

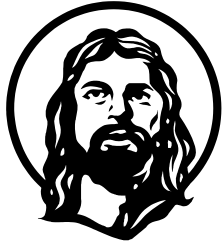


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January Month of the Holy Name

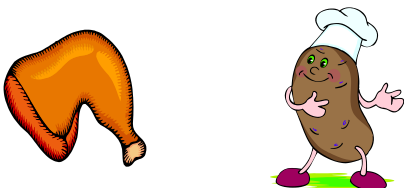


Blessed be the Name of Jesus

News Summary by Harry Palmer

- The Columbus Club elected Dick Scheve as president.
- Andrew Fry was named as a new member of the Scholarship Committee.
- There will be a free throw shooting contest on January 26 at Bristol Elementary School. Everyone is welcome. Call Nick Delucenay if you have any questions: 574-848-5772.
- Please remember to pay your membership dues. Payment may be made via PayPal, cash, or check.
- Over 900 people attended the "Mary of Nazareth" movie on December 19. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and attended. The movie was awesome.
- Culture of Life Director George Kalil reported that approximately 300 people attended the Right to Life Rally on January 11. It was a very successful event with great speakers.
- The all-you-can-eat chicken and mojos dinner will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 12-6 p.m. You must have a ticket. Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children 5-13 and available in the lounge on Tuesday or Friday from 4-7 p.m. Only a limited number of tickets remain.
- Our Council donated over \$56,000 to charity in 2013. Great job everyone and thank you for all your help and dedication to St. Jude Council #1043.
- Remember to support the Blood Drive at the hall on Friday, February 7 from 2-6 p.m.

Chicken & Mojos....coming up!



Get your tickets now for the chicken and mojo dinner that will be served at the hall on Saturday, January 25, 12-6 p.m. HELP is needed Friday to slice potatoes. Help will also be needed on Saturday for cooking, serving and clean up. Contact Steve Riikonen to volunteer.
(sriikonen@bashor.org)

January 2014



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter into a new calendar year, I would like to thank my Brother Knights on all of their hard work last year. This Council donated over \$56,000 to charity in food, money, and services last year. That is a big jump over past years, and it is due to the quality of our members. But, I know we can do even better in 2014. We did very well with the "Mary of Nazareth" movie and other projects. It takes all of the projects over the entire year to accomplish the levels of charity that we provide.

We will be entering into Lent and serving our weekly fish fries. We are currently selling tickets to our "Chicken and Mojos Day" to be served from 12-6 p.m. on January 25 and are planning on hosting a garage sale at the hall in May. These facts lead me to ask each of you to get involved with our projects or start one of your own. Please bring ideas that you have to one of our meetings and let's discuss them.

I would like to thank the Christmas Food Basket Committee and especially the chairman, Dick Scheve, for the collection and distribution of food baskets to over 500 families. Here again, it took a lot of volunteers to get this huge project done, but we cannot rest. We will need even more volunteers for next Christmas.

I am looking for a volunteer to chair a Squires program for our youth. We need to get this program moving. So please, if you would like to head up this program, get in touch with me. Adding onto this topic, I would like everyone to know that Council 11574 in Bristol will be hosting the KOC Basketball Free Throw Contest. It will be held at the Bristol Elementary School, 705 Indiana Street in Bristol on January 26. Nick Delucenay is in charge. If you have any questions or want to register, please call him at 574-848-5772. The winners of our local contest will go on to regional competition.

Finally, our Council hosted a 1st Degree on Monday, January 20. If you have anyone that would like to become a member, please contact Phil Stackowicz (574)514-4941 so we can get that person on our list for the next 1st Degree.

Hope to see you at the February meeting.
Your Brother in Christ,
Jon

URGENT REMINDER!

Please remember to remit your 2014 membership dues right away. Send cash or check to Joe Tinervia or pay online using PayPal, but do it TODAY!

Next meeting February 11 at 7 p.m.

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Calendar of Coming Events

January 25—Chicken & mojos 12-6 p.m.
February 5—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
February 6—4 th Degree Meeting in Bristol
February 7—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30
February 7—Blood Drive at Hall 2-6 p.m.
February 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
February 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 5—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for February

Date	Member	Saint
1	Alex J Nagy 3rd	St. Ursus
1	Michael J. Wargo	St. Brigid
2	Michael B. Rody	St. Joan
3	Matthew Frye	St. Anskar
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
17	John Krause	St. Constabilis

Date	Member	Saint
18	Ronald Cataldo	St. Agatha
18	Lawrence J. Krazit	St. Simeon
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	Jonathan DuBois	St. Anne Line
27	Thomas D. Hartnett	St. Augustus
28	Ron Desimone	St. Oswald

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

I was just listening to the weather forecast: “chance of snow every day and colder temperatures.” Welcome to winter. I was thinking that there was probably not a one of us that sat down on Friday a couple of weeks ago and put on his to do list: “shovel over a foot of snow on Sunday and stay at home all day Monday with the rest of the county with a –13 degree temperature and wind chill of –34.” So what does that tell us? No matter how much we think we do, there is very little in our lives that we can actually control. We can’t control the weather and even with all of the technology we have, we don’t do a very good job of forecasting it.

This has to beg the question: “Who does have control?” For all of us good Catholic catechism/CCD students, the answer is always “God.” When you are sitting at home again in the coming week and a half while the next Arctic Clipper moves through and locks us all in, take some time to meditate on that. Do we really let God control our lives? Do we have faith that no matter what is going on, good or bad, that it is part of God’s plan for me, and I just need to accept it? Or do we sometimes try to take control back from Him and let the Devil influence us? There really are only two ways to go: either we follow God or we don’t. When we don’t, who are we following?

I have been relatively lucky in my life and haven’t had much tragedy so it has been easier for me to accept what has been handed to me. I know that if I were a family member or friend of any of those three people that died in Martin’s a few days ago, it would be hard to see God’s plan. It would be hard to believe that God is in control. Just look around the world today: the wars and conflicts; the persecution of Christians; 41 years of legalized murder in this country that has taken 56 million lives. We need to have Faith that God is in control, which will give us the Hope of a better world and the strength to Love as Jesus did. Simple.....right?

Don’t forget our 370th consecutive Rosary on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s. I hope to see many of you there. God bless.

Protecting your family... business?

You already know that the Knights of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business, too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies;
- Disposition of a business owner’s interest upon death or other separation from the business; and
- Attraction and retention of valuable employees.

If you’ve worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer. With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knights of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

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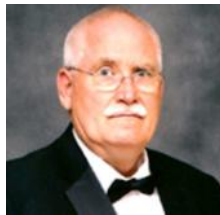
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News Summary By Bob Earley

- The “Mary of Nazareth” movie, which was shown at the Lerner Theater, was a great success. Thanks to all who bought tickets/sold tickets, promoted the event, and volunteered their time before, during and after the showing. There were enough proceeds generated that we are able to allocate some funds to various programs including: Ft. Wayne Diocese Seminary Fund; our own scholarship fund; and education at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Vincent DePaul Schools. Again, THANKS!
- Please consider joining us for our spaghetti dinners. Our next one will be March 12, which was moved back one week to avoid any conflict with Ash Wednesday. We can always use more help in setting up, serving, and cleaning. We have had some help from high school students. Please encourage them to participate in this great volunteer opportunity. Perhaps it could lead some of the young men to inquire about joining the squires.
- Fish Frys! In addition to our fish fry on February 21, we will begin having weekly fish frys starting with the first Friday of Lent (March 7) through Good Friday (April 18). Bring your family and friends. The food is delicious and the event is a great time to talk with your Brother Knights.
- Please remember to join us for the Rosary at St. Vincent DePaul Church on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.
- St. Thomas the Apostle School will host its annual Casino Night on Saturday, March 8. This event had to be rescheduled from earlier this year due to inclement weather. Make your way over for food, drinks, and a great time socializing while enjoying your favorite games and supporting one of our area’s great Catholic schools. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- Poker fans, listen up! We will have a poker tournament on March 15 featuring Texas Hold’em. More details will follow.
- There will be a K of C bowling tournament that runs on weekends from April 5 through May 4 (except for no bowling on Easter weekend, April 19 & 20) and will be held at Georgetown Bowl in Ft. Wayne. There are 4-man teams for \$92 at two time slots on Sundays and singles and doubles for \$23 each at two time slots on Saturdays. For more information, please contact Mike Huszar at 574-250-1863 or at mj.huszar@comcast.net
- Are you interested in life insurance or not sure if you have enough insurance? Perhaps you need an annuity or long-term care. Whichever you need, just give Phil Stackowicz a call at 574-514-4941. He’ll provide a free review of your current situation.
- Reminder: If you haven’t seen the new Life Center located at 2018 Ironwood Court just off of Ironwood Drive, you need to go visit. It is next to the South Bend abortion clinic and is a beautiful way to help us drive home one of our most fundamental beliefs: giving liberty and justice to all, born and unborn.
- Please consider joining the Fr. McGivney Guild. Visit: www.fathermcgivney.org
- Remember to “like” us on Facebook.

February 2014



Grand Knight’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We have had a great month with the chicken and mojo’s dinner being very successful. We are now headed into the Lenten fish frys. Because of snowy and cold weather, we had to postpone the spaghetti dinner for St. Thomas School until February 19. I hope many of you were able to attend. In addition, there has been a change in the date for the March spaghetti dinner. It will be held on Wednesday, March 12, to avoid conflicting with Ash Wednesday. The March spaghetti dinner will benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Again, please come out and support this very worthwhile organization.

Scott Chris is asking for some clean-up help after the Fish Fry on Friday, February 21. In addition, on that same day, starting about noon, Scott will be giving a class on the operation of the new floor washer for use in the Hall. If you have some time and would like to find out how to operate this machine, please come on down to the hall.

The “Rekindle the Fire” men’s retreat will be in Ft. Wayne this year on February 22. St. Thomas has a bus going and there are still seats available. This is an awesome event with great speakers. Lunch is provided and a lot of priests are available for confessions.

The KOC Bowling Tournament will be in Ft. Wayne this year from April 5 until May 4. Contact Mike Huszar, 574-250-1863 or mj.huszar@comcast.net for more information.

I am still looking for a Brother to restart our Squires program. Please give some thought and prayer to helping our young men. We need to get this program going. Not only is it a valuable program for our young men, but it also could benefit our Council because most Squires go on to become Knights in the future.

Finally, we are running behind in our recruiting goals for the year. Please consider asking your male Catholic friends to join the KOC. We will schedule a First Degree whenever we get new applicants.

Have a great and healthy month. I’ll see you all at the next month’s meeting.
Your Brother in Christ,
Jon

Scholarship Applications Due

Please check the website (koc1043.org) to get information regarding the K of C scholarship. Applications are due on or before April 7. The form can be found by clicking on the “Activities” tab and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Brother Knight John Fisher, who died on February 10, 2014.

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Calendar of Coming Events

February 19—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
February 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 6—4th Degree Meeting in Elkhart
March 7—Rosary at St. Vincent’s 7:30
March 7—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
March 12—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
March 14—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

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Birthdays for March						
Date	Member	Saint		Date	Member	Saint
1	J. Richard Milroy	St. David		19	Samuel J. Rodino	St. Adrian
2	James Petit	St. Charles		21	Michael Dadosky	St. Philemon
3	Elias Garcia	St. Anslem		21	Dennis Griffen	St. Benedicta
4	Scott Samuels	St. Casimir		21	Salvadore Plaia	St. Arcangelo
5	Mark Malenda	St. Adrian		21	Paul A. Roell	St. Birillus
6	Robert E. Letherman	St. Colette		23	Adam Bujalski	St. Toribio
7	Zackary DuBois	St. Paul		25	Joe Foy	St. Dismas
7	James W. Linn	St. Ardo		25	Francis M. Lima	St. Alfwold
9	Andrew Kloss	St. Frances		27	Sean Asoera	St. Rupert
13	Todd Kankel	St. Agnello		29	Joseph P. Curtis	St. Eustace
17	Drew Billings	St. Ambrose		29	Dennis K. Lyon	St. Berthold
17	Phillip D. Stillson	St. Patrick		31	Joseph Morthorst	St. Benjamin
19	Rick W. Koerting	St. Joseph				

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

“Remember man that thou are dust and unto dust thou shall return.” For those of us with a little more gray hair, we know that this statement has been used on Ash Wednesday, which is just around the corner. There is another phrase they use now, but for me, this is the one I always come back to. It probably has more meaning for us as we get closer to the end of our lives than it does when we are at the beginning or as we watch someone getting closer to their end of life. It always reminds me that we are mortal.

From the moment we are born, we are on the path to our end. We may have pre-planned our funeral, taken out life insurance (if not, get in touch with Phil, and I am sure he will be happy to help you...no charge for the free plug, Phil), written a will, and set up a trust, but have we prepared our souls as well? Getting our souls ready is what we should be focusing on during this time of Lent. Reflect on our lives, recognize the parts that need help, and then take steps to fix them. You have time to change a bad habit or a habitual sin in forty days.

During Lent, we are asked to pray, fast, and give. This year, try to pray about the things in your spiritual life that need help. Once they are identified, fast as a way of helping you to focus your attention on them and to make the changes that need to be made. As you work on all of that, don’t forget to give, either time, talent or money, to help others.

If you haven’t signed up for ARISE yet, consider doing so. If you don’t know how, contact me (see email in the upper right corner of page one of the newsletter), and I will help. This is a great way to share your faith with others and learn from them as they share theirs. It is always easier to improve ourselves if we do it with the support of others.

Finally, I hope to see all of you at our 371st Rosary on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

[Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind](#)

Since its addition to the Order’s product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care clients in the United States, a Knights of Columbus Care policy brings added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called “Provider Pathway,” a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care. This program is not available in Canada as of yet due to the limited number of providers.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven’t yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a “plan” — a home health care plan or one that covers facility only, benefit amounts and durations, and the length of the “waiting period” before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally-trained agent — and a Brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Our Council donated \$3600 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society during the March spaghetti dinner fundraiser for that organization. The check was present to the SVDPS Elkhart President Don Locke by Grand Knight Jon Fish and Council Trustee Richard Scheve during the dinner. The Knights' spaghetti dinner raised an additional \$466 for SVDPS. We will also be presenting Church Community Services with a check for \$1865.
- We presented checks for \$750 each to St. Vincent School and St. Thomas School. In addition, the Council donated \$1000 to the Secretary of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend for seminarian scholarships. We also were able to allocate \$2539 to our scholarship fund. The funds were from the Council's proceeds from the screening of the film "Mary of Nazareth" at the Lerner Theater on December 19. It was through the success of this event that the Council was able to make these donations.
- The Council also wrote a check for \$1224 to ADEC for past Tootsie Roll Drive sales.
- Watch for a Red Cross Blood Drive at our Council in May. More details will come soon.
- Jon Fish and Rick Fry will be attending the State Convention the last weekend in April and will represent the Council as voting delegates.
- Please attend our weekly Lenten Fish Frys and bring friends and family with you!
- As always, we appreciate any and all volunteer help, especially at our fish frys and spaghetti dinners. The need for consistent volunteers has never been greater.
- April's spaghetti dinner will benefit HeartReach Michiana. May's dinner will benefit Elkhart County Right to Life.
- Remember that K of C Scholarship applications are due **by April 7**. Be sure to share this information with any graduating high school seniors who may qualify. See the K of C website for the application.

March 2014



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As we move into the spring and summer of 2014, I am still looking for someone to step up to get the Squires program moving again. I think we really need this program for our youth and, of course, most of the Squires go on to become Knights. Speaking of becoming Knights, we are still in need of Catholic men to become first degree Knights. We will be starting a membership drive soon so please see if you can help us by recommending an acquaintance for the first degree.

Joe Tinervia has announced that he wishes to retire from the position of Financial Secretary. If you have skill in this field, please contact Joe to discuss the position.

I, also, am announcing that I will not be seeking re-election this year. As you may know, my health has had some setbacks in the past year. My wife of 43 years is retiring in June, and I want to spend some time traveling with her as well as spending more time with my granddaughter. I will remain a Knight but just want to re-channel my energy toward my family. The Knights of Columbus is a great organization, and I will leave the leadership in great hands so, please, if you would like to be considered for this position, contact me.

The parking lot directly to the east of the hall will be closed for two years while the city installs a holding tank. Some members of our board are attending city council meetings to voice our concerns about this closure.

We are still looking for Brothers to start projects that utilize our lounge or hall. There was a suggestion that we host a garage sale at the hall this coming May. If you would like to organize this project, please contact a board member so we can schedule a meeting to discuss the issue.

The Lenten fish frys have started, and we ask that members volunteer to work or bring your family down to purchase dinners. The committee that runs this dinner has done a wonderful job of changing some things around to make the dinner a fantastic experience.

I attended "Rekindle the Fire" in Fort Wayne with quite a few Catholic gentlemen from the two parishes in Elkhart. It was a wonderful and moving experience. If you want to have a local "Rekindle" at your parish, please let me know, and I can put you in touch with the correct people.

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Jon

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April 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.



What are
you doing
for Lent
this year?

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Brother Knight John Fisher, who died on February 10, 2014.

Scholarship Applications Due

Please check the website (koc1043.org) to get information regarding the K of C scholarship. Applications are due **on or before April 7**. The form can be found by clicking on the "Activities" tab and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Birthdays for April

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2	David A. Jozwiak	St. Francis
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
10	Gary L. Covey	St. Fulbert
13	Steven M Revelli	St Martin
15	Robert A. Petersen	St. Paternus

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16	Gordon Scott	St. Benedict Joseph Labre
16	Kenneth Will	St. Bernadette
17	Rob Hoffer	St. Stephen Harding
18	Zachary Eppers	St. Appolonius
19	James P. Mauck, Jr.	St. Alphege
19	Mariano Tirado	St. Ursmar
24	Mitchell Wirt	St. Fidelis
29	Eugene W. Hungate	St. Catherine
30	Charles Girtin	St. Pius V

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

“Lent” was a word that struck fear in my heart as a child. I knew I was going to have to give up candy, something we didn’t have much anyway....40 days with no **Sugar Daddys, Milky Ways, or Good and Plenty.** But I lived through it and soon enough, it was Easter. Then that chocolate Easter bunny was the best, and for the rest of the 325 days of the year outside of Lent, I could eat all the candy that Mom would allow. I think I kind of missed the point of Lent, but I was just a kid. What did I know?

Well, I am hardly a kid anymore so I can’t use that as an excuse. So why does the Church encourage us to *fast, pray and give* during Lent? There has to be something to come from this...some benefit. If we diet, it is so we can get our weight down to a level that we, or our doctor, think it should be. If we exercise, it is so we an increase our fitness and health. For all of the pain, there is a reward.

What is our reward for what we do during Lent? What is the Light at the end of the tunnel (pun intended)? It is the Resurrection. Without that, the suffering we do, and that Christ did, has no meaning. I know, ours is nothing compared to His, but it is suffering nonetheless. If we can get through the pain, we have the joy of Easter, Jesus’ redeeming death on the cross, and His Resurrection.

If the story ends with His death, it has no meaning. He came to save us, give us new life, and an opportunity to get to Heaven if we so choose. That is right, we get to choose. So look at Lent as a time of viewing our lives through the lens of the goal we are working toward: the Resurrection. Do the things we do lead us to the end we are trying to achieve? If not, we need to work on it. Lent is the time to start that work. Maybe when we look at it that way, the suffering will be a little easier, and what we do during Lent will have more meaning. In the meantime, I can’t wait for that chocolate Easter bunny!

Join us for our 372nd Rosary on Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. It will immediately follow the Stations of the Cross at 7 a.m. Please come for both. God Bless.

Raising Awareness about Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of the product among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75% of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor. Sixty-eight percent of that same survey group said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom they should turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family’s life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I’ll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about “making the wrong decision.” Talk with me, and afterwards, you’ll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family’s future.

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April 2014



Dingus Day Preparation

Volunteers are needed to assist in getting the Hall ready for our annual Dyngus Day celebration. Please come to the Hall on **Saturday, April 19, from 10-12 noon** to add a helping hand.

May Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us on Wednesday, May 7 at our spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. This month's proceeds will benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life.

Tootsie Rolls for ADEC

Our Council is looking for someone to step forward to coordinate the Tootsie Roll program, which is a fund raiser to benefit ADEC.



April Meeting

Members at the meeting on April 8 were as follows: Larry Scalise, Rick Frye, Phil Kile, Jon Fish, Nick Seidl, Kevin Doroh, Lee Evers, Dick Scheve, Steve Riikonen, Joe Tinervia, Harry Palmer, Bill Method, Rob Jackson, James J. Knopick, Larry Kruse, George Kalil, Scott Chris, Miguel Mendoza, Greg Wilkerson, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Steve Revelli, and Sean Asoera.



Alleluia!
He is
Risen!

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

A new slate of officers was read at our meeting. If you would like to be considered for a position, please let me know as soon as possible. The slate will be read again next month; then we will vote on it.

The fish fries and spaghetti dinners are proceeding as scheduled. If you attend these dinners, please consider bringing a friend or relative that has never been to one before. This is a good way to get new people at the Hall.

Dyngus Day is coming the Monday after Easter, and we are still asking for volunteers and patrons. If you have the time available, please consider spending some time as a volunteer. Contact Steve Riikonen if you want to help. Also, please come down to the Hall for the best kielbasa and fixings in town on that day.

Letters have been sent out to remind people to pay their dues. If you haven't paid this year, please do so as soon as possible.

We need to increase our membership. We will be conducting a membership drive in the near future, and we will need some help at the parishes. You will be hearing more about this later, but, in the meantime, please continue to ask other Catholic gentlemen if they would like to join. Consider keeping a Form 100 with you at all times.

Have a great April and a Happy Easter.

Your Brother in Christ,
Jon

Next meeting

May 13 at 7 p.m.

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April:
The Month of the
Eucharist

Calendar of Coming Events

April 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

May 1—4th Degree Meeting in Bristol

May 2—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30

May 7—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

May 13—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

May 16—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for May

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3	Matthew Pletcher	St. James
4	Charles Borneman	St. Augustine Webster
4	Stuart Broderick	St. Florian
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

Date	Member	Saint
17	Brian Kalil	St. Heradius
17	Aaron Schade	St. Thethmar
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

We are in the home stretch. I can almost taste that chocolate Easter bunny. For some reason, this Lent has seemed more severe than some in the past. Maybe it was the cold weather that just wouldn’t let go (they are calling for snow again this week!). Maybe I took it more seriously this year. I think maybe as one gets older that happens. Whatever the reason, I sure am glad that Easter is just around the corner.

Remember that we celebrate Easter longer than Lent, 10 days longer. The Easter season lasts for 50 days. The Church sets aside 50 days of its liturgical year for Easter. They must think it is a pretty big deal. It is. Without the Resurrection, Jesus is just another prophet killed by the leaders in Jerusalem. He is much more than that.

We need to invite this Resurrected Christ into our lives. He can change us as He changed the world. We just need to invite Him in. He won’t force Himself on us.

Please be sure to join us for our 373rd consecutive first Friday Rosary on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Church. As Knights, we have done this for over 31 years. It would be great to see more of you there. God Bless.

One of our Founding Goals: To Protect Widows

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. We know today this is done through our insurance products which are 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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March 2015

Next meeting
April 14 at 7 p.m.

News Summary By Bob Earley

- Happy St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Days!!
- If you haven't been to a meeting lately, you sure have missed a lot of interesting topics. Just read on below.....
- George Kalil encouraged all of us to continue praying for the unborn and those who are considering abortion. Prayer is a powerful tool. We must continue to be vigilant in our faith and core beliefs. If you choose to pray among Brothers, join us in a Rosary, which is held the first Friday of every month at St. Vincent's Church. The April start time will be 7:15 p.m. due to Stations.
- Continue your efforts to recruit new members. Our goal this year is 28. Pick up a Form 100 and pass it along to a potential member.
- Conversations have begun about a trip to Gibault in Terre Haute, tentatively scheduled for the fall. More information will be discussed at the next meeting, including travel and meals. Please join us for the discussion as we determine the feasibility of going. We are going to extend the invitation to the district.
- Please look for a postcard in the mail about next month's meeting as we will continue discussions pertaining to the Council's vision on asset management.
- Scholarship applications are due at the April meeting.
- March 29 the Columbus Club will be holding its "Fifth Sunday" breakfast. Come and enjoy fresh, hot, delicious, made-to-order breakfasts, including pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs and omelets. If you are not interested in the food, why not come down and enjoy some fraternal bonding by helping with setting up and cleaning? We could always use some extra hands, and it's a great way to get to know your Brother Knights.
- Dyngus Day is April 6. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend who may be interested in becoming a Knight.
- Remember the fish fry is every Friday in Lent. Again, the food and conversations are always great.
- Planning a meeting or a party? Consider renting the Knights of Columbus Hall. Contact Steve Riikonen at 574-293-0341 for more details.

God Bless!

St. Patrick, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

This is the busiest time of the year for the club: spaghetti dinners, fish fry's, Dyngus Day, fifth Sunday breakfast, and St. Patrick's Day dinner—and we need your help. For most of our events, we have the same people doing all the work. Can you take a few hours out of your month to stop down and lend a hand to give one of your Brothers a break?

We had great conversation at the meeting about the future of the club and the up-coming changes pertaining to the building. Please join us at the meeting next month as we will vote on the resolutions.

You don't want to miss this meeting. So many times in our lives we sit back and talk about how we don't like what decisions other people make. Rather than talk about what you don't like, why not come to a meeting and voice your opinion, give input on how things could be better, and make a positive difference in how we serve our community? We look forward to seeing you in April.

Faithfully Yours
Grand Knight,
Steve Riikonen

Calendar of Coming Events
March 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 27—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
April 3—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:15 p.m.
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Come to the Spaghetti Dinner
April 8
Benefitting the St. Vincent DePaul Society

March Meeting

Members at the meeting on March 10 were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Larry Scalise, Joe Tinervia, Phil Kile, Harry Palmer, Bob Earley, Lee Evers, Rick Frye, George Kalil, Rob Jackson, Adam Bujalski, Steven Wenzel, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Steve Revelli, Kevin Doroh, Jon Fish, Larry Kruse, Earl Huxhold, Steve Erwin, Jerry Lockwood, Shane Blotkamp, Dick Scheve, and Scott Franko.

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Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Believe it or not, we are half way through Lent. It seems like just yesterday when we humbled ourselves and got that dirty smudge of ashes on our forehead reminding us that ”Thou are dust and to dust thou shall return”. Have you reflected on this at all the last few weeks? I have. Maybe it has more to do with age than spirituality, but we all should reflect on what we will be talking about with Jesus on that first day we see him. Will He ask us questions about things we will be embarrassed to admit or about things we either should or shouldn’t have done? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on this and start to make the changes in our lives that will make that a short and joyful conversation. This reflection may not be easy or comfortable, but taking up our cross to follow Jesus never is and never will be.

Okay, let’s move to something less serious and more celebratory. The Church celebrates the halfway point in Lent by allowing the priests to wear Rose colored vestments (they still look pink to me but Fr. Glenn wouldn’t have any of that) and allowing more joyful music at Mass as options. It also gives us two Solemnities this month. Okay, I had to look it up also. A solemnity is a “formal or ceremonious observance of an event”. The priests will wear White vestments, and we will say or sing the Gloria, something we haven’t done since Ash Wednesday not even on Sundays. These must be big deals.

The first is on March 19, and it is” Saint Joseph, the spouse of Mary”. Not a single recorded spoken word of Joseph is in the Gospels, just his faithful obedience to the word of God. He gave his life to a woman he was going to divorce quietly to save her the punishment prescribed by the law and instead was obedient to God and accepted her and her child, not his, into his home and his life. What an example of sacrificial love. Aren’t we supposed to do the same to be a good spouse? Think about it and about him.

The second is “The Annunciation of the Lord”. In nine months Jesus will be born into the world but on this day He enters the world. From the moment of his conception He was in the world and starting to make His presence known. Think about those nine months and what life was like for Joseph and Mary, the looks from people more ”righteous” than they, the shame and ridicule people wanted them to feel because of their situation. Think about how we live our lives with Jesus in us. Do we avoid those types of situations or faithfully live through them as Mary and Joseph? That is plenty to think about. It may keep my mind off the chocolate I’m not supposed to be eating.

Friday April 3 we will be saying our 384th consecutive First Friday Rosary for the sick and homebound at 7:15 PM at St. Vincent. This is also Good Friday. What a wonderful way to gather and reflect on the suffering of others. If I did my math correctly this marks our 32nd year of these Rosaries. Let’s have a big turnout of members and their families, as the world can use our prayers.

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 at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members, and more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because Brother Knights have increased visibility, speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty 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 and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet? When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect 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. Phillip J. Stackowicz, FICF (574)514-4941 Phillip.Stackowicz@kofc.org



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May 2015

Next meeting
June 9 at 7 p.m.

News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Fr. Glenn Kohrman has agreed to present his program, "Christianity, Islam, and the Crusades" at our Knights of Columbus Council 1043 Hall on June 10 at 7 p.m.
- There will be a Fifth Sunday free-will offering breakfast at our Council on Sunday, May 31 from 8:00-11 a.m. Help should arrive at 6:30.
- There will be a First Degree at our Council on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m.
- Having a 2nd and 3rd Degree at the Council on July 12 was also discussed.
- The last spaghetti dinner of the season was held on Wednesday, May 13, and benefited Elkhart County Right to Life.
- The Council's appreciation and scholarship dinner is scheduled for June 8 at 6 p.m. Invitations will be send in the mail.
- Fr. Jason requested help from the Knights for the St. Thomas picnic in June. The Knights will be there grilling food.
- \$119 was collected during the meeting for the vocation fund.
- There is a membership blitz going on now and culminating with our First Degree on June 2.
- The last fish fry of the season was held on Friday, May 15. Fish fries will start back up in September.
- The first reading of the slate of officers was presented during the meeting. If you are interested in holding an officer's position, please let an existing officer know to have your name added to the slate. Officers must be a 3rd degree member.

Calendar of Coming Events

June 2—1 st Degree 7 p.m.
June 4—4 th Degree Meeting in Bristol
June 5—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:00 p.m.
June 9—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As summer approaches and familiar things like fish fries and spaghetti dinners wind down, I ask you to take a little time and think about what you can do to help at the club. If every member helps out for just an hour, we could get so many things accomplished.

We are going to remodel the basement of the lounge to be an appropriate meeting room and need someone with ideas as to what we can do. The Jazz Festival is in June, and we need a few people to bartend over the weekend. A sign up sheet will be in the lounge. In addition, the golf outing is in July, the 59th year for this event.

It got me to thinking about so many of the great, long-standing traditions we have at the club, the people who started them, and the people who have been willing to keep them going. I want to thank all of you as you are what make our club so special.

We will also be hosting a 2nd and 3rd degree in July. If you have not gone through these degrees, please consider doing so. It saves our club money that we don't have to send to Supreme.

We are also having a 1st degree in June. We need 15 new members to make star council and get about \$1300 back from Supreme. This money can go directly into our charity account to help people in the community. If you have a son who has turned 18 or know of someone else who would make a good candidate, please encourage them to join the Knights. Thanks for all you do to make our club better.

Grand Knight, Steve Riikonen
Steve Riikonen

May Meeting

Members at the meeting on

May 12 were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Larry Scalise, Joe Tinervia, Phil Kile, Harry Palmer, Lee Evers, George Kalil, Steven Wenzel, Jose Luis Rodriguez Gonzalez, Steve Revelli, Kevin Doroh, Jon Fish, Andrew Fry, Rigoberto Perez, Richard Kavanagh, Steve Gonsoski, Dick Scheve, Shane Blotkamp, Phil Stackowicz, and James J. Knopick.

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May
The Month of
Mary



An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose, never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.—St. John Berchmans

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3	Thomas A. Pawlak	St. Phillip		15	Kevin Joyce	St. Abraham
4	Raymond Canda	St. Alexander		15	Kirt Lochmandy	St. Germaine Cousin
4	Phillip Stackowicz	St. Petroc		15	Michael Ruskowski	St. Vitus
6	James L. Letherman	St. Norbert		17	Paul Cataldo	St. Adulf
7	Richard E. Dyer	St. John of Beverley		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	James D. Stroup	St. Augustine

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Happy Birthday!! I know it probably isn’t going to be your birthday the day that you read this. It is going to be the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, so again, Happy Birthday!!

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He was with the Apostles for 40 days, teaching them and helping prepare them for the time He would be leaving them again. He left them for three days after He was crucified, only to come back at the Resurrection. Imagine the deep sorrow and despair, only to be lifted at the joy of seeing Jesus again after He was raised from the dead. Now, He was going to leave them forever (not actually, but physically, during their lifetime, yes).

One of the last things He told them was to stay together and wait for the Advocate that He was going to send. They did this for 10 days. They started to doubt again and question their mission. Why should they stay together? God could have sent the Holy Spirit to each of them wherever they were. He can do anything. Was it to make it easy on Himself? It is not likely. He does things like this because we need it, not Him. He knew that they would need to strengthen each other during the wait. I also think it was because He wanted them together as a community when the Holy Spirit came. He was establishing a Church, His Church, the one Church, our Church.

It wasn’t easy at first. The daily readings at Mass for the last few weeks have been from the Acts of the Apostles. Between now and Pentecost, take some time and read that book. It is filled with drama, action, deceit, all of the things that make a good novel.

Do you ever wonder why we “have to” go to Mass on Sunday? It isn’t for God. It is for us. He knows we need community just as the Apostles did 2000 years ago, to worship together, to strengthen each other, and to go out and live our life as Christians. It isn’t much easier today than it was back then, and if anything, it seems to be getting harder. The Acts of the Apostles is our inspiration. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel. We just need to take heart from the example and the model Jesus already gave us 2000 years ago.

The next Rosary will be held on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent Church. See you there!

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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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Thanks to all who helped with grilling hamburgers and hot dogs at the St. Thomas parish picnic on June 28.
- Thanks, too, to all who helped to make our golf outing on Sunday, July 19, a success.
- We are in need of people to take charge of some up-coming events: the Substance Abuse Essay Contest; the Soccer Challenge; the Free Throw Contest; and the Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest. Harry Palmer has agreed to handle the two essay contests for St. Vincent's but we are still in need of someone who will help with the contests at St. Thomas.
- The State Secretary was in Indianapolis last week with Governor Pence as he signed the "Safe Haven" law which allows for the drop off of unwanted children.
- There are new form 100's that we are starting to use. Please contact Rick Frye to get your copies.
- The next 5th Sunday breakfast offering will be held on Sunday, August 31. Please put it on your calendar now so you will join us for some good food and fellowship with your Brother Knights and their families.

Golf Outing Results

The K of C 59th Vincent B. Terlep Memorial Father & Son Golf Outing was held Sunday, July 19, at Raber Golf Course. The 20 golfers returned to the hall later for a steak dinner, fellowship, and prizes. Winners were as follows:

Member Low Gross—
Chuck Girten (98)
Member Low Net—
Ryan Chris (76)
Guest Low Gross—
Matt McCollough (89)
Guest Low Net—
Ben Girten (74)
Closest to the Pin—
Charles Girten Sr.
Longest Putt—
Jim Fair

A special thanks goes to those who helped at the event:

Score keepers—Gregory Spretnjak and Joe Hickner
Starter—Gwen Spretnjak
Food—Mr. & Mrs. Shane Blotkamp and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scheve
Chairmen—Steve Spretnjak and Steve Riikonen
Tom Hutkins and Larry Scalise
Save the date: Our 60th outing will be at Raber's on July 17, 2016, the 3rd Sunday of July.

July 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As the first year of my term as Grand Knight has come and gone, I want to thank everyone who has helped in many different ways. It is the strength of our membership that allows us to do so much for so many.

We had another great year as far as membership with 17 new members joining our council. I would invite everyone to come to a meeting and meet some of your new Brother Knights.

Being a Knight is more than being part of a club. It is something that we should all take pride in and do our part to help make the best that it can be.

We support our priests, our community, and especially, our Brothers. We should look for ways to make our organization stronger every day of our lives. Whether it is finding a new member, talking to a Brother in distress, or helping our churches with a special project, that is what being a Knight is all about.

Again, thanks to everyone for a great year, and let's all be strong going forward to continue the good works we do.

God Bless,
Steve Riikonen

July Meeting

Members at the meeting on July 14 were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Larry Scalise, Phil Kile, Harry Palmer, Lee Evers, Kevin Doroh, Jon Fish, Andrew Fry, Steve Gonsoski, Dick Scheve, Nick Seidl, Joe Tinervia, Rick Frye, Jim Smith, Jerry Lockwood, George Kalil, Corleone Desimone, and Sean Asoera.

Calendar of Coming Events

July 26—2 nd & 3 rd Degree 12 noon
August 6—4 th Degree Meeting
August 7—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:00 p.m.
August 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dick Dyer, who died July 16. Please keep Esther and her family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed.

Next meeting

August 11 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, Arko family, Andy Baker, Gene Caravez, Sheila Dibley, Esther Dyer, Fr. John Eze, Cherie & Jon Fish, Kay Gonsoski, Braden Hartman, Karen Hoover, Tim Johnson, the Lagree family, Jim Linn, Connie Nicodemus, Mitch Nihart, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Bob and Ericka Reese, Sam Rodino, Mike Russo, Steve Spretnjak, Gene Terabek, and Mrs. Tierney.

July is the month of the Most Precious Blood

"Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, save us.
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, save us.
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, save us.
Blood of Christ, **hope** of the penitent, save us.
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, save us.
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, save us."
(taken from "The Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ" at www.catholic.org)

This [Litany](#) in honor of [Jesus](#) in His Most [Precious Blood](#) was drawn up by the Sacred Congregation of [Rites](#) and promulgated by Pope [John XXIII](#) on February 24, 1960. The devotion to [Jesus](#) in His most [Precious Blood](#) was first popularized by Saint Gaspar del Bufalo (1786-1837, feast Dec. 28) who founded the Missioners of the Most Precious Blood. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite this litany.

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2	Steve Riikonen	St. Alfreda		14	Nick Seidl	St. Anastasius	
2	David M. Towner	St. Eusebius		15	Steven L. Erwin	St. Tarcisius	
3	Charles Brown	St. Lydia		15	Rick Roberts	St. Alfrid	
3	Mel Taylor	St. Dalmatius		20	J. L. Scalise	St. Bernard	
5	T.J.Repaich	St. Addal		22	Michael Weldy	St. Sigfrid	
6	Larry Kruse	St. Agapithus		24	Ron Delucenay	St. Bartholomew	
9	Curt Davis	St. Julian		27	Thomas Borger	St. Caesarius	
10	John Hock	St. Aredius		28	Shawn Kohn	St. Edmund	
11	Marc West	St. Clare		30	Scott Chris	St. Rumon	
12	Lawrence Reverman	St. Michael My		30	Michael Dibley	St. Agilus	
14	Thomas Hosler	St. Maximilian Kolbe		31	Richard Chakan	St. Aristedes	

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

As I sit down to write this column, almost all of the news in our country seems to be negative. The Supreme Court has changed the definition of marriage for the nation, based on nothing but the opinion of five people. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been told, based on the opinion of two people, that they must provide free birth control, including abortifacients, through their health insurance program. Religious freedom is being attacked from all sides, and whether we want to believe it or not, very shortly there will be a lawsuit involving a Catholic priest and his refusal to “marry” a same sex couple. To quote an old saying from when I was little (a long time ago), the world seems to be “going to hell in a hand basket.” It is easy to get discouraged, but as Christians, we can’t. Appropriately, a meditation I was reading today referred to John 16:33: “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage; I have conquered the world.” There will always be trouble in the world. When Nero was emperor of Rome, he used to burn Christians as torches in his garden to light the paths at night. We aren’t that bad yet, fortunately, but we have the troubles of our day. We must remember that God permitted these troubles for a reason. I can’t tell you what it is; only He knows that. We need to accept what God gives us, both good and bad, and do something positive with it.

If you have ever read the book of Job, you know that God *allowed* the devil to test Job, but only so far and no farther. We may think that God let the devil go too far and maybe He still is, but that is because we can’t see the big picture. After all of that suffering, there was a reward at the end of that book. Look at how many young people are on fire with the love of God and love of the Catholic Church. Look at the number of seminarians we have, just in this Diocese. A lot of good is growing out of bad in the world. We need to not give up hope, for without it, we will be lost. Go back to that verse from John, reread it and rejoice.

A good way to help this world is through prayer, and every first Friday, we pray for those that are sick and homebound. Come join us on August 7 at 7 p.m. for the Rosary at St. Vincent’s. This is a K of C-sponsored spiritual event that we hope you will attend.

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That’s peace of mind, and that’s what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies. We guarantee the rates on your term insurance. We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it. On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 39 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security. 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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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- The Council will be sending complimentary dinner tickets to the Women's Shelter for their use at our fish frys. The tickets will be unmarked to maintain anonymity and can be used at any of the fish frys we host.
- The Council is planning an open house for October 10 to celebrate the 110th anniversary of our Council. We hope to also be celebrating the completion of the "big dig" outside and plan to have outdoor activities to go along with the event. Jon Fish and Dick Scheve will appreciate your help in making this a successful event.
- The Council will be offering fire fighters, St. Thomas and St. Vincent teachers, and policemen "buy one get one free" dinner discounts for fish frys in September, October, and November respectively. More details will follow.
- Friday, August 28, is "Member Chef Night" where Mike O'Bryant will be cooking up a pork loin dinner. The cost will be \$10 per person, and you must sign up at the Council to reserve your dinner spot.
- Sunday, August 30, the Council is hosting another free-will offering breakfast. Omelets and eggs will be cooked to order. There will also be bacon, sausage, and pancakes.
- Thursday, September 3, from 2-6 p.m. the Council will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive.
- Saturday, September 5, at 6 p.m. there will be a steak dinner (\$12.50 per person). The Notre Dame vs. Texas football game will be on the tv at the Council at that time as well.
- The Council is trying to coordinate a Rosary for Mary on every 5th Sunday of the month. We are trying to coordinate the first one for this August 30 at St. Thomas. More details will follow via email once things are confirmed with Fr. Jason.
- November's spaghetti dinner will be for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- St. Vincent Church is having a "Discovering Christ" series. The Council has offered to provide food for the event on August 27 and September 3.
- The membership in attendance at the meeting approved paying the Indiana assessment for this fraternal year, which included a \$942 Gibault contribution. The Council voted to add an additional \$48 to make it an even \$1000.
- The Columbus Club, with the approval of the Al Arko family, will be purchasing replacement casters for the lounge chairs with the memoriam money received from his passing.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jim Letherman, who died June 19. Please keep his family in your prayers. He made a positive impact on many people with his teaching and music.

August 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and has been able to enjoy time with family and friends. As we enter the fall season, activity ramps up for the Council. Fish Frys will start in September, and we are having a member dinner on Friday, August 28, thanks to Mike O'Bryant who will be the cook. A steak dinner is planned for the near future before a Notre Dame game.

Speaking of football, the lounge will also be open during Notre Dame games. Since this is a carry-in event, stop by and bring a dish to pass.

We are looking into planning a 110th anniversary party and open house shortly after the parking lot is finished. If you would like to help in planning this event, please let me know.

I am also looking for a group of people to work on a project for the club. If you are a strategic thinker and would like to help your club grow and prosper, please get in touch with me.

God Bless,
Steve Riikonen

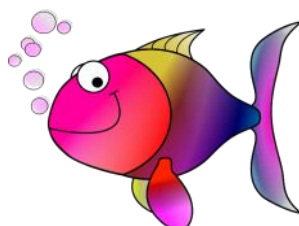
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Calendar of Coming Events

September 3—4 th Degree Meeting
September 4—Rosary St. Vincent's 7:00 p.m.
September 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
September 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

**They're Back!!
Fish Frys
resume in September**



Come and join your Brother Knights
and friends at the Fish Fry
September 18

Next meeting
September 8 at 7 p.m.

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September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows
By St. Bonaventure

O most holy virgin, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affections for the passing joys of this earth, I may long for the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforth all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed toward this one most desirable object.

Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate mother of God. Amen.

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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

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

It has been four years since I started writing these columns. They are as much for me as they are for all of you who read them. Today I am going to talk about something I don't do well but need to get better at.

A few weeks ago at Mass during the petitions we prayed for the victims of the last movie theater shooting, and the first thing that went through my mind was something Mathew Kelly said. He said that after 9/11, he never heard one prayer said for Osama bin Laden. I have thought about this since, and he is right. During all of these recent tragedies, have we ever prayed for the perpetrator? I can only speak for myself when I say that I haven't. I know there are very spiritual people that have, but I also know that I am not one of them. Jesus tells us in Luke Chapter 6 verses 27 and 28: "But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." It doesn't get any clearer than that.

As most of Jesus' teachings about what is right, it isn't easy. I have a hard enough time remembering to pray for the people at work that annoy me or that I annoy. It is really hard to pray for all of the politicians and judges that want to change the morals of our country, the murderers that take innocent lives, the family members that we haven't talked to in years or even the person that cuts you off in traffic. It's not easy, but it is what Jesus tells us to do. Imagine how the world would change if we all lived that way. Do you think it can't happen? We won't know until we try. Let's all try to do a better job by starting to pray for all of the people that we consider our enemies. Who knows, it might just change our lives and that could change the world.

On Friday, August 7, we prayed our monthly Rosary for the sick and homebound. Sadly, there was only one Knight there other than me. This is a K of C- sponsored spiritual event. We continually talk about attendance at events we hold and how it isn't what we think it should be. No condemnation or guilt dealing, it is just something to think about. Maybe if we get the spiritual part right, the rest will fall into place.

Our 389th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on September 4 at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent. Join us to pray for our brothers and sisters.

God bless

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. This is an example of stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are issued based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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News Summary By Bob Earley

- District Deputy Brad Soule paid our Council a visit. In addition to installing our new officers for this year, he also congratulated us on our membership recruitment drive. Although we missed our Star Council goal by one member and subsequently missed out on \$1400, our Council was rewarded with 10,000 points to be used at the Grand Knight's discretion.
- Speaking of leadership and officers, Grand Knight Riikonen encouraged all attendees to consider being part of the leadership when discussions begin for new officers for next year.
- Let's continue the momentum and recruit more men to our Council. Perhaps we can make our goal next year.
- Our annual food drive is right around the corner. Please consider volunteering with packaging and distributing these wonderful gifts to some families who are in need. Our first planning meeting will be in October. More details will come soon.
- There will be a Right to Life Life Chain near Concord Schools (Mishawaka Road across from the Flavor Freeze) on October 4 from 2-3 p.m.
- We will be celebrating the opening of our parking lot and our 110th anniversary on November 14 from noon to 7 p.m. Please join us for food, a euchre tournament, watching Notre Dame football and movies for the kids. Bring your families and enjoy the event.
- There will be a 3rd Degree induction in South Bend on November 8. If you're not a 3rd Degree, this would be a great time to consider becoming one.
- On November 29, there will be a Rosary at St. Thomas church to increase devotion to our Blessed Mother. It will be led by Jeff Robertson after the 10:30 a.m. mass.
- Remember that our hall is available for rent. If you have an event, why not have it with us? Call Steve Riikonen at 574-293-0341 for more information.
- Make every day count!

"Spiritual Corner" continued from page 2:
Not very much farther in the chapter they did go back to the common bread and left Him because His teaching was "too hard." Then I got to thinking that we have the opportunity to receive the "Miracle Bread" that He was teaching about every time we go to Mass. We call it "Communion" or "the Eucharist." We actually consume the Body and Blood of Jesus, just as He promised. Shouldn't that be enough of a miracle to keep us faithful?

Don't forget to join us for our 390th consecutive First Friday Rosary on October 2nd at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent Church. Also remember to participate in the Life Chain for Right to Life on Sunday, October 4, from 2-3 p.m. at the corner of US 33 and CR 20 (Mishawaka Road) across from the Flavor Freeze.
God bless

September 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. With fall approaching, activity for the Knights steps into high gear. Fish fries begin this month. In addition, we will be having an open house in November to celebrate our 110th anniversary as well as celebrating the completion of the parking lot. We need some input as to how we can make this a special event for the community.

I challenge each member to reflect on this question: "Why did I join the Knights?" Was it for the insurance? Was it for the opportunity to provide service to the community? Was it to be part of a great organization of like-minded men who support our churches? Or was it just to make a resume look better?

We need your assistance at events to help our club grow and to sustain the successes we have had in the past. I ask you now: "Can you carve out an hour a month to help with an event, to bring your family to a fish fry, to attend a meeting, or to recruit a new member? All of these things will make us stronger for the future. Please pray about what you can do to help the club continue to prosper and then take the first step and volunteer.

God Bless

GK Steve Riikonen

August The Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary



O most pure heart of Mary, full of goodness, show your love towards us. Let the flame of your heart, O Mary, descend on all people. We love you immensely. Impress on our hearts true love so that we may long for you. O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we sin. You know that all people sin. Grant that through your most pure and motherly heart, we may be healed from every spiritual sickness. Grant that we may always experience the goodness of your motherly heart, and that through the flame of your heart we may be converted. Amen.

(Dictated by Our Lady to Jelena Vasilj of Medjugorje, November 18, 1983.)

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Come and join your Brother Knights and friends at the Fish Fry
September 18 and
October 16

Calendar of Coming Events

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November 14-110th Anniversary Open House

Birthdays for October

Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day
4	Brian Kennedy	St. Francis of Assisi
5	Doug Harris	St. Faustina
7	Craig Kelm	St. Augustus
7	Rev. Glen Kohrman	St. Artaldus
7	Brian Ortiz	St. Justina of Padua
8	Mike Spurgeon	St. Benedicta
8	Weston Ward	St. Pelagia
9	Joseph Weidner	St. Denis
10	Tony Dibley	St. Francis of Borgia
11	William DeShone	St. Kenneth
12	Ross Nusbaum	St. Wilfrid
13	David Manderfeld	St. Edward the Confessor
13	Antal Szucs	St. Venantius
15	Jesus Mujica	St. Victoria Strata
17	John Juliano	St. Victor
18	Phillip Kolski	St. Luke
19	Arthur Decio	St. Isaac Jogues

Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day
20	Thomas Reed	St. Adeline
22	Brad Billings	St Bertharis
22	Joseph Eppers	St. Alexander
22	Thomas Rife	St. Nepotian
23	Alexander Jansen	St. John of Capistrano
23	Greg Stone	St. Amo
24	Cornell James	St. Anthony Claret
25	James Byron	St. Crispin
25	Robert Crothers	St. Daria
25	Matthew Kuzmicz	St. Boniface
26	David Calvillo	St. Alfred the Great
26	Stephen Fledderman	St. Bean
26	Jeffery Glanders	St. Cedd
26	James Shreiner	St. Alfred
28	Jeffrey Holdread	St. Jude Thaddaeus
29	Pietro DeMauro	St. Narcissus
29	Rigoberto Perez	St. Anne

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

A few weeks ago I was at Sunday Mass listening to the Gospel reading. (No smart remarks about my both listening and paying attention need to be inserted here by any of you.) It was from Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel which was talking about what happened after the multiplication of the loaves and fish. (One of the neat things about being Catholic is that I can write this and know that all of the readers that were in a Catholic Church on that Sunday heard exactly the same readings. Nothing brings home the message that we are all members of one body with Jesus as the Head than the fact that we all come together on Sunday in churches all around the world and hear the same prayers and readings. Anyway back to the reading and what got me thinking.) After the miracle, Jesus goes up to the mountains to be alone and that night the Apostles cross the sea to Capernaum. Of course, Jesus catches up to them by walking on the water to the boat. The next day when the crowd realizes that Jesus has gone to Capernaum, they get in boats and follow and eventually find Him.

Now this next statement is what got me thinking. He tells them that “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled”. I thought that was a strange thing to say, but coming from His mouth, it must be true. How many times have we heard or even said, “If only Jesus were here performing miracles, it would be so much easier to be faithful”? Here they are with Jesus after being fed by a miracle, and He tells them they are only there because of the food. Couldn’t they just have gone into town and bought some bread? Why didn’t they? It must have been because it was the best bread they had ever eaten. They didn’t want to go back to the common bread once they tasted the “miracle” bread.

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Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business, too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

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- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies;
- Disposition of a business owner’s interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you’ve worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer to help you protect that business. With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life. Contact me for more information.

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News Summary By Bob Earley

- Fall is bringing cooler weather and thoughts of assisting our neighbors who are in need. One way to help is through our annual food drive and Christmas food baskets. We can always use volunteers to assist with this project. The details of this year's food distribution are being finalized by the committee.
- There will be a 3rd Degree induction in South Bend on November 8. If you are not a 3rd Degree, this would be a great time to consider becoming one as it's a short drive to South Bend.
- There will be a First Degree induction on November 9 at 7 p.m. Please encourage men in good standing in the Catholic faith to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. As of now, we have 4 new members and are in need of others who are interested in serving our churches and community.
- We will have a Spaghetti Dinner on November 11 to benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Come and join us for great food and conversation. In addition, we could use more help in preparing the food and in cleaning up.
- If you miss the spaghetti, or just want another opportunity to have great food and spend time with your Brother Knights and their families, join us for the Fish Fry on November 20. Again, we could use additional help in food prep and in cleaning up.
- Jon Fish is coordinating the annual youth basketball Free Throw Competition in January for 9 to 14-year-olds from St. Thomas and St. Vincent parishes to compete against other players throughout the region. Please encourage your sons and daughters as well as families you know who have kids in this age range to compete for valuable prizes. Please see either Jon Fish or upcoming bulletins for more details.
- Please join your Brother Knights and their families for the First Friday Rosary at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent Church. The next one will be on November 6.
- In addition, there will be a rosary at St. Thomas Church on Sunday, November 29, after the 11:30 mass. It will be led by Jeff Robertson with the intention of increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
- We are postponing the 110th anniversary celebration until Spring 2016, which should give us plenty of time to plan activities and entertainment. Please stay tuned for more information. We will be in need of people who can help brainstorm ideas for the event as well as ones who can volunteer to be there to help on the day it is held.
- Remember, our hall is available for rent. If you have an event, why not have it with us? Call Steve Riikonen at 574-293-0341 for more information.
- Continue to "like" us on Facebook.
- Remember to pray for all babies, born and unborn.

October 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

It is time to get busy down at the club. Fish Frys have begun every third Friday from 5-7 p.m. with carry outs available. In addition, we will have a spaghetti dinner on November 11 for St. Vincent DePaul Society and a December spaghetti dinner to benefit St. Vincent DePaul School, with the children from the school singing carols for us.

It's coming back soon! Tickets for the chicken and mojo dinner are available in the club room Tuesday-Friday from 4-8 p.m. and also at the fish frys and spaghetti dinners. The date for the dinner will be January 30 and will be held from 12-6 p.m. Get your tickets early as we have sold out each year we have done this.

We are having a First Degree on November 9 at 7 p.m. If you know a Catholic gentleman over 18 that would like to be a part of a great organization, bring them to the club that Monday night.

Finally, our food basket committee is beginning to meet and make plans for the distribution of food to the community. Last year we gave away 450 baskets to needy families in the county, and we could use your help in planning, sorting, and packing the boxes. Please take a little time to make a difference over the holiday season. These food boxes are truly a blessing to many families who may not know where their next meal is coming from.

May God bless each of us and our families so we can continue to make a positive difference in our community.
GK Steve Riikonen

Spiritual Corner, cont...

In my own life it was women that helped me become more spiritual. It started with my Mom who was a great example of a spiritual woman. The nuns I had in grade school taught me more about my faith than I appreciated at the time. My wife, who started a journey to become more spiritual some years ago, brought me along with her. Even my oldest daughter called one Sunday night many years ago and asked if I would help teach Religious Ed. It made me learn more about the faith so I could teach it. None of these women were priests, but all played a part in making me a better Catholic in ways no priest could have done. And I didn't even mention our Blessed Mother Mary. This column would have to become a book to write down the ways that she helps us.

Take time out today to reflect on the women in your life that have helped you on your journey to becoming holy and, if possible, thank them.

Join us for our next monthly Rosary at St. Vincent at 7:00 PM on November 6. We pray together for over 300 ill or homebound brothers and sisters. I know these prayers help. God Bless

Next meeting
November 10 at 7 p.m.

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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Mike O'Bryant, a 4th Degree Brother and a faithful supporter of the Council, who died October 11, 2015.

Calendar of Coming Events

November 5—4 th Degree Meeting
November 6—Rosary St. Vincent's 7:00 p.m.
November 8—3 rd Degree in South Bend
November 9—First Degree—Elkhart-7 p.m.
November 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
November 11—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
November 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Nov	Member	Saint
1	Edward Manteuffel	St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa
1	Thomas Sutula	St. Amabilis
3	Dennis Lochmandy	St. Winifred
3	Gerald Lockwood	St. Martin Deporres
4	Jose Luis Rodrigues	St. Charles Boromeo
5	Randall Brewers	St. Elizabeth
5	Fr. Wilson Corzo	St Sylvia
5	Scott Franko	St. Domninus
5	Roger Howard	St. Bertilia
5	Ronald Rudin	St. Fibitius
6	Jose Celis	St. Atticus
6	Matthew Eppers	St. Leonard
8	Carlos Campos	St. Wiomad
8	Thomas Hines	St. Tysilio
10	William Mellen	St. Leo the Great
11	Philip Kile	St. Theodore
13	Michael Brewers	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
14	Richard Kavanagh	St. Lawrence O'Toole

Nov	Member	Saint
15	Eugene Gorman	St. Albert
15	Robert Jackson	St. Eugene
16	Brad Martin	St. Margaret of Scotland
17	Rustom Dubash	St. Elizabeth
18	Earl Huxhold	St. Rose Philippine
18	Mark Stoops	St. Odo of Cluny
20	Thomas Hutkins	St. Bernward
20	Thomas Jaskolka	St. Edmund Rich
21	Nicholas Bayer	St. Glasius
23	Rico Ivagnilio	St. Columban
27	Jack Hartman	St. Maximus
27	George Kalil	St. James Intercisus
28	Brian Lochmandy	St. Valerian
28	Mitch Mawhorter	St. Fionnchu
29	Jonathon Krider	St. James
29	Steve Spretnjak	St. Saturninus
30	Wayne Campbell	St. Andrew

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

It’s hard to believe that it is half way through October already and time for another column. As I have stated before, sometimes the Holy Spirit just hands them to me, and sometimes I have nothing until I sit down at the keyboard. That was the case today. I think He is trying to teach me humility.

We constantly hear those that are wanting to change Church teaching, telling us the many ways we are wrong on many counts: marriage; contra-ception; women priests. Pope Francis, because of his style, has been a lightning rod for these kinds of discussions. I take that as a good thing and not a bad one. It forces us to think about these things and do the research to find out what we believe so we can defend it. It makes us better Catholics.

Let’s talk about women priests, for instance. Saint John Paul II said that this was not a teaching that he had the authority to change because it was established by Jesus. So does that mean that women have no place in the Church as some would think? I don’t think so. This month alone we celebrate two women, though not priests, that brought change and modeled how to be disciples of Jesus. We started with St. Therese of Lisieux. Through her “little way,” she showed us that we all can be holy and that we can do it in our everyday lives. We don’t have to do things on a grand scale. Next was St. Teresa of Avila. She reformed the Carmelite Order, which had become a “comfortable” way to live. Both of these women became Doctors of the Church.

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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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News Summary By Bob Earley

- November is a great time to be thankful for family, health, friends and all our other many blessings. We are also grateful for having such a strong, active group leading our council, which starts with our volunteering and recruiting efforts.
- Thanks to all who made our November spaghetti dinner for the St. Vincent DePaul Society such a great success. We served 231 people and had lots of good help!
- There are more good food options and more ways to volunteer coming up. One in particular is our annual chicken and mojos dinner which will be held on January 30, 2016. Tickets are on sale now, and we are seeking volunteers as well.
- For legal reasons, we are in the process of having our building transferred to the Elkhart Columbus Club. Thanks to Scott Franko, we were able to review a new logo to represent the new name of the building.
- There will be a Thanksgiving mass at St. Vincent's at 9:30 a.m. Please consider attending to start your Thanksgiving Day on a blessed note.
- Poker Tourney!!! A tournament will be held on Black Friday. Please come and join us for a good time and maybe even a chance to finance your holiday shopping sprees.
- On December 11, we will be packing food for the holiday food baskets, starting at 6 p.m., at 2508 Jeanwood Drive on the north side of Elkhart. Distribution of these baskets will be on December 12, beginning at 7 a.m.
- On November 29, there will be a rosary at St. Thomas Church to increase devotion to our Blessed Mother. It will be led by Jeff Robertson after the 11:30 a.m. mass.
- Remember, our hall is available for rent. If you have an event, why not have it with us? Call Steve Riikonen at 574-293-0341 for more information.
- Have a great and blessed Thanksgiving.



Give thanks to the Lord
for He is good;
His love is
everlasting.

November 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As the holiday season approaches, it is a great time to reflect on our lives. What do we do to make the world a better place? How do we leave our imprint on the people around us? How will we be remembered?

This is the season for giving and knowing the joy that comes from it. We have many activities coming up in the next few months. I encourage you to pick one or two and lend a hand, not only to help our club, but also to make a difference in the community we live in. If you have ideas on how we can lend a hand and help others, come to a meeting and let us know.

I hope everyone is blessed to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends and to truly give thanks for the blessings we have all received.

God Bless.

GK Steve Riikonen

Spiritual Growth Corner

by George Kalil

OK, by a show of hands, how many of you played some sport while in high school or college? Now, how many made the varsity in whatever sport it was that you played? All right, one last question, how many of you could go out today and compete at that level in that sport? I don't see any hands up.

For some of us, age has caught up with us, and things don't work as well as they used to, but some of you aren't that old. What happened? You quit the intense workouts and practices that kept you at the top of your game. When you stopped those, you didn't stay where you were physically but started to fall back to a condition less than what it takes to stay competitive.

If that is true of your body, don't you think that is true of your soul also? For many of us, we have slipped into the belief that going to Mass on Sunday and trying to live our lives as "good" as we can is enough. Well, just like in sports, if you are not moving forward, you are going backward. There is no standing still.

But you are lucky. Advent is just around the corner. It is a short 4 week period where we can make some changes in our spiritual life. We should use this time to not only prepare for the commercial Christmas that we all like to complain about but also the real Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pick up your Bible and read the Gospels, one a week. Attend an extra Mass each week.

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3	Andrew Fry	St. Lucius		14	Allan J. Ludwig	St. John of the Cross
3	Richard D. Mackey	St. Francis Xavier		15	Arturo Herrera	St. Adalberto
3	Nelson J. Nix	St. John		17	Matthew Stackowicz	St. Bibiana
6	Michael Coy	St. Nicholas		18	Anthony Cunnane	St. Rufus
7	Edward J. Chomer	St. Victor		21	Todd Nusbaum	S. Adrian
7	Richard E. Frye	St. Servus		23	Luke A. Sandefur	St. John of Kanti
8	Mariano Fernandez	St. Macarius		23	Terry Stewart	St. Vintila
8	Gregory Lakner	St. Romaric		24	Bob Earley	St. Adele
8	Travis Mahoney	St. Eucharis		26	Rafael Garcia	St. Stephen
9	Robert Zahm	St. Juan Diego		26	Paul Maciejewski	St. Abadiu
11	Joseph H. Stevens	St. Barsabas		26	Daniel Stackowicz	St. Pope Dionysius
12	Dr. Gerald Broderick	St. Alexander		29	Robert R. Meehan	St. Thomas Becket
12	Anthony Fiorentino	St. Jane Frances	30	Max A. Yeakey	St. Egwin	
13	Donald J. Quinn	St. Jodic				

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil (*continued*)

Read an inspirational book that will help you move forward in your spiritual journey. There are many out there: Be a Man by Fr. Larry Richards; No Turning Back by Fr. Donald Calloway; Behold the Man by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. I have read the first two and highly recommend them. I just got the last one but attended a parish mission where he was the presenter and am looking forward to reading it. He is a dynamic speaker.

Just like in sports, we are not all good in the same one. If none of these work for you, pick something that does. It isn’t good enough to think we can stay where we are. We are falling back if we are not moving forward. If none of this inspires you, listen to the words of Jesus in Revelation, Chapter 3:16: “So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot or cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

Our next First Friday Rosary will be on December 4 at 7:00 PM at St. Vincent. This will be our 392nd consecutive Rosary. Come and be a part of it to enrich your Advent preparation.

Brother Knights,

I want to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – here’s why. It’s not about the number. It’s not that \$100 Billon isn’t impressive – it is. It’s not that it doesn’t matter – it does. But it’s about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves. It’s \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It’s \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It’s a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It’s not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights pass away. 74. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don’t have enough. We don’t have enough to send the children to school. We don’t have enough to save the family home. We don’t have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me. For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family’s financial future: thank you for your trust. For those of you that haven’t yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours. Call me today, 574-514-4941 Vivat Jesus!



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all Brother Knights!
- We'd like to thank all of you who have donated your time, talent and treasure to help pack and distribute Christmas food baskets to over 450 Elkhart area families who will have an enjoyable meal this Christmas season.
- Tickets for the Chicken and Mojos dinner are available for purchase and to sell. Please pick up some tickets at the Elkhart Columbus Club. The dinner will be held on January 30. Please consider attending this delicious meal and enjoy some good conversations and great food.
- Put your spaghetti appetite on hold for a few months. Our next spaghetti dinner to benefit the Elkhart County Right to Life will be held later in the spring.
- Please attend the next 5th Sunday rosary to be held at St. Thomas Church after the 11:30 a.m. mass on January 31.
- Join us for our next 5th Sunday breakfast on January 31 as well.
- George Kalil reminded everyone that there will be a Right to Life Rally on Saturday, January 16, starting at the Lerner Theatre and then progressing to the Women's Care Center located in downtown Elkhart.
- The transition of the building from the Knights of Columbus 1043 to the Elkhart Columbus Club is closer to completion. A new logo has been approved and will be used on any new signage, our new Facebook page, and future advertising and brochures. Thanks again to all who voted on this change and to Scott Franko who designed the new logo.
- Remember that our hall is available for rent for those holiday parties and other event. If you have an up-coming event, why not have it with us? Call Steve Riikonen at 574-293-0341 for more information.
- Be sure to "like" us on Facebook.
- One final note worth mentioning: the parking lot next to the hall is (finally) open so there is plenty of convenient parking for all of our events in 2016!!

December 2015



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. As our new year approaches our club has to continue to look for new and innovative ways that we can serve our community. With each endeavor we undertake there remains one constant: we cannot do it alone. We need the help of every member to make a difference.

In January we will have our regular fish fry on the third Friday. In addition, we will have our annual chicken and mojo dinner on the 30th and our 5th Sunday breakfast on the 31st. Chicken and Mojo tickets are on sale now and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-13, under 5 free. Our breakfast is a free will offering.

With so many activities, I encourage each member to please give a little time to help with these projects. Sign up sheets will be at the club. You can call and put your name on the list when it is best for you.

Lent will be upon us soon, and we will need help during the fish frys to serve, cook and clean up. We also need people to eat so help spread the word. Also, in case you haven't heard, the parking lot next to the building is open so the walk is a little easier for you to join us for a meal.

I want to give a special thanks to everyone who served on the Christmas Basket committee. Again this year our club will help 450 families in our community who need a little help. Many of us have been blessed and have never been in a situation where there was no food in the cupboard, or where we didn't know how we were going to feed our children. Our club will help these families and give them peace at least for a little while, but we also will show them that they are loved and that we care about them.

Again, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
GK Steve Riikonen

Next meeting

January 12 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, Andy Baker, Gene Caravez, Sheila Dibley, Fr. John Eze, Cherie Fish, Braden Hartman, Tim Johnson, the Lagree family, Jim Linn, Connie Nicodemus, Parker Nicodemus, Mitch Nihart, Mike O'Bryant family, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Bob and Ericka Reese, Sam Rodino, Mike Russo, Steve Spretnjak, Gene Terabek, Mrs. Tierney and the Winer family.

December Meeting

Members at the meeting on December 8 were as follows: Lee Evers, George Kalil, Steve Revelli, Bob Earley, Richard Sheve, Phil Kile, Rick Frye, Rob Jackson, Earl Huxhold, Jon Fish, Adam Bujalski, and Andrew Fry.

Calendar of Coming Events

December 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
January 1—Rosary St. Vincent's 10:00 A.M.
January 7—4th Degree
January 9—Free Throw Contest-St. Thomas
January 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
January 15—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
January 16—Right to Life Rally-Lerner-noon
January 30—Chicken & Mojo Dinner
January 31—5th Sunday breakfast



For unto you is
born this day in the
city of David, a
Savior, which is
Christ the Lord!

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. Ammonius

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. Iemma	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. Ildephonsus
27	Leonardo Bumbaca	St. Marius
30	Sherman W. Hansen	St. Matthias
30	Harry L. Palmer	St. Aldegundis

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

So how is your Advent going? Have you kept up with your preparations for the coming of Jesus to the world? I will tell you, when one of the things you picked was to fast more and when you work in an office that loves to do carry-ins and bring in snacks, it isn't easy. I have failed a few times but that is OK.

If we know one thing as Catholics, it is that you can always ask for forgiveness and start over. It works for our souls, too. If you haven't done so yet or you haven't done so in a long time, it is the perfect time to go to confession. What better way to welcome the most perfect baby ever born to this world than with a clear conscience and a clean soul. I know it isn't easy. It is always hard to admit first to ourselves and then to someone else that we have failed. One thing the nuns taught me was that the one that counts, God, already knows what you have done. All He is asking you to do is admit it and ask for forgiveness. He is mercifully waiting to give it to you.

There are numerous times and places to go to confession. Afford yourself the opportunity to go some time in the next two weeks. You will be glad you did and so will the baby Jesus.

I wish all of you and your families a Joyful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be praying our 393rd consecutive Rosary for the sick on January 1st **after the 9:00 AM Mass** at St. Vincent. How about making a New Year's resolution to join us on that day and every month after that? This world needs all the prayers we can offer up.

The Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers, we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month? I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, but those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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