. Curtis	St. Eustace
19	Rick W. Koerting	St. Joseph		29	Dennis K. Lyon	St. Berthold
19	Samuel J. Rodino	St. Adrian		31	Joseph Morthorst	St. Benjamin

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

So Ash Wednesday was last week, and all of us probably went to church and dutifully received ashes on our foreheads. Some of us got a really good dose, dark and large, and some you could barely see. I have always been partial to the large, dark ones.

Ashes are always in the sign of the Cross. This is supposed to remind us of a couple of things. The ashes are to remind us that we “are dust and to dust you shall return.” As I get older, I guess these words mean more than they did when I was younger. Each day we get closer to dust. Because none of us know when our time will come, maybe we need to take a look at our lives and find the things we need to change.

The ashes remind us that it is never too early or too late to start making those changes. The next 40 days give us time to pray and fast and ask the Holy Spirit to show us the changes He wants us to make. It also gives us plenty of time to start those changes. For way too many of us, Ash Wednesday came and went and so did the ashes. By Thursday morning the ashes were gone, and we were back to our normal lives. That isn’t what God is calling us to. He is calling us to holiness and, through holiness, to sharing eternity with Him.

Now comes the Cross part. That is to remind us that none of this is going to be easy. Jesus never said it would be. I always used to tell the Confirmation students that Jesus never said to pick up your pillow and follow me. He said to “take up your Cross and follow me.” That is what Lent is meant to do. It gives us time to step back and look at our lives and make the changes that will make us Holy. After all, the purpose of our life here on Earth is to get us to Heaven.

We will be praying our 395th consecutive First Friday Rosary at St. Vincent on March 4th after the Stations of the Cross, which will start at 7:00 PM. Please join us and make this part of your prayers for Lent.



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March 2016

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April 12 at 7 p.m.

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- We collected \$61 for the Seminarian Fund during our March meeting.
- We are having a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, April 13, to benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life.
- We hosted a blood drive on February 22 and collected 13 pints of blood. Thank you to all who stopped by to donate.
- Remember that the First Friday Rosary is held at St. Vincent's at 7 p.m. and that the 5th Sunday of each month there is also a Rosary prayed at St. Thomas Church before the last mass.
- Steve Gonsoski reported on his "Rekindle the Fire" men's conference experience from this year.
- Steve Revelli reported on the free fish fry tickets that we have been donating to the Women's Shelter. The women are very appreciative of the dinners that they received.
- We are in the home stretch for Lent with the last couple weeks of fish fries. Come on down every Friday during Lent from 5-7 p.m. We can also use your help, especially with clean up duties.
- Dyngus Day is March 28. Stop by the hall to socialize while eating some of the best Polish sausage, perogies, deviled eggs, noodles and more!
- If you have a high school senior graduating this year, make sure to have them send in a scholarship application. Applications are due APRIL 7! The scholarship committee will meet after the meeting next month to review all the applications and select this year's recipient.
- We are approaching election time for our Council. A slate of officers is being put together, and we would appreciate having you think about the possibility of holding an officer position in our Council. Please do not hesitate to ask an existing officer any question, or if you are interested in being on the slate for nomination, let a current officer know.

April Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 13, for the next spaghetti dinner that will benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life. Come and enjoy good food while supporting this worthwhile organization!



Brother Knights,

Fish Fry's have been fantastic. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to cook, serve, clean, and make our guests feel comfortable. We have a few more during Lent with the culmination of events on Monday, March 28, with Dyngus Day. We are in need of servers, bartenders, and cooks throughout the day. If you can lend a hand please email me at swriik1n@comcast.net with a timeslot you are available.

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year and will be starting to put together a list of officers for next year. If you are interested in a position, please leave a note or a message at the club and come to a meeting.

We have a spaghetti dinner coming up in April to benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.
GK Steve Riikonen



Halleluiah, Christ is RISEN!

Condolences

We express our condolences to the family of Sam Rodino, who died February 28, 2016. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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Calendar of Coming Events

March 25—Fish Fry 5-7
March 28—Dyngus Day 11 a.m.
April 1—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
April 7—4th Degree-Elkhart
April 7—K of C Scholarship apps due
April 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
April 13—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
April 15—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Date	Member	Saint
1	James W. Noffsinger	St. Hugh
6	Joseph Bozzoto	St. Marcellinus
6	Daniel Wozniak	St. William
7	William J. Nye	St John Baptist de la Salle
8	David J. Towner	St. Julia Billiard
13	Steven M Revelli	St Martin
15	Robert A. Petersen	St. Paternus
16	Gordon Scott	St. Benedict Joseph Labre
16	Kenneth Will	St. Bernadette

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17	Rob Hoffer	St. Stephen Harding
18	Zachary Eppers	St. Appolonius
19	James P. Mauck, Jr.	St. Alphege
19	Mariano Tirado	St. Ursmar
24	Antonio Cataldo	St. Benedetto
24	Mitchell Wirt	St. Fidelis
29	Eugene W. Hungate	St. Catherine
30	Charles Girten	St. Pius V, Pope

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

We have all seen it. Our favorite team goes into the locker room at halftime down by an almost insurmountable number of points. They come out and start playing like a different team than played the first half and are able to come back and win the game. You sit and wonder, “What did the coach tell them at halftime?” It had to be something extraordinary.

You probably know where this is going by now. We are half way through Lent. What does the “scoreboard” show about how you are doing with your Lenten promises? If it isn’t going too well, it isn’t too late for that second half rally. We just need to go the “Coach” and ask Him to help us finish strong. We can all win, but it is extremely hard to do it without good coaching. We need to ask God for His help. We don’t want to give up or throw in the towel. The rewards can be life-changing, eternal life-changing.

While we are on a sports theme, you may have heard that being a good Catholic Christian is not a spectator sport. If you haven’t, now you have. There are times when at Mass it seems that there are way more “spectators” than participants. We mumble through the prayers and don’t sing the hymns. We are supposed to participate at Mass. We are gathering together to worship our God, not to watch others worship God. Let’s say for argument sake that you are going to continue to be a spectator. At least be as animated as you are when you are being a spectator watching your favorite team play your favorite sport. God would much rather see the enthusiasm. At least He would know that you are engaged and paying attention to the sacrifice of His only Son for your sins.

We will be praying our 396th consecutive first Friday Rosary for the sick on April 1st at 7:00 PM. Why not try it? You may find out you like it.

Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because Brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn’t joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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- The last fish fry before our summer break will be on Friday, May 20.
- The scholarship committee met after the meeting and reviewed the scholarship applications for this year. The winner will be announced in the near future.
- Did you know that every First Friday of the month that the Knights have a First Friday Rosary at St. Vincent's parish at 7 p.m.? May 6 will be the 397th consecutive rosary. Bring your family as this activity needs Knights to keep it going.
- Meeting attendance has been a little low recently. Stop by, listen in, and participate on each second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the hall.
- Help wanted! We need someone to attend the meeting and take a few notes to fill this column of the newsletter. All you need to do is email your notes to the Everses who will put them into the newsletter.
- Have an occasion where you need a little room? Consider renting our hall or our lounge for your event. There are discounted rental rates for members.
- Our parish priests will be on Redeemer Radio on May 5 for a fund raiser. Consider calling in and making a pledge.
- District Deputy Brad Soule was at our meeting this month. One of the things he discussed was council membership. He also encouraged us to be visible as Knights in our support for our parishes.
- The slate of officers for next year has been completed. There still are some ancillary positions that need to be filled, such as committee chairmanships. If you are interested in serving the club in this way, let a current officer know as elections are coming up in June and the slate needs to be read in May. Contact information for current officers can be found at the top of column 3 on this page of the newsletter.



Brother Knights,

We had a great meeting on Tuesday. We have filled our slate of officers for next year and will conduct the first reading at the May meeting. We also had a great discussion about forming church round tables at both parishes. We are going to look deeper into this opportunity to better serve our churches and strengthen our relationship with each church.

Our churches have come to the council asking for help in various ways. At St. Thomas, they would like Knights to help with their Confirmation Reception after the 5:30 mass on May 7th. As a council we discussed and decided that we cannot fulfill this request, but that as members of the council and the church, we should be able to lend a hand. Please contact **Tamera Delucenay** at tdelucenay@stselkhart.com to let her know if you are available to help.

At St. Vincent, Father Matt has asked the council to help with monitoring the parking lot after the 8:30 mass and after the 11 a.m. mass to help control traffic flow. At the present time he is personally doing this. I think we can all agree that his time could be much better spent doing something else. He would also like some help with landscaping around the church. If you can lend a hand with either of these requests, please let Father Matt know.

The best way for our council to grow is to actively help around the churches, be seen, and be an example to others. Please consider giving some of your time to assist our priests and help to make our churches the best that they can be.

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Will You Lend a Hand?



Part of our commitment of being Knights is to be of service to our churches and community. With this in mind, we have the opportunity to assist at our parishes in the following ways: 1) St. Thomas Church needs help with the Confirmation reception following the 5:30 p.m. mass on May 7 (see GK letter in column 2 for contact info) 2) Fr. Matt at St. Vincent's needs help with controlling traffic flow after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. masses and also with landscaping around the church. **WILL YOU LEND A HAND?**

April—Month of the Holy Eucharist



April Meeting

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Calendar of Coming Events

May 5—4th Degree-Elkhart
May 6—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
May 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
May 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for May

Date	Member	Saint
3	Matthew Pletcher	St. James
4	Charles Borneman	St. Augustine Webster
7	Kyle Peter	St. Rose Venerini
9	Daniel T. Corpe	St. Beatus
13	Doug Ryback	St. John the Silent
14	Rod Hale	St. Michael Garicoits
14	Frank Lucchese Jr.	St. Matthias
17	Frederick D. Birzele	St. Cathan
17	Brian Kalil	St. Heradius

Date	Member	Saint
17	Aaron Schade	St. Thethmar
23	Ward Knopf	St. John Baptist Rossi
25	Christopher Eppers	St. Urban
25	John Rice	St. Aldhelm
25	Salvatore Staltari	St. Genistus
27	Patrick Mauck	St. Augustine
28	Thomas Layman	St. Accidia
30	Ron Cittadine	St. Hubert
30	Michael Petersen	St. Ferdinand III

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

I went to the priests vs seminarians basketball game recently in South Bend. You should have been there. It was a good game that, unfortunately, the priests lost. Just so you know, Fr. Mathew didn’t play because he is in training for a marathon, but Fr. Jason did, and he took an NBA-worthy charge. At one point in the game, one of the guys I was with said, “If you walked in off the street, you sure wouldn’t know these were priests playing ball!” Why would he say that? I think it is because these were a bunch of young men playing a game of basketball the way that any group of guys the same age would play. (Heck, some of us played the same way when we were younger.) They were playing to win: no ground given, and no easy shots, nothing uncontested.

It was a reminder that priests are just like us: they are men, not super-human or other-worldly. They have the same challenges and temptations that we all have. Therefore, they need our prayers and not our criticism. They aren’t right all the time, just like us. Not everybody likes them, just like us. Just as it is hard for us to get through life without support from others, the same is true for our priests. Think about this the next time you are tempted to say something unkind about how a priest handled a situation or some other grievance you believe he has committed. Even though, by the grace given him through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, he has the ability to turn bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus and also to forgive sins, he is still a man in his day-to-day life and needs our support and prayers.

Our next First Friday Rosary, our 397th, will be on May 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent. I hope to see you there.

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family’s protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family’s standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don’t have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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Brother Knights,

It is safe to come back to the meetings. The officers have been nominated and read for the first time. Thanks to everyone who has stepped into a leadership role for our club to continue the tradition of stewardship in our community.

If you haven't been down to the club lately, I encourage you to stop by. We have new awnings out front with the Elkhart Columbus Club logo, and the hall has been repainted, thanks to Scott Chris, who did the painting, and Sam Staltari, who donated all of the materials to get the job done.

We still have a few activities going on before we take a summer vacation. Please join us for the fish fry on May 20th or an extra fish fry on June 4th in connection with a fishing event with the city. We also have a free-will offering breakfast on the 5th Sunday, May 29th. Stop by before or after church for a great breakfast made to order. We will also have our appreciation dinner on June 6th. This is our opportunity to thank the many members of our club who volunteer, pitch in and generally make our club so special. I hope to see everyone there.

GK Steve Riikonen



May The Month of Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- If you want to have something emailed to all the Knights, send Steve Riikonen the request, and he will copy and paste it into an email sent to everyone.
- The Vocational Fund collected \$73 from members attending our May meeting.
- Last month's spaghetti dinner netted approximately \$1100 for Elkhart County Right to Life. Thanks for your support.
- Come to the fish fry on Friday, May 20 from 5-7 p.m.!!
- May 29th activities: Rosary at St. Thomas at 11 a.m.; free-will offering breakfast at Elkhart Columbus Club 8-11 a.m.; Corpus Christi procession that starts at St. Thomas at 3:30 p.m. and ends at St. Vincent's parish.
- June 3 Rosary at St. Vincent's will start at 6:30 p.m., a half hour early because of the Sacred Heart of Jesus mass that will start at 7 p.m.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with a fish fry on Saturday, June 4, from 5-8 p.m. to coincide with the city's efforts promoting the free fishing weekend. Also, mark your calendars for attending this fish fry, **to-go orders only**, and it includes fish and fries.
- New awnings were installed on the building showing the Elkhart Columbus Club name and logo as part of the continuing effort to transition ownership of the building to the ECC.
- Scott Chris has been repainting the inside of the hall. Please thank him for his efforts. Also, thanks to Sam Staltari, who donated the paint and materials for this.
- The Elkhart Columbus Club is looking at performing maintenance repairs on the roof over the lounge area. They will also be investigating pricing for a new roof in preparation for a possible future capital campaign for such expenditure.
- The slate of officers was read during the meeting. The election will be held during the June meeting. Be there to vote!
- Scholarship committee met last month and has selected this year's scholarship recipient, who will be announced during the Appreciation Dinner on Monday, June 6; cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6 p.m.
- Rick Fry is submitting a form to Supreme to apply for \$500 for our Christmas Food Basket program.

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground, cont.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2016, the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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June 2—4th Degree
June 3—Rosary St. Vincent's 6:30 p.m.
June 4—Fish Fry—to go boxes only; 5-8 p.m.
June 14—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

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3	Thomas A. Pawlak	St. Phillip		15	Kirt Lochmandy	St. Germaine Cousin
4	Raymond Canda	St. Alexander		15	Michael Ruszkowski	St. Vitus
4	Phillip Stackowicz	St. Petroc		17	Paul Cataldo	St. Adulf
7	Mark Salaiz	St. Willibald		17	Vito Palumbo	St. Albert
9	Jorge Delgado	St. Ephrem		18	Richard Martinczak	St. Gregory Barbarigo
9	Jason Dyer	St. Columba		21	Gerald Kruzel	St. Aloysius Gonsaga
10	Charles R. Ornduff	St. Getulius		22	Austin Carpenter	St. Thomas More
10	Michael Person	St. Maximus		23	Michael Koons	St. Joseph Cafasso
11	Richard Buenger	St. Barnabus		24	Edward Klose	St. John the Baptist
12	Shane Blotkamp	St. Leo		24	Kyle Stoops	St. Amphibalus
13	Richard A. Eppers	St. John the Silent		26	Vincent Vonder Vellen	St. Philip Neri
14	Vern J. Miller	St. Matthias		27	Jesus Borrego	St. Cyril
15	Kevin Joyce	St. Abraham		27	James D. Stroup	St. Augustine

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Where have Roy Rogers and the Lone Ranger gone? OK, the cat is out of the bag. I like westerns, old westerns. One of the best TV channels out there is the Western Channel, which has old westerns all the time. Of course this isn’t a surprise to my wife or children; even the grandkids know it.

I guess I like them because, even though life wasn’t any easier back then, the good guys were good and the bad guys were bad. Over the years our movie heroes have changed. The heroes aren’t the good guys any more; they are just the “least bad” guys. They do morally questionable things for a good outcome. It is no wonder that kids today are confused over what is truth and right and what isn’t. When we were growing up, we learned about the “code of the West.” The heroes did what was right and moral because it was right and moral, no matter what the personal sacrifice or cost.

This philosophy sounds kind of like the Apostles that we have been hearing about in the readings from Acts the last few weeks. Now I don’t want to pretend that the old westerns were Biblical, but they did teach lessons that could be found in the Gospels. Recent generations are confused in so many ways: morally; sexually; and what marriage and truth are. Maybe we need to get more people watching old westerns. It may not help, but it couldn’t hurt. (and besides, my family wouldn’t roll their eyes when I turn on the Western channel since so many more would be watching it. :)

Shifting gears a little, I just finished volunteering for the Redeemer Radio Shar-a-thon. It was a great experience for a great station. If you aren’t listening now, you should. It can be found at 95.7 FM. It has great Catholic programming that helps us to understand our faith and the teachings of our church better, encompassing the “why we believe what we believe.” Who knows? It might just keep you from having to watch all those westerns. Hi Ho Silver, away!

We will be praying our First Friday Rosary for the sick and homebound on June 3 at **6:30 PM**. This will be our 398th consecutive Rosary, and it is being prayed earlier because there is a special Mass at 7:00 PM for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will conclude a week-long Perpetual Adoration following the Corpus Christi walk on May 29th. Think and pray about attending both.

God Bless

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn’t true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don’t make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

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Next meeting
July 12 at 7 p.m.

July 17—Golf Tournament

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1	John E. Calvert	St. Gall
1	Irvin L. Kloska	St. Arnulf
2	Marek Serwatka	Sst. Bernardino Realino
7	Craig S. Lochmandy	St. Pantaenus
7	Timothy Roberts	St. Apollonius
8	Kevin Doroh	St. Grimbald
8	Randy Kime	St. Adrian
9	Robert C. Mauck	St. Veronica Giuliani
11	Jack Miller	St. Benedict
13	Richard Walag	St. Henry II
14	Jeff Robertson	St. Camillus
15	Leonard Antonelli	St. Boniventure
15	Ralph F. Miller	St. Swithun
15	Bryan Simmons	St. Vladimir of Kiev

Date	Member	Saint
16	James Mauck III	St. Carmen
16	Christopher Spataro	St. Bartholomew
18	William M. Wain	St. Frederick
18	Steve Wenzel	St. Arnulf
19	Steven A. Gonsoski	St. Arsenius
22	James Smith	St. Theopholis
22	William J. Swaller	St. Mary Magdalen
24	Peter A. Letherman	St. John Boste
25	Timothy Farwig	St. Christopher
26	Craig M. Gonsoski	St. Joachim
26	Mitchell Nihart	St. Erastus
30	Adan Alvarez	St. Abdon
30	Earl J. Ottman, Sr.	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	Joe Tinervia	St. Justin De Jacobis

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Since retiring, I think the thing I have done the most is visit funeral homes. I guess that just comes with getting older. Some are for people a lot older than I am, and, to some degree, those are a little easier because we tend to feel like they lived a good long life and their time had come. Some are for young people, and those are hard to take because of the suffering of the parents and siblings for lives that ended way too early. Others are for those that are around my age, maybe a few years younger or older. Those really get you thinking about your own mortality. If you believe in God and a Heaven and Hell, it gets you wondering about the life you are living and which path you will take when it is your turn to pass on from this life to the next.

I think many Christians today, some Catholics included, don’t believe in Hell. “God is all loving and all merciful, so He will look at my life and know that I was a fairly good person and be merciful.” To some degree, without the mercy of God, most of us won’t make it to Heaven.

This brings me to the Gospel readings for daily Mass from the last two weeks. We have been hearing the Sermon on the Mount. When I think that I am a pretty good person and I hear these readings, I realize I am far from what God is telling me about a good life. If you haven’t read this Gospel recently, I suggest you do. It is Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7. Take some time to read and reflect on these verses and then be honest with yourself and evaluate how you are doing. If you look at a woman with lust, you have committed adultery in your heart; don’t kill, but even if you are angry with your brother, you will be liable to judgment; love your enemies; don’t store up treasures on earth but in Heaven. See what I mean?

Jesus has given us the map of how to get to Heaven. All we have to do is follow it. That’s a lot easier said than done. As I at times hear from my GPS - “recalculating,” that’s what I need to do.

Please remember to join us for our 399th consecutive First Friday Rosary on July 1st at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent Church.

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you could lose your job or change employers. Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at a low cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be a set amount. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your situation, will likely show any group plan coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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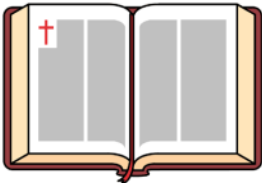
Brother Knights,

I want to start my term as Grand knight by giving a heartfelt and big thank you to Steve Riikonen for all his help, guidance, ideas, and many other things that he has done as our Grand Knight for the last two years. I can only hope to continue to build on what he's accomplished.

I also want to thank everyone that makes our Council one that we all should be proud to be associated with and continue to do the good work we do for our parish communities of St. Vincent and St. Thomas and also the greater community of which we are a part.

Please continue to pray for the Church, our parishes, priests, and our Council so that we can continue to make a difference in our community that we serve.

May God bless us all with His grace and presence!
GK Andrew Fry



Do You Know the Bible?

Check your Bible knowledge by answering the questions below. Correct answers can be found at the bottom of the column.

1. What tragic fate befell Lot's wife?
2. Who did Moses ordain as the first high priest of Israel?
3. Who was the first king of Israel?
4. Which prophet saw the Lord standing with a plumb line?
5. Who built the first temple for the nation of Israel?
6. With what was the interior of this temple lined?
7. What city's walls fell when trumpets sounded and people shouted?
8. Which natural disaster occurred only once in the Bible?
9. Who asked to be thrown overboard during a bad storm at sea?
10. According to the Bible, having many sons is like having what?

Answers to Bible quiz:
1. she became a pillar of salt; 2. Aaron;
3. Saul; 4. Amos; 5. Solomon; 6. Cedar;
7. Jericho; 8. a flood; 9. Jonah; 10. a quiver full of arrows.

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July 31—5th Sunday breakfast 7:30-11 a.m.
August 4—4th Degree Meeting
August 5—400th Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
August 9—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

Meeting Highlights

- We encourage all Brother Knights and their families to make an extra effort to attend our **400th First Friday Rosary** on August 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church. Over 33 years ago, Brother Benny Wiercioch asked that this devotion be started as a condition of his joining the Knights of Columbus. In recent months, support from the Brother Knights has been minimal (something that Benny would have found to be totally unacceptable and would have let his disappointment be known in no uncertain terms!) We look forward to seeing a much better turnout at the August Rosary.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree given in either Mishawaka or South Bend in August. We encourage all First Degree members to consider taking part in this exemplification. Contact Grand Knight Andrew Fry for more information on the time and date.
- The Notre Dame Assembly will host a 4th Degree Exemplification on October 8. Please take advantage of this opportunity so close to Elkhart.
- Since July 31 is the 5th Sunday of the month, there will be a 5th Sunday Breakfast held at the hall from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. There will be a free will offering that will go directly to benefit the Christmas food basket program.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to the family of Edward Klose, who died June 30, 2016.

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Birthdays for August

August	Member	Saints Feast Day
2	Steve Riikonen	St. Alfreda
2	David M. Towner	St. Eusebius
3	Charles Brown	St. Lydia
3	Mel Taylor	St. Gamaliel
5	T.J.Repaich	St. Addal
6	Larry Kruse	St. Hormisdas
9	Curt Davis	St. Edith Stine
10	John Hock	St. Lawrence
11	Marc West	St. Clare
12	Lawrence Reverman	St. Michael My
14	Thomas Hosler	St. Maximilian Kolbe
14	Nick Seidl	St. Eusebius

August	Member	Saints Feast Day
15	Steven L. Erwin	St. Tarcisius
15	Rick Roberts	St. Alfrid
20	J. L. Scalise	St. Bernard
22	Michael Weldy	St. Sigfrid
24	Ron Delucenay	St. Bartholomew
27	Thomas Borger	St. Caesarius
28	Shawn Kohn	St. Edmund
30	Scott Chris	St. Rumon
30	Michael Dibley	St. Agilus
31	Richard Chakan	St. Raymond Monnatis
31	Joshua Riikonen	St. Caesidius

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

It is hard to believe that it was five years ago this month when I was asked by former Grand Knight Phil Kile to write a column for the newsletter. He wanted it to be about “spiritual” topics. As I sometimes do, I said, “Yes,” without really thinking. Then I sat down in front of a blank page and asked myself, “So what do I do now?” At that moment I decided the Holy Spirit was going to have to do the “heavy lifting” because I surely wasn’t qualified. And for five years, He has. Sometimes the topic came easily, and sometimes He made me struggle. This was one of the months I struggled. I told my wife the other day, “I’ve got nothing this month. I am sure the Evers are wondering where this is.” This morning I got up and just started typing. Thank you, Holy Spirit.

This column is supposed to have a spiritual lean to it. I try to make everyone think, at least for the time it takes to read it, about their spiritual life. Hopefully, it has, at least once in a while, accomplished that goal. Back in May of 1978, Benny Wiercioch had that same goal when he started a monthly First Friday Rosary for the sick. I became a regular attendee some years ago, and when Benny’s health got to a point where he couldn’t do it anymore, I was asked to take it over. We always read a list of names of the people we have been asked to pray for, and that list currently includes over 300 names.

There are times when there are only 2 members of the K of C present, and times when there are a few more. We always hope for more. I think Benny was always thankful for any number that showed up, and I try to be also. On August 5, we will pray our 400th consecutive Rosary at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent’s. A big deal will be made about this, as it should be, for it is a great milestone. Benny was beaming when the church was full of Knights with their wives and children as we celebrated the 25th anniversary, and I am sure he will be again as we celebrate number 400. Of course, Benny beamed when there were only 2 other members there with him also.

This is one of the few family-oriented spiritual events we do as a Council. Hopefully, the number of such events will increase. I hope to see you all there for number 400, but more importantly. I hope to also see you all at number 401. God Bless.

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart, continued from page 1

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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August 2016



Brother Knights,

I was encouraged to see such a great turnout for the July 31st Fifth Sunday Breakfast, which directly benefited the Christmas Food Basket program. I was also fortunate to be able to attend the 400th Consecutive First Friday Rosary at St. Vincent. It was the first one I have been able to attend, and I hope it is not the last. When I took a moment to reflect on the fact that this has continued for 33 years (April 1983, being the first), I felt humbled to be a part of such a great tradition. I hope that Brother Knights will continue to attend and support the First Friday Rosary as it is truly a great way to grow in our spiritual lives.

We are going to host a 2nd and 3rd Degree at our Council on September 11th. Registration will start at noon, with the ceremony beginning at 12:30pm. If you have not yet becoming a 2nd and 3rd Degree Knight, this is a great opportunity! If you have, it is also a great opportunity to come and observe and welcome the newest members from around the area to show them why we are the great Council that we are. There is also the opportunity to take your 4th Degree in October at Notre Dame once you become (or if you already are) a 3rd Degree Member.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and/or event! May God continue to bless our Parish communities, our families, and our Council.
GK Andrew Fry

News Summary

by Joe Tinervia

- Our golf outing netted \$500 for the Council's charity account. Thank you to all those who participated along with the sponsors!
- The 5th Sunday free-will offering breakfast held last month netted about \$500 for the Christmas food basket program.
- We are looking for companies that may wish to donate food or funds for this year's food drive. Contact Dick Scheve or Phil Kile if interested.
- George Kalil reported on the Right to Life booth that was at the Elkhart County fair this year and shared with us a couple of interactions he had with some people attending.
- George Kalil has reported on the St. Vincent Round Table. There was a request to help paint there.
- The next Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 2-6 p.m. It would be great to surpass the Red Cross's goal for this drive. Please make an effort to attend and spread the word to others who might be willing to participate.
- Remember that fish fries will start back up in September. Our first fish fry of the season will be September 16, from 5-7 p.m. As always, we appreciate volunteers to help. We also look forward to seeing you there with your family, eating the all-you-can-eat dinner.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree at our Council on Sunday, September 11. The Degree starts at 12:30 p.m. with candidates needing to report no later than 12 noon.
- We collected \$52 for the vocation fund during our last meeting.

Next meeting

September 13 at 7 p.m.

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Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

I may not be the brightest guy in the world, but I am starting to see a pattern here. I think there must be some guy in front of a large control panel somewhere in charge of things. You get on his radar when you retire and go on the "fixed income" program. He gives you a few months to enjoy it, and then starts pushing the "unexpected repairs" button. The latest was when the maple tree, that we planted when we moved in, decided to choke off the tubing feeding the 3 sprinkler heads in the front yard.

They had to dig to repair it, and so they had to have utilities marked. I came home one day, and there was some white paint in the front yard. I told my wife they must know what that means because I didn't think there was anything out there. (Now, this is supposed to be a spiritual column and so far it isn't. Hang in there, we are getting there.) I went out and mowed the lawn later that day. I mowed over the painted area and could see from above what it said: "OK." From ground level it looked like a white paint splotch, but from above it said, "OK."

Therein lies the spiritual part of the column. The ground view of what is going on in this world looks hopeless sometimes, be it financial, health, family, terrorism or whatever. We don't see the big picture, but God does. He sees it clearly from above. Jesus has won the war. We know how it turns out because we have read ahead to the end of the book. But it is really hard to remember that sometimes. Even though the war is won, we still have to fight some battles. That is life. We need to pray and draw strength from God so we can fight these daily battles and not lose hope. We must continually remind ourselves that God is in control, not the Devil. Some days it just doesn't seem that way. As far as the guy in front of the control panel, I guess I will just pay the sprinkler repair bill and wait to see what is next.

Don't forget that we will be praying the 401st consecutive first Friday Rosary on September 2nd at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent. See you there. Thanks to all who made a special effort to come to the 400th last Friday.

August Meeting

Members at the meeting on August 9 were as follows: Lee Evers, James J. Knopick, George Kalil, Larry Scalise, Phil Kile, Andrew Fry, Richard Scheve, Joe Tinervia, Adam Bujalski, Phillip Stackowicz, Nick Seidl, and Dan Wozniak.

Calendar of Coming Events

September 1—4th Degree Meeting
September 2—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
September 8—Blood Drive 2-6 p.m.
September 11—2nd & 3rd Degree 12:30 p.m.
September 13—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
September 16—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Birthdays for September

September	Member	Saints Feast Day		September	Member	Saints Feast Day
5	Terry Chomer	St. Bertinus		17	Paul Shibley	St. Hildegard
9	George Kieffer	St. Peter Claver		18	Jim Donnell	St. Joseph of Cupertino
10	Thomas J. Patterson	St. Ambrose Barlow		18	Timothy Sovine	St. Basilides
11	Lee Evers	St. Paphnutius		22	Fr. Dave Carkenord	St. Philip of Heraclea
12	James J. Knopick	St. Bertin		22	Alex Strati, Jr.	St. Thomas of Villanova
13	Joseph Gross	St. John Chrysostom		23	Edward Parr	St. Adamnan
14	Angle Martinez	St. Caerealis		23	Matthew Yeakey	St. Martha of Persia
14	D. Gregory Wilkerson	St. Cormac		24	Matthew Casey	St. Anathalon
15	Robert Giel	St. Maximus		24	James Deboni	St. Bercthun
15	Jose Tirado	St. Valerian		24	Michael Froelich	St. Andochius
16	Wilbur Peak	St. Cornelius		29	John Tierney	St. Michael
17	David Britzke	St. Robert Bellarmine				



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September 2016



Brother Knights,

This year is moving along really fast. As it is September already, our club has a LOT of programs coming up, just around the corner. Our Christmas Food Basket program is likely going to be our biggest yet, and I'm sure the committee will need all the help it can receive from our Council's members and families to continue making it a success. We also have our 3rd Friday Fish Frys with the most recent on September 16 and next on October 21. In addition, please remember to come out for the 402nd Consecutive First Friday Rosary, October 7th, 7pm at St. Vincent's, another great way to grow together as Brothers in our Catholic organization.

As a reminder, we will be holding our 5th Sunday Breakfast on October 30. These breakfasts have turned into a great event that really helps our Council continue our charitable programs for the community.

Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the recent 2nd and 3rd Degree on September 11, which we hosted at our Council. Congratulations to Chris Spataro on obtaining his degrees. May God continue to bless our Churches, our Families, and our Council!

GK Andrew Fry

Crowdfunding, continued from column 1:

For us Knights, the answer is easy. Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

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Calendar of Coming Events

October 6—4th Degree Meeting—Elkhart
October 7—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
October 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
October 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

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September Meeting

Members at the meeting on

September 13 were as follows: Lee Evers, George Kalil, Larry Scalise, Andrew Fry, Joe Tinervia, Steve Riikonen, Rob Jackson, Chris Spataro, Matt Yeakey, Rick Frye, Joe Foy, and Steve Revelli.

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



New Summary by Joe Tinervia

- The chicken and mojos committee is moving forward with the annual dinner. They will be meeting to discuss possible changes to streamline this very busy fundraiser. Mark your calendar for the Saturday before the Super Bowl!
- Our Council held a blood drive on Thursday, September 8, and we had 26 people who came to donate blood. The Red Cross collected 21 pints. Our next blood drive will be in February.
- We received and will be paying the Indiana State assessment in full.
- Fish frys started back up this past Friday, September 16. Please remember that we hold one every 3rd Friday of the month until May, and every Friday during Lent.
- The Christmas food basket planning is starting up. The committee will start formally meeting soon to plan this year's food basket distribution. Let us know if your company would like to be a corporate sponsor for this great charitable activity that benefits many needy families in Elkhart County.
- Our Council is looking for new fundraising ideas. If you have any, we would like to hear them at our next meeting on October 11 at 7 p.m.

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two, a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient. Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

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Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day		Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day
2	Andres Bahena	St. Leger		20	Thomas Reed	St. Adeline
4	Brian Kennedy	St. Francis of Assisi		22	Brad Billings	St Bertharis
5	Doug Harris	St. Faustina		22	Joseph Eppers	St. Alexander
7	Craig Kelm	St. Augustus		23	Alexander Jansen	St. John of Capistrano
7	Brian Ortiz	St. Justina of Padua		23	Greg Stone	St. Amo
8	Mike Spurgeon	St. Benedicta		24	Cornell James	St. Anthony Claret
8	Weston Ward	St. Pelagia		25	James Byron	St. Crispin
9	Joseph Weidner	St. Denis		25	Robert Crothers	St. Daria
10	Tony Dibley	St. Francis of Borgia		25	Matthew Kuzmicz	St. Boniface
11	William DeShone	St. Kenneth		26	David Calvillo	St. Alfred the Great
12	Ross Nusbaum	St. Wilfrid		26	Stephen Fledderman	St. Bean
13	David Manderfeld	St. Edward the Confessor		26	Jeffery Glanders	St. Cedd
13	Antal Szucs	St. Venantius		26	James Shreiner	St. Alfred
15	Jesus Mujica	St. Victoria Strata		28	Joshua Brainerd	St. Abraham
17	John Juliano	St. Victor		28	Jeffrey Holdread	St. Jude Thaddaeus
18	Phillip Kolski	St. Luke		29	Pietro DeMauro	St. Narcissus
19	Arthur Decio	St. Isaac Jogues		29	Rigoberto Perez	St. Anne

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

“So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matt 5: 48. This line is sometimes translated as “... be holy as your Father is holy.” That sounds like a pretty tall order. I remember when I was going to school at St. Vincent in the early 60’s, that is 1960’s not 1860’s, we used to gather in the 3rd floor gym and have all school programs.

Once in a while it was a movie, Of course, they all had religious themes. We once watched one on Padre Pio, a Capuchin priest that had the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus in his hands and feet. They told us he was a very holy man. I remember thinking in my adolescent mind that if the outcome of being holy was to have holes in your hands and feet that bled all the time, I wasn’t sure I wanted to be holy.

Fast forward a few years (OK more than a few). I wonder how much more I want to be holy now than I did then. I have worked to-ward it, I think, but have I committed myself 100% to doing what it takes? It may not cost me the privilege of having Christ’s wounds, but it will cost me getting out of my comfortable life. Pray more, read more, watch less TV, you know, work at it.

To become holy like my Father is holy, I need to know how my Father is holy and that will take work. Once I have the goal defined, I need to lay out a plan to achieve it, more work. Sometimes it just seems like too much. Then I remind myself that the reward is heaven and I get back at it.

One step in the right direction is to join us for our 402nd Rosary on October 7 at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent’s. Remember to bring your family and some friends.

P.S. As a follow up to last month’s column, the white OK on the lawn is long gone, but that is alright. I know it is still OK.



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October 2016



Brother Knights,

At this month's meeting, some very important discussions were begun and will continue at the November meeting for a vote by the membership. If you can make the time, please be sure to attend our Council's next regular meeting on November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Everyone's thoughts and vote are needed so that we, as a council, make the best decisions possible.

Here are some of the upcoming events that are also of note including the monthly fish fry on October 21, where all assistance would be greatly appreciated and our First Friday Rosary on Friday, November 4, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent's. There is also an ongoing need for help with the Food Basket Drive. Please contact Richard Scheve to find out how you can make this program a continued success.

May we all continue to pray for God's blessing on our parish communities, our families, and our Council.
GK Andrew Fry

October— Month of The Rosary



October Meeting

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Remember to join us for the spaghetti dinner to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on Wednesday, November 9, from 5-7 p.m.



Calendar of Coming Events

November 3—4th Degree Meeting—Elkhart
November 4—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
November 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
November 9—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
November 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

New Summary by Joe Tinervia

- The Christmas Food Basket Committee needs volunteers and some more people to serve on the committee. Please contact Dick Scheve at jrscheve@comcast.net or call 574-264-4318.
- Our next fish fry is Friday, October 21 from 5-7 p.m. As always, we appreciate volunteers, or better yet, for you to bring your friends and family down to enjoy some of the all-you-can eat dinner!
- There will be a spaghetti dinner on November 9 to benefit St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- We will host another 5th Sunday breakfast on Sunday, October 30, from 7-10:30 a.m. A free-will offering will be collected with proceeds to benefit the Christmas food baskets.
- Dick Scheve was presented with the "Food for Families" plaque that was given to us by Supreme Council for our food basket program last year.
- Our Council's insurance agent, Phil Stackowicz, was mentioned in the Columbia magazine. Did you see the article?
- The Council approved a \$100 donation to Redeemer radio. Did you know that Redeemer radio, found at 95.7 FM, is the only area Catholic radio station? Give them a listen and support their upcoming fundraising drive.
- The Council voted on and approved retroactively paying the Columbus Club Fish Fry tickets that were given to the Women's Shelter and redeemed in the amount of \$1179.
- In addition, the Council voted on and approved an \$821 loan to the Columbus Club.
- There was some initial discussion on some important proposed changes to how our Council and the Columbus Club interact. Your attendance at the November meeting will be vital to continue this discussion. A motion was brought up to eliminate the 10% fee that the Columbus Club collects on K of C activities in favor of rent. This will require another discussion and a vote at the December meeting.

Birthdays for November

Nov	Member	Saint		Nov	Member	Saint
1	Edward Manteuffel	St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa		14	Richard Kavanagh	St. Lawrence O'Toole
1	Thomas Sutula	St. Amabilis		15	Eugene Gorman	St. Albert
3	Dennis Lochmandy	St. Winifred		15	Robert Jackson	St. Eugene
3	Gerald Lockwood	St. Martin Deporres		16	Brad Martin	St. Margaret of Scotland
4	Jose Luis Rodrigues	St. Charles Boromeo		17	Rustom Dubash	St. Elizabeth
5	Randall Brewers	St. Elizabeth		18	Earl Huxhold	St. Rose Philippine
5	Fr. Wilson Corzo	St Sylvia		18	Mark Stoops	St. Odo of Cluny
5	Scott Franko	St. Domninus		20	Thomas Hutkins	St. Bernward
5	Roger Howard	St. Bertilia		20	Thomas Jaskolka	St. Edmund Rich
5	Ronald Rudin	St. Fibitius		21	Nicholas Bayer	St. Glasius
6	Jose Celis	St. Atticus		23	Rico Ivagnilio	St. Columban
6	Matthew Eppers	St. Leonard		27	Jack Hartman	St. Maximus
8	Carlos Campos	St. Wiomad		27	George Kalil	St. James Intercisus
8	Thomas Hines	St. Tysilio		28	Brian Lochmandy	St. Valerian
10	William Mellen	St. Leo the Great		28	Mitch Mawhorter	St. Fionnchu
11	Philip Kile	St. Theodore		29	Jonathon Krider	St. James
13	Michael Brewers	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini		29	Steve Spretnjak	St. Saturninus

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

October is the month of the Rosary, a powerful prayer that has been helpful to many over the centuries, especially in time of need. This month, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which used to be called Our Lady of Victory. This dates back to the Battle of Lepanto that took place in 1571, a great story. Your homework for this month is to look it up and read about it. (Editors’ note: If you attended the First Friday Rosary on October 7, you were fortunate to learn about the battle as George did a great history lesson before starting the Rosary :) When praying the Rosary, one of the prayers we say is the Apostles Creed. In that prayer we say that we believe in “the communion of saints.” Simply put, we have a great connection to the members of our family in Christ that have gone before us and are in Heaven.

During the month of October we celebrate the feasts of many wonderful Saints. There is Saint Therese of Lisieux, or of the Child Jesus, a young woman that never went on a mission trip but is the Patron saint of missions, Saint Francis of Assisi, who is known for his love of all, including animals, and his renewal of the Church, St Teresa of Avila, or of Jesus, known for her reformation of the Carmelite order and for being a Doctor of the Church, as well as Saints Luke, Simon and Jude, all Apostles. We also have feasts of two of our most recently declared saints, St. John the XXIII and St. John Paul II. John the XXIII was elected as an interim Pope, one that wouldn’t do much. He was 76 years old when elected in 1958 and convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962. We have been absorbing the changes brought by that Council for the last 50 years. And what can we say about the impact that Saint John Paul II had on the world during his time as Pope? Since the days are getting shorter and before we know it, like it or not, outdoor activities will be limited, take some time during those long dark hours of the night and read up on one of the saints. There are many interesting lives among them, and it would do us well to get to know our relatives in the faith better.

We will be praying our 403rd consecutive first Friday Rosary on November 4 at 7:00 PM. Come join us and bring the family with you.

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you’re married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse’s contract in the event of the insured’s death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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New Summary by Joe Tinervia

- At the November meeting, we continued our discussion of a motion brought up in the previous meeting. After the discussion, the Council voted in the affirmative to make changes to the Terms of Use agreement between the Council and the Columbus Club. (The Terms of Use agreement is an agreement between a Council and its home corporation, in this case, the Columbus Club.) The changes included eliminating the 10% the Council was paying the Club and starting a monthly rental payment in the amount of \$200 per month from the Council to the Club.
- During the course of the discussion, it was discovered that our Council By-Laws were last updated in 1984. A committee was formed to update them. Joe Tinervia will head the committee that currently includes Andrew Fry, George Kalil, and Matt Yeakey. Please let Joe know if you are interested in being part of this committee. (joe@koc1043.org)
- The Council voted to place an ad in the Elkhart County Right to Life Rally program book for \$500.
- The annual Christmas Food Drive to fill baskets is in full swing. The committee is meeting regularly, with food and money donations already coming in. It's not too late to donate or help out. If making a financial donation, make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 1043" and put "Food Baskets" in the subject line. The packing will take place at the Hall on December 9 at 6 p.m. and distribution will be December 10 from approximately 6:30 a.m.-10 a.m. To help, contact Dick Scheve (jrscheve@comcast.net)
- The Council collected \$56 from members in attendance at our monthly meeting to go to the Vocation Fund.
- District Deputy Brad Soule reported and thanked our Council for the contribution to the successful Redeemer Radio Knights hour. He also dropped off raffle tickets for the raffle that takes place at the State Convention.
- The Council hosted a spaghetti dinner for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry on Wednesday, November 9. It was well-attended with over 185 people present. The charity surpassed their fundraising goal of \$3000 with many direct donations and with the effort put forth by their committee. Thank you to all who attended.
- Rick Frye will be sending out dues statements next month to the regular and honorary members. Please return them promptly with your payment.
- May you and your family have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving.

November 2016



Brother Knights,

Bear in mind that our Food Basket Drive is in full swing. We still need volunteers so if you can help at all, please contact Richard Scheve so he can direct you where you can best serve the club with this project.

As our country ends this election cycle, let's pray that our nation, state and local community can come together and heal from the divisions that the elections have caused. In addition, please pray that all our newly-elected leaders are given the strength and wisdom to lead with integrity and with the Lord's guidance.

May God continue to bless our families, our parishes, and our Council. GK Andrew Fry

Spiritual Growth Corner

by George Kalil

Election day has finally come and gone, and now we, as a nation, need to heal the wounds created by both parties as they tried to win. It looks hopeless as we watch the evening news, which I have almost given up doing, and see how the country is reacting on both sides. The only thing to do is pray for our country and our leaders no matter how hard that seems for some of us.

The Church gives us two feasts this month that can help us refocus our priorities: Christ the King of the Universe; and the first Sunday of Advent. The first one reminds us of who is really in control of the Universe, the world, the country and our lives. I sometimes forget while listening to the news that comes at us 24 hours a day, almost none of it good, that Jesus is King of the Universe. It is easy to lose hope if we aren't focused on the big picture. As we reflect on what this feast means in each of our lives, that Jesus is the only ruler we need to follow completely, it should help us to prepare for the coming of Advent.

The Church gives us four weeks to prepare for the coming of Jesus as a baby, one of us, a human. Because of the calendar this year, we get a full four weeks to prepare ourselves for this coming, to reflect on what it means to us personally, and especially this year, as a nation.

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December 13 at 7 p.m.

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In Our Prayers

Brothers, their family members, and others who are in need of our prayers are remembered at the meetings. We would like you to also remember them in your prayers. They include: Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious, all expectant mothers, Vickie Bayer, Reana Bujalski, Gene Caravez, the Michael Dibley family, Sheila Dibley, Andy Dillon, Cherie Fish, Jon Fish, the Scott Green family, the Hartman family, Tim Johnson, Delenne O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Chuck Ornduff, Bob and Ericka Reese, Mike Russo, Sue Sailor family, Steve Spretnjak, Gene Terabek, Mrs. Tierney, and Vince Traxler.

November Meeting

Members at the meeting on

November 8 were as follows: George Kalil, Larry Scalise, Andrew Fry, Joe Tinervia, Rob Jackson, Chris Spataro, Rick Frye, Joe Foy, Lee Evers, Steve Riikonen, Brad Soule, Richard Scheve, and Matt Yeakey.

Calendar of Coming Events

December 1—4th Degree Meeting—Elkhart
December 2—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
December 9—Pack food baskets 6 p.m.
December 10—Distribute food baskets
December 13—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

Birthdays for December

Dec.	Member	Saint
1	Jeffrey Kruis	St. Ananias
3	Andrew Fry	St. Lucius
3	Richard D. Mackey	St. Francis Xavier
3	Nelson J. Nix	St. John
6	Michael Coy	St. Nicholas
7	Edward J. Chomer	St. Victor
7	Richard E. Frye	St. Servus
8	Mariano Fernandez	St. Macarius
8	Gregory Lakner	St. Romaric
8	Travis Mahoney	St. Eucharis
9	Robert Zahm	St. Juan Diego
11	Joseph H. Stevens	St. Barsabas
12	Dr. Gerald Broderick	St. Alexander
12	Anthony Fiorentino	St. Jane Frances
13	Donald J. Quinn	St. Jodic

Dec.	Member	Saint
13	Jerry Smith	St Autbert
14	Allan J. Ludwig	St. John of the Cross
15	Arturo Herrera	St. Adalberto
17	Matthew Stackowicz	St. Bibiana
18	Anthony Cunnane	St. Rufus
21	Todd Nusbaum	S. Adrian
23	Luke A. Sandefur	St. John of Kanti
23	Terry Stewart	St. Vintila
24	Bob Earley	St. Adele
26	Rafael Garcia	St. Stephen
26	Paul Maciejewski	St. Abadiu
26	Daniel Stackowicz	St. Pope Dionysius
29	Robert R. Meehan	St. Thomas Becket
30	Max A. Yeakey	St. Egwin

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If we can recognize that we need Jesus to be the King of our lives and our hearts, we can regain the hope and the peace that comes from putting our trust in the only ruler that really counts. Take some real time this Advent to reflect on whether or not Jesus is truly the King of our hearts and our lives. If, sadly, the answer is “no” or “not as much as He should be,” take the four weeks of Advent to ask the Holy Spirit for help in making it so. That way when you celebrate Christmas, it will have new meaning for you, and it will be easy to not lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas during the busy season.

Join us for the Rosary on December 2nd at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent, a great way to end the Year of Mercy by praying for the sick.



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News Summary by Joe Tinervia

- We had a successful 2016 Christmas food basket distribution this year. In all, over 19,000 pounds of food was delivered to 384 families who received two boxes of food each. Thank you to Dick Scheve for chairing the committee this year. Please give your support to Mike Coy, who will be heading the food basket committee for 2017. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers, those on the committee, and those who contributed food and money donations for this great project.
- Have you seen the news coverage of the food baskets? Check out our Council's Facebook page or Twitter feed for links to it.
- I put together a video of the packing and distribution of the baskets. You can watch that on our Council's YouTube channel. See the YouTube video link in column 2 or look for it on our website as well.
- The last fish fry of the year was Friday, December 16. Hope you were able to make it. Remember that we will have one every third Friday of the month and every Friday during Lent.
- Annual dues statements are being sent out. We certainly would appreciate a quick return of payment as the coffers in our regular account are a little low. If you are having financial hardship or need assistance, do not hesitate to let Financial Secretary Rick Frye or one of the officers know.
- Saturday, January 28, 2017, is the date for our Chicken and Mojos event. Tickets are now on sale at the Columbus Club. We need people to sell tickets, and we need volunteers to help that day beginning at 7 a.m. If you can help, contact Steve Riikonen by leaving a message at the Club or sign up during our January meeting.
- Sunday, January 29, will be the next 5th Sunday breakfast. We need people to spread the word, and we need volunteers, beginning at 6 a.m.—approximately 10:30 a.m., to prepare and serve food. The made-to-order breakfast is a free-will offering breakfast with the proceeds going toward next year's Christmas food basket program.
- Attendance at our regular meetings has been waning considerably. To put it bluntly, we need you to attend. The same group of volunteers need an injection of fresh blood to bring new ideas and energy back into the organization. One of the best and most simple ways to do that is by your attending the regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. This is your Council. We need you.
- Our next blood drive is on Thursday, February 9, from 2-6 p.m.

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December 2016



Brother Knights and families,

I want to start by thanking everyone who made the 2016 Food Basket Drive a success. This program should be, and I feel it IS, a great source of pride for our Council as it makes such a positive impact on our community. I look forward to the program's continued success in the future.

I hope to see you at the January 10 monthly meeting, and/or at the Chicken and Mojos event on January 28. Since there are five Sunday's in January, I look forward to seeing many of you at our 5th Sunday Breakfast on January 29 as well.

Enjoy the Christmas season with family, friends, and all. I hope and pray for everyone's safe travels during this time as well.

Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year!

Andrew Fry, GK

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- **HELP WANTED:** I am looking for someone to take over writing these news summaries of the meetings. The job is simple: attend meetings; take notes; type them up and email them to Lee Evers by the Sunday after the meeting to get them in the newsletter. Contact me at joe@koc1043.org if you can help.
- Best wishes to all our Knights and their families for a Merry Christmas and Blessed 2017!

Summary of links:

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Twitter: @kofc1043

Website: www.koc1043.org

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzf4IEaFJGc45VsfDtAt6iw>



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January 10 at 7 p.m.

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January 6—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
January 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
January 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
January 28—Chicken & Mojos 11 a.m.
January 29—5th Sunday Breakfast 7-10:30
February 9—Blood Drive 2-6 p.m.

Birthdays for January

Date	Member	Saint
3	Jon Fish	St. Daniel
3	Jeffrey Fullhart	St. Genevieve
4	Timothy Johnson	St. Hermer
4	Dan Wierzbicki	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7	Miguel Mendoza	St. Raymond
7	Michael Reverman	St Anastasius
8	Jesus Zagal	St. Basal
9	Robert Lowman	St. Adrian
11	Robert S. Schmidt	St. Paulinus
12	Joseph A. Bickel	St. Marguerite
12	Daniel Mauck	St.Tatiana
13	James DuBois	St. Elian
16	William A. Dolan	St. Fursey
18	Vincent DelPrete	St. Volusian
18	Brandon Riikonen	St. Ammomius

Date	Member	Saint
19	Rev. Kevin Bauman	St. Henry
19	Joseph O. Eppers	St. Fillian
19	Bernard Hartogh	St. Pontainus
20	Ronald Dove	St. Fabian
21	Anthony J. lemma	St. Alban Bartholomew
22	Andrew Hicks	St. Vincent
22	Thad Naquin	St. Birthwald
23	John Acosta	St. Ildephonsus
23	Nicholas Campanello	St. Abakah
23	Thomas Durham	St. Bernard
23	Rev. Jason Freiburger	St. Ormond
23	Brent Kulp	St.Eusebius
27	Leonardo Bumbaca	St. Marius
30	Sherman W. Hansen	St. Matthias
30	Harry L. Palmer	St. Aldegundis

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

It’s official. I am a creature of habit. Of course, if you ask my family and friends, they would tell you they knew it all along. So maybe it is more of a confirmation than a revelation. So what confirmed it was the faucet in the tub in my bathroom. It sprung a leak in the wall, and since there is no access panel to reach the plumbing, we had to tear out the tile and cut into the wall. As usually happens, it has become a longer repair process than expected. That is not a major problem because we have a two-bathroom home. Here is where the confirmation comes into play. Everything in the second bathroom is exactly opposite from the one I have been using for the last 25 years. It is driving me crazy.

It is hard to break habits. This got me thinking about habitual sins, you know, the ones we confess over and over. If I force myself to look at them as a habit that needs to be changed and then work on doing it, I can free myself from that sin. It starts with going to confession frequently and implementing the counsel given by the priest. Sometimes it seems too simple for something you may have been doing for years, but remember Naaman in the Old Testament and how he was cured of leprosy by dipping himself in the river seven times. He was expecting some dramatic healing process, but it was something simple that cured him. That doesn’t mean that the process of getting rid of habitual sin will be easy, but it is something that can be accomplished if we put the effort into changing. After all, I still need to shower even if it is a struggle.

There will be many opportunities for confession during the Advent season and what a wonderful gift to give Jesus: our effort to rid ourselves of our habitual sin. It might even make its way onto our New Year’s resolution list.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Come join us for our First Friday Rosary for the sick and homebound on January 6th at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent and bring the family. What a great way to start the new year!