



Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043
112 E. Lexington Avenue
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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- The next 2nd and 3rd Degrees will be in South Bend on February 11 & 12 at Notre Dame Council 1477, K of C Building, Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. The K of C Hall is located at the end of Corby Drive on Notre Dame's campus. 2nd Degree is on Saturday, February 11 at 12:30 p.m. 3rd Degree is on Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. Please show up 1/2 hour early for the degree ceremony. No preregistration is needed. You will, however, need a valid 2012 membership card when you arrive at the Council. Therefore, please make sure you send in your dues payment ASAP so that I will have time to get your 2012 membership card to you before February 11/12. If you do take your 2nd and/or 3rd Degree, please let me know so that I can verify with the 2nd/3rd Degree team and submit the paperwork to Supreme about your advancement in our Order.
- January's spaghetti dinner for Elkhart County Right to Life raised \$669 for them plus additional donations they received.
- The proceeds from the February 1 spaghetti dinner will benefit St. Thomas School.
- The collection for the vocation fund yielded \$68 at the January meeting.
- Dues report: As of January 10, we have received 120 dues payments out of 292 members who owe dues. This is well behind the pace from last year. Second notices will be going out after January 15 to those we have not heard from as per Supreme Council's guidelines.
- Membership cards for those who have paid prior to January 10 will be in the mail before January 15.
- Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for February 2 from 2-6 p.m. at the Council. Please make an effort to donate life! Spread the word!
- Jon Fish, DGK, has requested help organizing and planning the Tootsie Roll program. Contact him at: jfish30515@concast.net if you are interested in helping.
- Fr. Bill reported that the Sons of St. Joseph will meet Sunday, January 15 from 6-7:30 at Elliot Hall.
- Phil Stackowicz distributed Prospect Referral cards to members in attendance at the meeting. A prospect's name is placed on the card and sent in to the Council. Prospects will receive information about the Knights of Columbus and our Council and will be contacted about their possible interest in joining the Knights.
- Phil Stackowicz also reported that there is never a bad time to think about taking care of your family by purchasing one of the Knights of Columbus insurance products or annuities.
- Jim Gallagher reported that St. Vincent's has started a naturalization assistance program. If you want to donate money for this, please send donations to the Council ATTN: Financial Secretary. Make checks out to the Knights of Columbus Council 1043 and put "SVC Naturalization Program" on the memo line.
- There will be a men's conference February 25 from 9a.m.-5 p.m. in Ft. Wayne, "A Call to Lead." Register by visiting: <http://rekindlethefire.net> or pick up a form at the back of church.

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January 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to start by wishing everyone a blessed 2012. I pray that 2012 will be filled with success and good health for all of you and your families. We have a lot of work to do this year, but I feel really confident about it, knowing that the Catholic gentlemen from Council 1043 are so ambitious and dedicated to serving their families, parishes, community, and neighbors.

I mentioned some new projects at this month's meeting. Jim Gallagher suggested one of the best projects I have heard about lately: a program to support people wishing to become U.S. citizens. Although I have never had to do it, it seems that it would be difficult to move to a country, learn the language, support a family, and try to become a citizen of that country. For those of us who were blessed enough to be born in the U.S., it has never been a concern for us, but when you stop to think about it, the task of becoming a citizen is overwhelming! Please see what you can do to help Jim with this important project.

As most of you know, the Elkhart County Right to Life held a rally at the Learner Theater on Saturday, January 14. Since one of the most important mainstays of our faith is the belief that each life that God has created is precious, I hope that you were there wearing your Knights name badge to "practice what we preach." "Born and unborn" is not just a little cliché we use with the Pledge of Allegiance, it is WHO WE ARE! This principle is the very essence of our Faith and our Fraternity. Thanks to the 4th Degree Color Guard and all of the rest of you who supported this very important event.

Benny Wiercioch, who so many of you know, "practiced what he preached." Even now, residing in a nursing home on Greenleaf Boulevard, he is so concerned about everyone else. Twenty-five years of food baskets, 345 consecutive First Friday Rosaries, a ROCK in our fraternity, his home, and his parish, he has set a perfect example for those of us who wish to have happy and full lives. Please take time to go and visit him. What does he ask about? Everyone else. True happiness, contentment, peace, and love are experienced by being concerned about others!

One last note to start 2012 off in the right direction. There will be 2nd and 3rd Degrees offered at the Notre Dame Council 1477 on the campus in February. As with everything else in life, nothing stands still. Either you are going forward or backward. Please make this the year that you move ahead in the Knights of Columbus! I cannot promise you that going forward in the Knights will get you a mansion, exotic sports car, or pocket full of gold, but if you want to be happy, content, at peace with yourself and the world, and see Jesus' face in everyone you meet, involvement with the Knights can help you attain these things.

Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

Calendar of Coming Events

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| February 1—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |
| February 2—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m Bristol |
| February 3—Rosary St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m. |
| February 14—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| February 17/24—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |

Next meeting

February 14, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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January Meeting

Members at the meeting on

January 10 were as follows: Rick Frye, Phil Kile, George Kalil, Joe Tinervia, Jon Fish, Charles Fortino, Lee Evers, Richard Scheve, Jim Gallagher, Rob Jackson, Larry Scalise, Harry Palmer, Bob Earley, Bill Method, Miguel Mendoza, Jose Luis Rodriguez, James J. Knopick, Scott Chris, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Phil Stackowicz, Kevin Doroh, Jim Pettit, Rafael Garcia, Victor H. Reyes, Gabriel Alvarez, Tom Pawlak, Nick Bayer, Dan Wierzwicki, Jeff Robertson, Steve Revelli, Earl Huxhold, Fred Thomson, Steve Spretnjak, Arturo Herrera, and T.J. Repaich.

In Our Prayers

Brothers and their family members 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 Benedict, Bishop Rhoades, Bishop Darcy, Fr. Bill, Fr. Bob, Fr. Glenn, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Phil, Leonard Antonelli, Asoera family, Joe Bickel, Dave Buzalski, Gene Caravez, Matt Casey family, Don Ciano, Gary Delucenay, Dick Dyer, Tom Ferro, Andrew Fry family, Gia Gallagher, Ron Gerstbauer, Gabrielle Hernandez, Kevin Hickson, Bill & Cora Hutkins, Tom Hutkins, Joe Jeffers family, Tim Johnson, George Kalil's mother-in-law, Phil Kile, Kloska family, Malcolm Koons, Herman Kruis, Jim Linn, Shorty Murphy, Nagy family, Mitch Nihart, Noffsinger family, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Osowski family, Armando Paez family, Vito Palumbo, Sherm Poole's family, Tim Roberts, Rodino family, Mike Russo, Samuels family, Emma Schwindamen, Siciliano family, Summers family, Gene Terabek, Fred Thomson family, John Tierney's mother, Wenzel family, Benny & Virginia Wiercioch, Wildenburg family, and Claire Williams.

News from Joe continued:

- Fred Thomson will not be spearheading this year's "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program. Our Council has gathered nearly one third of all phones collected by all the councils in the entire state of Indiana in the past two years. We make an impact! We need a Knight to continue this program. Fred and others can still offer help and advice. Please contact an officer if you are interested in leading this program.

| Birthdays for February | | | | | | |
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| Date | Member | Saint | | Date | Member | Saint |
| 1 | Michael J. Wargo | St. Brigid | | 15 | Matthew Marks | St. Faustinus |
| 2 | Michael B. Rody | St. Adalbald | | 15 | Brian Turco | St. Jordan |
| 3 | Max L. Overton | St. Blaise | | 17 | Ryan Chris | St. Alexis Falconieri |
| 8 | Travis Mahoney | St. Dionysius | | 18 | Lawrence J. Krazit | St. Simeon |
| 8 | Anthony Miller | St. Jerome | | 20 | John S. Uryga | St. Wulfric |
| 8 | Richard Scheve | St. Cuthman | | 22 | Chuck D. Bueter | St. Amata |
| 9 | Francis Vite | St. Alexander | | 23 | James H Gallagher | St. Polycarp |
| 10 | Timothy D. Dibley | St. Scholastica | | 24 | Kevin A. Kiefer | St. Ethelbert |
| 10 | Herman Kruis | St. Austreberta | | 26 | Msg. Joseph Caterino | St. Iasbel of France |
| 10 | Thomas A. Misener | St. Andrew | | 26 | Nicholas Hintz | St.Porphyrius |
| 11 | Alex Villalobos | St. Paschal | | 26 | James Mann | St. Alexander |
| 13 | Matthew Frye | St. William | | 27 | Jonathan DuBois | St. Leander |
| 14 | Alex J. Nagy 3rd | St.Cyril | | 27 | Thomas D. Hartnett | St. Anne Line |
| 15 | Michael I. Kloska | St. Walfrid | | 28 | Ron Desimone | St. Hilary |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Well, it has happened again, as it always does. Christmas has come and gone. The season that seemingly started before Halloween is over. Hopefully, you were able to spend time with family and friends and make some time to spend before Jesus in the manger. Because my youngest daughter lives out of state and couldn't get home for Christmas, we celebrated our family Christmas on January 7. Yes, we still had the tree up with presents under it. It made me reflect on just how quickly a lot of the world ends their Christmas season. When asked how my Christmas was, I would answer that I hadn't celebrated yet and wouldn't for a couple of weeks. Some people just couldn't seem to understand that. I heard the stories of how everything was taken down Christmas night because they were just "tired" of everything Christmas. The "Boy-am-I-glad-it's-over" attitude seemed to prevail. But I also sensed from some that they were somehow envious because for me, Christmas wasn't over yet. The Church celebrates the Octave of Christmas and extends the celebration for days. There is a lesson to be learned in that. The birth of Christ shouldn't be a one-day event but the beginning of a life changing encounter with Jesus.

The Catholic Church in over 2000 years has had plenty of time to get things right in what they do and how they do it. The day after Christmas, in this time of celebration and great joy, they have decided to celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr. He was stoned to death because he believed in that little baby in the manger. That sure seems to put a damper on a great and joyous season. Why would they do that? They want to remind us that, yes, that cute little baby is the same person that becomes the man beaten and bloodied on the cross. Being a follower of Christ isn't going to be easy. It will take work for us to get through that cross, something we all have to do just as Jesus did, to reach that wonderful Resurrection. We need to keep working at becoming holy. We have an opportunity coming up that will help us along that path. The second annual Men's Conference will be held on February 25, 2012, at the Ft. Wayne Coliseum from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mass with the Bishop will be at 4 p.m. Last year 1300 men attended, and I would venture to say that all of them had a life changing experience in some way. You can find more information or register for this conference by going to the website www.rekindlethefire.net. I encourage all men who are able to attend this conference to do so. It just may lead you closer to that encounter with Jesus. If you would like to talk to me about this, feel free to give me a call at 875-5860.

Finally, remember our 346th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, February 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church. Encountering the Lord in this special time of prayer can help each of us on our road to holiness as well.

God bless

Fish Fry Reminder

We look forward to having a full house for this month's fish fry to be held on Friday, January 20, from 5-7p.m. In addition, we will have our 3rd Friday fish fry in February on February 17 with the Lenten weekly fish fries beginning on Friday, February 24. See you there!!



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- As you may know, Benny Wiercioch passed away February 1. His work while with us inspired and continues to inspire Knights and others. Please keep Virginia and his family in your prayers. Participating in the First Friday Rosary each month at St. Vincent's at 7:30 p.m. would be a good way to honor Benny's memory. The next one is on Friday, March 2.
- A good discussion took place at the meeting as to how to honor and remember long-time member, Benny Wiercioch. As a result, the idea emerged to build a wooden box that would be beautifully displayed at our events, such as fish fries and spaghetti dinners, where people could donate non-perishable items. These items would then be donated to a local food pantry to honor Benny's memory.
- There will be a fish fry every Friday during Lent from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids 6-12. Come yourself and bring families and friends to this important council fundraiser. It's an excellent value.
- "Rekindle the Fire," a men's retreat, will be held once again in Ft. Wayne. This year's event will be February 25 starting at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "A Call to Lead." For more information on the retreat, please visit <http://www.rekindlethefire.net/>
- Our most recent spaghetti dinner was a success, benefitting St. Thomas School. Our next dinner on Wednesday, March 7 from 5-7 p.m. will benefit ADEC. Please come and support this worthwhile event.
- In addition, we are in need of a coordinator for the spaghetti dinners starting in August. Please contact Shane Blotkamp for more information on duties. Your help will be GREATLY appreciated.
- We are in need of a Tootsie Roll coordinator as other commitments are going to keep Jon Fish from continuing to chair this event.
- The Cell Phone for Soldiers will be underway, beginning March 26, and run through June, 2012. Please consider volunteering to drop off collection boxes and pick up cell phones from time to time. If you are interested, we could use a coordinator as Mitch Nihart may not be available 100% of the time due to medical treatments he is receiving from the Army.
- Mark your calendar and get your team together for Knights Trivia Night March 10.
- St. Thomas is holding their mission from March 11-14. A number of great speakers will discuss a variety of topics. Please attend one of more of the sessions.
- The Blood Drive was a success with 17 units being collected. The next drive will be in September.
- The Golf Tournament and Monte Carlo Event will be held at Harbor Links & Brook Hill in Brookville, IN. If interested in attending, visit KofCgolf-tourn2012@live.com for more information. The fee is \$120/golfer.
- Mass journals were still available at the Council after the meeting. They are a great way to record prayerful thoughts and sayings to be used during times of reflection.
- The annual Cubs trip is set for August 10. The \$80 cost includes a ticket, breakfast, transportation, and good times. Tickets must be paid prior to game day in order to reserve your place. For more information, contact TJ Repach.

February 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As I looked out over the very small group of Knights who attended this month's business meeting, I began to feel a little let down. I then took time to reflect and realized what a great bunch of guys I have been entrusted to serve! Our meeting was held on Valentine's Day, a day to express our love to those closest and dearest to us. I guess I should have been more disappointed if there had been a large crowd at the meeting. While the Knights of Columbus is very important to me, God, family, parish and then the Knights should be the order of priorities in my life. If the order gets misaligned, I will probably experience some problems! (I noticed the silence as I was leaving the house to go to the meeting. I have some catching up to do there as she definitely is worth making up with!)

One major item we discussed in the meeting was the need for some new leaders in a couple of areas. First, Shane Blotkamp, who has been in charge of the First Wednesday Charity Spaghetti Dinners for a few years, has a full plate with his District Deputy and family responsibilities and is seeking a replacement as spaghetti dinner chairman. If you are interested in this type of service, please contact Shane to see what this activity entails, either as the chairman or just as a helper with the dinner. In addition, Jon Fish, the Deputy Grand Knight who has chaired the Tootsie Rolls for ADEC campaign, has taken on new family responsibilities and needs a replacement for chairmanship of this very worthy service activity. Please contact Jon if you are interested in this opportunity, and he will go over what the job entails. Finally, Chancellor Mitch Nihart, who is still dealing with some physical problems from the military, is asking for someone who would work closely with him on the Cell Phones for Soldiers project. We have always been major contributors to this cause, and Mitch needs some help to keep this project going. Please pray to discern what God would have you do for these ministries.

On Saturday, February 25, there will be a one-day men's retreat at the Coliseum in Ft. Wayne, starting at 9 a.m. There are groups going from the three local parishes. I would highly recommend this day of prayer and fellowship to recharge your spiritual batteries and be all that God created you to be. Bishop Rhoades will end the retreat by celebrating Mass at 4 p.m. that day. Having attended this retreat for the last two years, I am really excited about going this year. I hope to see you all there!

As we approach our season of Lent, please take time to look inward. Pray for discernment in your lives, as we all strive to be better Catholics. As you attend Mass in your parishes (hopefully using your mass journals), please look for ways to be of service and see the face of Christ in each person in all walks of your life. To be a follower of Christ is a huge responsibility, but as Knights of Columbus, I know we are up to it!

Remember there will be a fish fry every Friday during Lent. Bring your friends and family for our delicious fish!
Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

Next meeting

March 13, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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Condolences



How does one pay tribute to a man who was such a role model for us all? Certainly one would have to include reference to countless hours of service and hundreds of pounds of Tootsie Rolls distributed to benefit ADEC. In addition, he should be lauded for starting the K of C Christmas food basket drive which, in 25 years, grew from helping 10 families to feeding over 600 this year. However, he would likely have wanted to be remembered most for his devotion to the Blessed Mother, which led to his starting the First Friday Rosary 29 years ago next month. As a mentor for editors of the K of C newsletter, he was always eager to convey the message that more Knights and their families should be coming to that First Friday prayer time. As a "painter" of happiness and holiness, he will be sorely missed, as we express our condolences to the family of Past Grand Knight and 4th degree member, Benny Wiercioch.

Birthdays for March

| Date | Member | Saint | | Date | Member | Saint |
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| 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 |
| 3 | Bernard Koch | St. Katharine | | 21 | Salvadore Plaia | St. Arcangelo |
| 4 | Scott Samuels | St. Casimir | | 21 | Paul A. Roell | St. Birillus |
| 6 | Robert E. Letherman | St. Colette | | 23 | Adam Bujalski | St. Toribio |
| 7 | Zackary DuBois | St. Paul | | 23 | Malcolm O. Koons | St. Benedict |
| 7 | James W. Linn | St. Ardo | | 25 | Joe Foy | St. Dismas |
| 9 | Andrew Kloss | St. Frances | | 25 | Francis M. Lima | St. Alfwold |
| 13 | Todd Kankel | St. Agnello | | 26 | Larry Kijak | St. Margaret Clitherow |
| 17 | Drew Billings | St. Ambrose | | 27 | Sean Asoera | St. Rupert |
| 17 | Phillip D. Stillson | St. Patrick | | 29 | Dennis K. Lyon | St. Berthold |
| 19 | Rick W. Koerting | St. Joseph | | 31 | Joseph Morthorst | St. Benjamin |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Lent is nearly here. If you haven’t already, you will soon start hearing, “What are you giving up for Lent?” You may already know what your answer will be: the same thing you always give up, _____. You fill in the blank. Well, let’s make this Lent a little different. Let’s give up a habit that we want to overcome. You know what that behavior is for you—something that you don’t want to go back to on Easter Sunday. Make this Lent a real “life changer.”

Now that you have decided what change you are going to make, let’s ramp it up a bit. Remember what the Church asks us to do: pray, fast, and give alms. Perhaps you can start by going to Ash Wednesday services. Most churches aren’t full on Ash Wednesday, and if all Catholics attended, we would have to add services. If you already pray, fast, and give alms on a regular basis, go to Mass more frequently during Lent. Give up a meal once a week and donate the money to a good cause. Find a way that works for you. Offer up all of the extra sacrifices during Lent for our Bishops as they attempt to deal with what is going on in our country right now. It will be good for us and for them.

Remember the Men’s Conference in Ft. Wayne on February 25 and attend if possible. It will be a great way to start the Lenten season. The sacrament of Reconciliation, something else a lot of us need to get back to, will be offered throughout the day, and Lent is a perfect time to renew our commitment to this special gift.

Finally, remember our 347th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, March 2, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. Encountering the Lord in this special time of prayer can also add to our Lenten devotions. God bless

40 Days for Life

“40 Days for Life” begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and runs through April 1. There will be prayers said at the Women’s Pavilion at 2010 Ironwood Circle, South Bend. Here is a sample prayer that can be said anywhere during these 40 days: “Heavenly Father, we thank you for caring about each of us so deeply. Help us to see and know you as our Father in Heaven each and every day of our lives. Your loving hand also rests on every child today carried in its mother’s womb. May they be born into this world and come to know fully and personally your endless love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” For more information, go to: www.40daysforlife.com.

The Elkhart County Right to Life will meet on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Goshen Library Auditorium. There will be a Life Chain at the corner of Main and Bristol Streets (St. Thomas Church) on Saturday, March 3, from 11 a.m.-noon. Please support these pro-life events with your presence and your prayers.



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board at the hall and on the website (<http://www.koc1043.org/activities>) by going to the scholarship link. Scholarship applications are due by April 7
- The new website is now live. Facebook updates on the website itself are under Council News as well as on a Twitter feed @koc1043. We are striving to get 100 people to "like" our Council on Facebook before Easter at: www.facebook.com/koc1043. Spread the word!
- We are accepting nominations for the slate of officers. An officer must be at least a 3rd Degree member and in good standing.
- \$49 was collected for the vocation fund during the meeting.
- The spaghetti dinner on April 4 is for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. They need our support so come hungry and bring money to donate!
- Matt Snyder stepped up to head the spaghetti dinner as Shane Blotkamp is stepping down in June from leading that committee. Thanks to Shane for starting this successful charitable program benefitting many organizations around Elkhart!
- John Tierney stepped up to head the Tootsie Roll Drive! Thank you, John. As always, he will need volunteers to help him. He will be announcing at upcoming meetings the details for this year's drive.
- A Cinco de Mayo dinner will be held here at the hall with authentic Mexican cuisine on May 5 starting at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person.
- In honor of the anniversary of St. Mary's parish, Bishop Kevin Rhodes will be celebrating mass there on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Fourth Degree Knights with regalia are requested to be there 15 minutes early.
- The 4th Degree trip to the Silver Hawks game on Saturday, July 21, will be open to all members. If you are interested in attending, contact Kevin O'Connor for tickets (email: edoc1944@frontier.com)
- Mark your calendars for a 2nd Degree that will be given on May 20 in Mishawaka followed by a 3rd Degree to be given in Elkhart on June 3!
- Robert Lowman is in need of our prayers as he is undergoing a process for seminary. He is also in need of financial support for some dental work. Those wishing to make a donation, please send a check payable to the Knights of Columbus and put "Rob Lowman" in the subject line. Thank you.
- Finally, our Council is great at raising money for charitable endeavors and organizations. The Council is not as good at raising money for itself. We are faced with decreased attendance at fish fries (which are our primary source of revenue), increasing food costs, a decrease in dues paying members, and fewer hall rentals. We need to raise money for the Council so we do not have a shortfall at the end of the year and are able to pay for the building's overhead (utilities, insurance, etc) We are open to suggestions and, more importantly, open to receive your help in volunteering for ways to generate additional funds for our Council. Let's face it: we cannot do all the good that we do if we are not in the building we are in. So, if you cannot come up with an idea or are too busy to volunteer your time, please help by at least promoting our Council and attending our fish fries. Thank you!

March 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

While I have not been very active with the Degree Teams since becoming Grand Knight, I was able to attend on Monday night when five new members were taking their First Degree with our Council. I was struck, watching those five new members taking their first steps, and wondered about all the people who would be affected by their membership. I thought about my 45 years hunting deer and remembered we have always tried to be careful of our harvest so that good hunting will continue year after year. We do not harvest does because we believed that when you kill a doe, you are actually killing at least a hundred deer with her. Doing the math, it would not make sense to do that unless you were trying to significantly reduce the deer population in a certain area. Along the same lines, when you bring a new member into the Knights of Columbus, that member is exposed to quite a few other Knights doing service and charitable works. In turn, that member, learning our codes and becoming stronger in his faith, begins looking for ways to serve others. Those people's lives become better and they look for ways to serve more people. How many people are helped and have better lives? Hundreds? Thousands? Who really knows? Still, thinking about it is profound and makes each new member precious and special.

During this Lenten season, any service or charitable work we can perform will surely deepen our faith and bring us closer to Jesus Christ. While I was attending a non-denominational Bible study a few years ago, one of the Protestant members began telling me that we Catholics had it all wrong on praying the Holy Rosary. After thinking about it for a moment, I reminded him of all the things we had discussed in that study group: not being the leader of our households like God had intended; not loving those around us as ourselves; not being strictly honest in our business dealings, etc. He said, "Well, we are working on it." I responded that I found it hard to pray the Rosary and get into all that other stuff at the same time. I have noticed a correlation in my own life between the time I take praying, serving others, and being charitable, and the number of sins I commit. He couldn't think of an argument for that!

Thanks to each of you this month for stepping up and helping with the spaghetti dinner, fish fries, and 1st Degrees. Matt Snyder has volunteered to take over the spaghetti dinners from now on and will need volunteers for his committee. In addition, Matt Snyder and Steve Revelli have started a ministry to cook and take Sunday dinners to different organizations, such as the Women's Shelter, R.E.T.A., and any other groups who could use this help. Please contact Matt or Steve to see how you can help.

Please take the time during Lent to spend time with our Lord, read spiritually inspirational literature, and above all, go to RECONCILIATION! Please come learn and grow with our Fraternity in our Faith.

Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

Next meeting

April 10, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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March Meeting

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Congratulations

Congratulations to our five new members who received their 1st Degree on March 12. They are: John Juliano, Charles Borneman, Nicholas Seidl, Kyle Peter and Nicholas Campanello. Please let these new members know how pleased you are to have them as fellow Knights!

Calendar of Coming Events

March 16—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 23—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 30—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
April 4—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
April 6—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.
April 6—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
April 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
April 12—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m.
April 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for April

| Date | Member | Saint |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | James W. Noffsinger | St. Hugh |
| 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 |

| Date | Member | Saint |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 16 | Gordon Scott | St. Benedict |
| 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

Okay, so we are half way through Lent. How are you doing? Are you tired of fasting, praying and almsgiving? Or are you finding it is getting easier because it is becoming a habit? If you are not doing so well because you have failed a few times, take hope. The good thing about our God is that He is merciful and forgiving. Start over again. Today is a new day, and we have half of Lent left to “get it right.” Don’t give up on yourself because God will never give up on you. Speaking of God’s mercy and forgiveness, this is probably a good time to remind you about the Reconciliation Services being held during Lent:

St. Thomas—March 24 at 11 a.m. and St. Vincent—March 27 at 7 p.m.

As part of my Lenten commitment to learn more about our faith, I attended the St. Thomas Parish Mission and heard Fr. David Mary speak. On Sunday, March 11, he talked about God the Father, “Abba, Daddy.” He is a powerful speaker and anytime you have an opportunity to see him, I suggest that you do so. You will come away changed if you take to heart what he says. In Sunday’s presentation he quoted a line from the “Lion King” (yes, that movie) that gave me something to think about, and so I will pass it along for you. Taking this in the context of God the Father talking to His adopted, baptized children, it will give you something to meditate upon while spending that extra Lenten hour in the Adoration Chapel or anywhere else. The line goes like this: “You are more than what you have become.” Wow! **Have I allowed myself to become what God has created me to be?** That is a thought that I will be chewing on for the rest of Lent and even longer.

Finally, remember our 348th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, April 6, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. What a great opportunity to practice being servants, as Jesus demonstrated by washing the Apostles’ feet on Holy Thursday, by giving some of our time to pray for others. God bless all of you.



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- Fish Fry Report—Good Friday's Fish Fry was very successful. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered. There will still be fish frys on the 3rd Friday each month in April, May, and June. Please come down—we love to see you and the fish is fantastic!
- We had a successful Dyngus Day with House of Representatives candidate Jackie Walorski and Gubernatorial candidate Mike Pence stopping by with 60 of their colleagues. Mike stated that it was the best sausage he's ever tasted...how about that?!!
- Spaghetti dinners continue to be served the first Wednesday of the month for a cost of only \$7/adult and \$4/child. Bring your family and friends for good food and fun conversations. We could use more volunteers to cook and clean up. For more information, contact Matthew Snyder.
- Speaking of dinners, we're looking to bring back "Member Chef Night" to be held once a month. More details will come soon.
- The Tootsie Roll Drive will be held the weekend of May 12th. We are in need of volunteers. Please contact John Tierney if you can help.
- The Silver Hawks' baseball game is July 21st. We still have tickets available. For more information, contact Kevin O'Connor.
- Our Council is still collecting donations for the prospective seminarian, Robert Lowman, who needs assistance in paying for dental work. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus" with "Lowman" in the memo line.
- State Convention is coming soon!
- Do you want to spread the good news of our Council to current members and people who may have an interest in joining us? "Like" us on Facebook. Go to: www.facebook.com/kofc1043. The number of "fans" has been growing! Thanks to all who have spread our good news.
- We are still in need of someone to help deliver and pick up collection boxes to area locations for the Cell Phones for Soldiers project. Boxes should be delivered by the end of April and will be picked up before Memorial Day. If you're interested in helping with this project, contact Phil Kile.
- Don't forget about the Gibault program. Every penny helps!
- Remember the Cinco de Mayo Celebration to be held on May 5 at the hall, beginning at 5 p.m.. The cost of the dinner is \$10/person for authentic Mexican food. Sign up at the hall.
- Keep in mind that there will be a 2nd Degree on May 20 in Mishawaka and a 3rd Degree in Elkhart on June 3.

April 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to apologize for missing the meeting this month. I just spent my third night in the hospital. I will have to be a little more careful during my retirement. Actually, I've met a lot of good people during my stay (in the hospital). I'm sure these people feel very unappreciated at times, so I have really tried to show everyone here how much I like and appreciate what they do. This has opened up a lot of chances to share my faith with the staff and has given me a chance to witness to what God has done in my life. When I injured myself on April 6, all I could think of was what a dumb thing I had done. Then I stopped and thought: "This has already happened so I may as well see where it leads me." I'm so glad I could step back and watch these fine employees at Elkhart General Hospital helping everyone while receiving so little gratitude and thanks. I aspire to one day be able to do that.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped at the hall during the fish frys during Lent, the spaghetti dinners and Dyngus Day. Joe sent some pictures out, and it looked really busy. You guys are the best! I sometimes get so wrapped up in finding people to do the next great project we have that I forget to convey my gratitude to all of you who make each project so successful. I will try not to lose track of that. The Knights of Columbus Council 1043 would not accomplish anything without each one of you saying "yes" to God and then joining the Council to serve and help others be what God created them to be. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Of course, there is always room for more projects and ministries. Matt Snyder and Steve Revelli recently launched a new dinner ministry for groups in need here in Elkhart. Their first target was the Women's Shelter, and I heard the event was a great success! If you would like to help them, please contact one of them and offer to serve with them. If you have discerned an idea of a new ministry of your own, please approach one of the officers in our council, and we will show you how to organize and gain funding for your new ministry. Someone is always in need!

Keep up the great work, and I will be with you this month to go forward and follow God's direction to help and serve the persons next to us.

Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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May 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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April Meeting

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Condolences

We offer our sympathies to the family of Robert Ellert who passed away on March 21, 2012. Please keep them in your prayers.

Calendar of Coming Events

April 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

May 2—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

May 3—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m.

May 4—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.

May 5—Cinco de Mayo dinner 5 p.m.

May 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

May 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

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| Date | Member | Saint | | Date | Member | Saint | | |
| 3 | Matthew Pletcher | St. James | | 17 | Aaron Schade | St. Thethmar | | |
| 4 | Stuart Broderick | St. Florian | | 17 | Jeffrey L. Thomas | St. Adrio | | |
| 6 | Kenneth Solnoky | St. Benedicta | | 25 | Christopher Eppers | St. Urban | | |
| 9 | Daniel T. Corpe | St. Beatus | | 25 | John Rice | St. Aldhelm | | |
| 9 | Matthew Giles | St. Vincent | | 25 | Salvatore Staltari | St. Genistus | | |
| 13 | Doug Ryback | St. John the Silent | | 27 | Patrick Mauck | St. Augustine | | |
| 14 | Rod Hale | St. Michael Garicoits | | 29 | Victor Arko | St. Cyrl | | |
| 14 | Frank Lucchese Jr. | St. Matthias | | 30 | Ron Cittadine | St. Hubert | | |
| 14 | Reverend Bill Sullivan | St. Boniface | | 30 | Joseph M. Koscielny | St. Joan of Arc | | |
| 17 | Frederick D. Birzele | St. Cathan | | 30 | Michael Petersen | St. Ferdinand III | | |
| 17 | Brian Kalil | St. Heradius | | | | | | |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Alleluia!

It is over. The countdown to the end of Lent has been completed. Hopefully, the effort devoted to giving up or doing something extra has been rewarding for you by changing you in some way. We just completed the Holiest Week in the Church calendar. We were there as Jesus was betrayed on Holy Thursday and tried and found guilty, beaten, crucified and buried on Good Friday. Then on Holy Saturday, we experienced an emptiness, a sense of loneliness, knowing that Jesus was lying in a tomb, and we felt separated from Him. But then came Easter Sunday. Alleluia! He is Risen! Nothing that happened on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday makes sense without Sunday.

Wednesday’s Gospel reading was the story of the walk to Emmaus. It is easy to listen to this and think that those two disciples really weren’t that quick. How could they walk for seven miles with Jesus, listening to Him speak and teach, and not recognize Him? But with a little reflection, we realize that we are no different. When we are dealing with day-to-day problems at work or in our family, when we or a loved one are having health issues, or when a loved one or friend dies and it just doesn’t make sense to us, do we recognize that Jesus is walking with us? If you are like me, the answer is sometimes “yes” but also, more often than I want to admit, “no.” That is what the Resurrection is all about. It is about Jesus walking with us and showing us that God’s hand is in everything we experience and that Jesus will always be with us to share the struggle so we can experience the joy at the end.

We celebrate Easter for 50 days, 10 days longer than Lent. The message is clear: the reward is greater than the suffering.

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Alleluia!!

Finally, remember our 349th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. I hope to see many of you there as we start our 29th year of First Friday Rosaries.

God bless all of you.



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. It is easy to do and requires no money, just prayers. For more information, visit www.hearts4life.org or get more information at the hall.
- Cell Phones for Soldiers will soon be underway. Boxes will be delivered to Martin's Supermarkets in our region. Those who assisted last year as well as newcomers can get involved by picking up a box at the lounge and dropping it off at a designated store. For more information, contact Bob Earley (Robert.Earley@comcast.net & @574-304-1293) Boxes need to be dropped off by Memorial Day.
- Remember the spaghetti dinner on the first Wednesday of each month, only \$7/adult and \$4/child. May's dinner for the Center for Healing and Hope was a great success. The June 6 dinner is for Bashor Children's Home. Bring your family and friends for good food and fun conversations. We can use more volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. To help, contact Matt Snyder.
- On June 10 there will be a Corpus Christi procession starting at St. Thomas at 3:30 p.m. and ending with Mass and Adoration at St. Vincent's.
- Congratulations to Fr. Bill, who is celebrating his 40th year of priesthood on May 20. There will be an anniversary mass on June 17 at 10:30, followed by a celebration at St. Thomas. It would be great to have as many Brothers as possible at this mass and celebration to thank Fr. Bill for his years of selflessness and dedication to his vocation.
- A trip to the Silver Hawks game is scheduled for July 21 and tickets are still available for \$8 each. For more information, contact Kevin O'Connor (H: 848-0990 or C: 333-9798)
- Our Council is continuing our Seminarian Fund to help Robert Lowman pay off his debts prior to entering the seminary. Please consider contributing to the fund by making a check out to "Knights of Columbus" with "Lowman" in the memo line. For more information, contact Joe Tinervia.
- Our effort to conduct a fundraiser to assist immigrants with naturalization has been delayed to potentially July 4 weekend. Please contact Jim Gallagher for more information.
- Do you like to be "liked?" Well, so does our Council. Please visit our page on Facebook and "like" us. Spread the word to others as our Facebook page is another great way to stay connected with our Council.
- Shane Blotkamp has recently been able to convince "the powers that be" to have the 2nd Degree on May 20 and the 3rd Degree on June 3, both here in Elkhart starting at noon.
- New insurance information!! Phil discussed the importance of disability insurance. For more information or to get set up with this insurance, now is the time. Please contact Phil Stackowicz.

May 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation for the big turnout at Tuesday night's business meeting. I know that sometimes we get so busy with our families, work, and serving in our parishes, that there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day. So I want you to know that I realize the sacrifice and additional effort it takes to go that extra mile to attend the meetings, be officers, and serve on committees. The rewards we receive performing our duties as knights are great. The joy, peace, and contentment we experience when we are serving others is not something we can get anywhere else, and yet there is that sacrifice we make in order to obtain these rewards.

I also want to thank each of you who stepped up to fill the slate of officers for this year. Serving as an officer, being on or heading a committee, or just looking around and seeing what needs to be done and doing it are all important steps in growth in our Order. We serve Christ by serving those around us. You guys are some of the finest examples of people dedicated to service that I've ever seen. I am extremely proud to be part of the Knights of Columbus!

I would like to remind you of some events we have coming up. On May 28, Memorial Day, St. Vincent's will have the Memorial Mass at the cemetery on Nappanee Street. Fourth Degree has been asked by Fr. Glen to provide Color Corp, but it would be great to have a large Knights delegation to come as well. It is at 9 a.m. and is over by about 10:15, so it should not disrupt family plans for the day. Please come help us remember those who went before us. The Corpus Christi walk from St. Thomas to St. Vincent's will be on June 10. Be at St. Thomas between 2:45-3:00 p.m. Please bring your family, friends, and rosaries. We have had some great turnouts for the procession in the past, but this year, with the current political climate and the recent attacks on our faith, it would be fantastic to show our friends and neighbors that in Christ, we have nothing to fear. Perpetual Adoration will follow the mass at St. Vincent's after the procession. We, as Catholics, pray for an end to abortion in our nation, and these are the action steps we take to that end.

For all of our members who have not advanced past their 1st Degree, our Council will be hosting a 2nd Degree on May 20. Conveniently, we will also be hosting a 3rd Degree on June 3. Come grow with us and advance as a Knight!

I always try to think of something profound that I think will help each of you along the path of life. This month, not being up to par physically, I didn't think anything would come to me. Then I had a real rush of inspiration. Here it is: do NOT play with sharp objects! See you at the 2nd Degree.
Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile, GK
Phil Kile

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June 12, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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Calendar of Coming Events

May 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
May 20—2nd Degree, Elkhart, 12 noon
June 1—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.
June 3—3rd Degree, Elkhart, 12 noon
June 6—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
June 7—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m.
June 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

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| 1 | Gregory Yant | St. Justin Martyr | | 13 | Richard A. Eppers | St. John the Silent |
| 3 | Thomas A. Pawlak | St. Phillip | | 14 | Vern J. Miller | St. Matthias |
| 4 | Phillip Stackowicz | St. Petroc | | 15 | Kirt Lochmandy | St. Germaine Cousin |
| 5 | Maynard L. McClintic | St. Boniface | | 15 | Michael Ruszkowski | St. Vitus |
| 6 | James L. Letherman | St. Norbert | | 16 | Dominick A. Ambrose | St. Simon Stock |
| 7 | Richard E. Dyer | St. John of Beverley | | 16 | Christopher Johnson | St. Brenden |
| 8 | Richard Hastings | St. Peter of Tarantaise | | 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 | Edward P. Klose | St. Landericus | | 22 | Austin Carpenter | St. Thomas More |
| 10 | Charles R. Ornduff | St. Getulius | | 23 | Glen Meert | St. Liebert |
| 10 | Michael Person | St. Maximus | | 26 | Gerald Sassaman | St. Anthelm |
| 10 | Angelo Rossi | St. Aloysius | | 26 | Vincent Vonder Vellen | St. Philip Neri |
| 11 | Richard Buenger | St. Barnabus | | 27 | James D. Stroup | St. Augustine |
| 12 | Shane Blotkamp | St. Leo | | 28 | John A. Fisher | St. Irenaeus |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

The month of May gives us two great feast days: the Ascension and Pentecost. Take some time to read the account of the Ascension in Acts 1: 6-12. Put yourself there with the Apostles. How would you react? The Man that you have been with for three years, who taught you, fed you, performed miracles in your sight, was arrested and put to death. Then He was reunited with you after the Resurrection and has now been taken up into Heaven right before your eyes. He is gone again. And even worse, He has told you to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28: 18-20). How do you feel: alone; abandoned; overwhelmed; confused? How are we supposed to do this? Well, in Acts 1: 1-5, He tells us. His Father will send the Holy Spirit to help us. Then, ten days later at Pentecost, He does. Boy, does He! Tongues made of fire appear, and you receive this Spirit and your mission begins. The twelve of you go out and change the world forever.

The thing to remember about our Faith and this Church of which we are a part is that it is a living Faith. This story didn’t just take place 2000 years ago; it isn’t just a lesson in history. It is as true today as it was back then. If you have been baptized and confirmed, the Spirit is with you. The hard part for us is that the Spirit didn’t appear as tongues of fire so we don’t always recognize Him, but He is still here leading us. We still have the same mission. Through our **evangelizing**, we are to change the world. Don’t let that word scare you. Sometimes it is as easy, or as hard, as just doing the right thing when everyone else wants to do the wrong thing or saying what needs to be said when nobody else will. We have been preparing for this, first during the Lenten season and now during the Easter season. Shortly, we will be given our commission to go and make disciples of all the nations. What are we going to do? How are we going to answer that call? As Knights, we are called to take up the challenge and go change this world in which we live one small piece at a time.

Finally, remember our 350th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, June 1, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. Maybe that little sound you hear in your heart is the Holy Spirit calling you. God Bless You.

Silver Hawks Game—July 21—7 p.m.

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Final Fish Fry of the Season

Come and join us from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 18, for the final fish fry of the season. Bring all your friends and family to enjoy that great fish one last time before the cooks take a summer break!



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- The Tootsie Roll Program was successful. Thanks to all who volunteered, coordinated, and purchased.
- Remember that spaghetti dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except July). Tickets are only \$7/adult and \$4/child. We could always use volunteers to set up, cook, and clean up. A spaghetti dinner is a great way to meet and talk to fellow brothers and their families, all while having a delicious meal.
- Thanks to those who volunteered to help get all the boxes to the Martin's stores for Cell Phone for Soldiers. Anyone who has an old cell phone, please drop it off at either a Martin's Supermarket near you, or at the Council. We're going to try to get boxes set up at our local parishes as well. Please spread the word about this worthy cause.
- The Silver Hawks game is still scheduled for July 21 and tickets are still available at only \$8 each. For more information, contact Kevin O'Connor (848-0999 or cell—333-9798). The event is sponsored by 4th Degree Assembly 2035. Bring your family and friends!
- A Cubs game is on our schedule for August 10. Tickets are \$80 each and includes breakfast, lunch, and game ticket. For more information, contact Joe Tinervia.
- A 4th Degree will be conducted August 25 & 26th in Shelbyville. If you're interested in becoming a 4th Degree, contact Kevin O'Connor (848-0999 or cell—333-9798).
- Want to go see a movie this summer? Go see "For Greater Glory," which is one of this summer's hits. The movie is based on the rebellion by the people of Mexico as a result of the government's persecution of Catholics during the early 1900's.
- The Ft. Wayne/South Bend Diocese is going to start a 3-year program called "Arise," beginning this fall. Each theme or session is only 5-6 weeks and will focus on various aspects of our Catholic faith through faith-sharing programs and spiritual renewal, all centered around Gospel readings. More information will be coming in the next couple of months. Please consider attending or leading a session.
- Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. It's easy to do by going to www.hearts4life.org. Take action and pray for them!
- Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

June 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Summertime is always a great time for family. I hope all of you Brother Knights are spending some good quality family time this summer and, if you are a father, took time on Father's Day to honor your children as well as receive blessings from them. I remember that I am supposed to provide for them and teach them what I can, but I forget what a huge impact I have on those lives God has entrusted to me. Those of us who are grandfathers are especially responsible for setting a good example, knowing our children and grandchildren are constantly watching to see if we do what we say. We can talk until doomsday, but they learn and act according to the example we set. As Catholics and Knights, we are very fortunate to have the Sacraments of the Church and the character-building ethics of the Knights as tools to deal with those around us, especially our parents, wives, and children. Sometimes I think it is more difficult to remember to be respectful of our families than it is to help that stranger we meet. More than once I have had family say, "You wouldn't be like that with someone at church or at the Knights." It always makes me stop and remember how God has blessed me with them and remind myself what God expects of me when dealing with gifts He has given to me.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who turned out for the Corpus Christi walk on Sunday, June 10. The heat and humidity were tough, but I think everyone who came was blessed. In addition, we had a great turnout for the spaghetti dinner in June for Bashor Home, and it was good to have a lot of the kids from there with us! Fund raisers we do for ourselves, like the fish fries, are good, but money makers like the spaghetti dinner done for charity should be high on our priority lists. I used to think that acquiring things or doing things I wanted would make me happy. I found out the hard way that it wasn't true at all. Then I met a guy who told me that my level of happiness would depend upon the things I did for other people. He was absolutely right! Our lives are positively impacted by the service we perform for others, and I can honestly say, I cannot remember a happier time in my life than right now.

Please have a wonderful and safe summer, and remember that our families are always watching us for guidance, strength, and love, just the way we look to our Heavenly Father for ours.

Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

Next meeting

July 10, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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June Meeting

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In Our Prayers

Brothers and their family members 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 Benedict, Bishop Rhoades, Bishop Darcy, Fr. Bill, Fr. Bob, Fr. Glenn, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Phil, Leonard Antonelli, Asoera family, Joe Bickel, Dave Buzalski, Gene Caravez, Don Ciancio, Gary Delucenay, Dick & Esther Dyer, Bob Ellert family, Tom Ferro, Chuck Fortino, Andrew Fry family, Gia Gallagher, Jim & Elaine Gallagher, Ron Gerstbauer, Gabrielle Hernandez, Kevin Hickson, Bill & Cora Hutkins, Tom Hutkins, Mike Jay, Joe Jeffers family, Tim Johnson, George Kalil's mother-in-law, Phil Kile, Kloska family, Malcolm Koons, Herman Kruis, Jim Linn, Betty Lordich, Bob Lowman, Angel Martinez, Shorty Murphy, Nagy family, Mitch Nihart, Noffsinger family, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Osowski family, Armando Paez family, Vito Palumbo, Elliott and Nancy Ramirez, Grandma Revelli, Tim Roberts, Rodino family, Mike Russo, Samuels family, Emma Schwindamen, Siciliano family, Summers family, Gene Terabek, Fred Thomson family, John Tierney's mother, Wenzel family, Virginia Wiercioch, Wildenborg family, and Claire Williams.

Calendar of Coming Events

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| July 5—4th Degree Meeting 7 p.m. |
| July 6—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m. |
| July 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| July 15—K of C Golf Tournament |
| July 21—Silver Hawks game |
| August 1—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |

Annual Golf Tournament Coming Soon!

The 56th Annual Vincent Terlep Father and Son Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday morning, July 15, 2012. Sign up at the club by July 10.

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Birthdays for July

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| 1 | John E. Calvert | St. Gall | | 15 | Bryan Simmons | St. Vladimir of Kiev |
| 1 | Irvin L. Kloska | St. Arnulf | | 16 | James Mauck III | St. Carmen |
| 2 | Marek Serwatka | Sst. Bernardino Realino | | 18 | William M. Wain | St. Frederick |
| 3 | Javier Cisneros | St. Maria Goretti | | 19 | Steven A. Gonsoski | St. Arsenius |
| 4 | Matthew J. Snyder | St. Anthony | | 21 | Moises Arroyo | St. Lawrence |
| 7 | Craig S. Lochmandy | St. Pantaenus | | 22 | James Smith | St. Theopholis |
| 7 | Timothy Roberts | St. Apollonius | | 22 | William J. Swaller | St. Mary Magdalen |
| 8 | Kevin Doroh | St. Grimbald | | 24 | Peter A. Letherman | St. John Boste |
| 9 | Robert C. Mauck | St. Veronica Giuliani | | 25 | Timothy Farwig | St. Christopher |
| 12 | Frederick J. Thomson | St. John Gaulbert | | 26 | Craig M. Gonsoski | St. Joachim |
| 13 | Eugene R. Damalas | St. Silas | | 26 | Mitchell Nihart | St. Erastus |
| 13 | Joel Munoz | St. Francis Soalano | | 29 | Christopher Stackowicz | St. Martha |
| 13 | Richard Walag | St. Henry II | | 30 | Adan Alvarez | St. Abdon |
| 14 | Jeff Robertson | St. Camillus | | 30 | Earl J. Ottman, Sr. | St. Peter Chrysologus |
| 15 | Leonard Antonelli | St. Boniventure | | 31 | Donald L. Peterson | St. Ignatius |
| 15 | Ralph F. Miller | St. Swithun | | 31 | Joe Tinervia | St. Justin De Jacobis |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

We are just finishing a parish mission at St. Vincent that was conducted by the Franciscan Friars from Ft. Wayne. They did one earlier this year at St. Thomas. The talks were presented every evening by Fr. David Mary. If you have never heard him speak, I encourage you to do so. It will be well worth your time to listen to this dynamic speaker talk about the truths of our Catholic faith. To say that he is dynamic is an understatement; he is on fire with the love of Jesus and Mother Mary. He describes himself as ADD/HD, ADD in “high definition.” Some of the most powerful parts of the week were attending the 7 a.m. Mass that he said daily and watching the reverence and love he has for the Holy Eucharist and praying/singing the Office with the Friars at 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. It was very spiritual.

There were many things to take away from the nightly talks. I will just share one with you regarding the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion started when Jesus appeared to a cloistered nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. He told her to promote devotion to His Sacred Heart, which is a symbol of His undying and never-ending love for us. She asked Him why there was a crown of thorns around His heart and he answered that when He was on earth, His enemies placed a crown of thorns on His head but that we, His friends, have placed the one around His heart. Think about that for just a while; maybe you could go to the Adoration Chapel and ask Jesus to show you what you have done to place that crown around His heart and then listen for the answer. Remember the words that Jesus repeated so many times in the Scriptures, “Be not afraid.” Allow Jesus to help you change those habits or actions that don’t allow you to receive His amazing love in the fullness that is intended.

I encourage everyone to go see the movie “For Greater Glory.” I have seen it, and it is a powerful story that is very timely for what is happening in our country today. It is showing at Showplace 14 on Edison Road in South Bend. This is recent history. It happened in Mexico less than 100 years ago.

Finally, remember our 351stconsecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, July 6, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. God Bless You.



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News Summary By Bob Earley

- We are looking for volunteers to man the Right to Life Booth at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. Please contact George Kalil (875-5860).
- We are still working out the details for a monthly breakfast meeting/social. The breakfast may begin as early as mid-August. Please stay tuned!
- The Cubs' game is on our schedule for August 10. Tickets are \$80 each and includes breakfast, lunch, and game ticket. Sign up at the Council and pay when signing up to reserve your spot. We need to fill the bus to break even and there are plenty of tickets available so bring your family and friends.
- Remember the spaghetti dinners are held on the first Wednesday of each month, starting back up again in August. Tickets are only \$7/adult and \$4/child. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation, serving and clean up.
- All the Cell Phones for Soldiers boxes are distributed. We will need volunteers to help pick up the cell phones and boxes at the Martin's Supermarket stores in the area. Please call Bob Earley (574-875-1054) to coordinate destination pick ups.
- There will be a 4th Degree exemplification conducted on August 25 & 26 in Shelbyville. If you're interested in becoming a 4th Degree member, contact Kevin O'Connor (home: 848-0999 or cell: 333-9798).
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Mary Immaculate: Patroness of the United States, we beseech Thee to intercede for us to help bring this nation closer to your Son.

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July 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to start off by mentioning someone very important to Council 1043. When we had our Appreciation Dinner this last month, I totally forgot about one of the main "spokes" in our "wheel." Joe Tinervia is one of the key people in our fraternity and as usual, was diligently sitting there keeping everything going and keeping me on track, and I forgot to mention all the things he does to keep us moving forward in a semi-straight path. Joe keeps track of everything at the Council and the club in an exceptional way. He tracks the membership, the paperwork for the State, and all the other things we need to do here at 1043 to do the job God has given us to do to watch out for that person next to us. Thank you so much, Joe, for all you do for the Knights of Columbus, Council 1043. Although you may never be recognized for all that you do, God's keeping track.

Now for everyone else I forgot, I will take this part of my letter to thank you. It takes each member we have to accomplish all the charity work we do every year. I try to recognize the efforts of all, but with over three hundred members, it is very difficult. Have you seen me lately? I am officially an "old guy!" If you add a few minor physical difficulties in there, you have a Grand Knight who forgets once in awhile. Trust me, if it gets out there that you are a Knight, there are plenty of people watching everything you do. Congratulations to Lee Evers for being Knight of the Year. I am very grateful to be a member of Council 1043 and especially grateful for all the support I receive from my fellow Knights in carrying out my job as Grand Knight. Without each one of you, there would not be grand anything! THANK YOU ALL!

The Elkhart County Fair begins July 20. There will be a Right to Life booth at the fair again this year. George Kalil is looking for volunteers to man the booth. If you can't volunteer, at least please stop by the booth and let them know you are a Knight, and that as a Catholic gentleman, you appreciate everything they do. At this time in our country's history, it would be wise to support other organizations with similar values. Do not doubt! Our Faith, our Church, and our organization are under the most grievous attack we have seen in our lifetimes. Our most safe haven will be in numbers. I am asking each one of you as fellow Knights to take time to see where the danger is coming from, and then discern in prayer what you can do to make this country a safe place for our Catholic Church, families and schools. Join a rally, help with a mailing, write to the paper or your Congressman, but most of all, be at the polls in November. We can make a difference! We cannot, as Catholic gentlemen, be told how to practice our faith!

Thanks again for the large turnout for the business meeting on Tuesday! Again, the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., 112 East Lexington: it's where it all starts!

Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

Next meeting

August 14, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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July Meeting

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In Our Prayers

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| August 1—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |
| August 2—4th Degree Meeting at Goshen 7 p.m. |
| August 3—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m. |
| August 10—Cubs game |
| August 14—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| August 25/26—4th Degree Shelbyville |

Birthdays for August

| August | Member | Saints Feast Day |
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| 2 | Travis Chris | St. Stephen |
| 2 | Steve Riikonen | St. Alfreda |
| 2 | David M. Towner | St. Eusebius |
| 3 | Charles Brown | St. Lydia |
| 3 | Mel Taylor | St. Dalmatius |
| 5 | T.J. Repaich | St. Addal |
| 6 | Gabriel Alvarez | |
| 6 | Edward W. Hardig Jr. | St. James |
| 6 | Larry Kruse | St. Agapithus |
| 9 | Curt Davis | St. Julian |
| 10 | John Hock | St. Aredius |
| 10 | Robert Navarro | St. Asteria |
| 11 | Marc West | St. Clare |
| 12 | Dan Crosbie | St. Euplius |
| 12 | Lawrence Reverman | St. Michael My |

| August | Member | Saints Feast Day |
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| 14 | Thomas Hosler | St. Maximilian |
| 15 | Steven L. Erwin | St. Tarcisius |
| 15 | Rick Roberts | St. Alfrid |
| 16 | Gary Delucenay | St. Roch |
| 17 | Leroy Murphy | St. Donatus |
| 20 | J. L. Scalise | St. Bernard |
| 22 | Michael Weldy | St. Sigfrid |
| 24 | Ron Delucenay | St. Bartholomew |
| 26 | Ryan Wiltfong | St. Martha |
| 27 | Thomas Borger | St. Caesarius |
| 28 | Shawn Kohn | St. Edmund |
| 30 | Scott Chris | St. Rumon |
| 30 | Michael Dibley | St. Agilus |
| 30 | Christopher Meyer | St. Bononius |
| 31 | Richard Chakan | St. Aristedes |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

As I sit down to write this column, I find it difficult to come up with a topic to write about. Then I realize that the topic just presented itself. Lately, I have not had a problem finding time for vacation, work, keeping up with the Bishop’s battle with the government over Religious Freedom, and the Presidential race along with all the other local, state, national and international news. But have I had enough time to spend on my spiritual growth? The old adage that “if you are not moving forward, you are falling behind” is just as true about our spiritual life as the rest of our life. So I stopped for a few moments and reflected on this thought. It may be that it is more difficult to stay focused on spiritual things in the summer. There is no Lent or Advent to help us. The liturgical time of year is even called “Ordinary Time,” which doesn’t mean ordinary as “not special” but ordinary as a way of counting the weeks. So during summer we need to work a little harder at staying focused. During vacation, we found a little church that had daily Mass at 8:30 a.m., and we attended, met some very interesting people, and started each day spiritually.

I have gone to see the movie “For Greater Glory” twice. If you haven’t seen it, you need to do so. Heavily promoted and supported by the Knights, it helped me focus on the battle over religious freedom going on in our nation as we speak. I read a book by Bishop Chaput called “Render Unto Caesar.” I urge every Knight to read this book before the elections in November. It is an eye opener and will help you be a Christian Catholic voter in the fall. The book was written in 2008, and as you read it, you will be amazed at his foresight.

In retrospect, I haven’t done badly, and I am sure most of you haven’t either. Just remember, you can always do more, and it isn’t too late to start if you haven’t done too well.

Finally, remember our 352nd consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, August 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. Keep in mind this is our Rosary, and it would be great to see more of you there.

God Bless You.



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News Summary

By Phil Kile & Joe Tinervia

- Fish Frys start again on September 21 and will continue, as always, on the 3rd Friday of the month. Please see Scott Chris to see how you can be of service. Joe Eppers has passed off the reins of leadership for this event (and appears to be serious this time about it!)
- The September Spaghetti Dinner is September 5 for United Cancer Services of Elkhart County, a local organization that guides people and families with cancer and provides financial assistance to those requesting it. See Matt Snyder to see how you can help.
- We collected \$52 for the vocations fund during this month's meeting. In addition, we took up a collection for Religious Freedom prayer cards to be distributed at various functions.
- The Knight of the Year plaque was formally presented to Lee Evers.
- We are looking for a Program Director and other directors for our Council. Please see Phil Kile or another officer if you are interested in becoming more involved. We need people to step up to fill these vacant roles to keep many programs and activities of our Council going.
- Pro-Life Director George Kalil announced that anyone interested in attending the 4th annual March for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C. in January should either contact him or see the information posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.
- The Columbus Club board met the Sunday before the Knights' meeting. Next month's meeting will be held on September 9. Members nominated Jim Gallagher and Vern Miller to 1-year positions on the board. Larry Scalise and Scott Chris are the other two members on that board, in addition to the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustees, and TJ Repaich.
- The Food Basket Drive meetings will begin in September. See Dick Scheve for times and dates.
- St. Vincent's will be having their Annual Festival on Saturday, August 25. Please plan to attend with your families.
- The Elkhart County Right to Life will be walking outside St. Thomas Church on September 1. Please see George Kalil about the time.
- Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. It's very easy to do. Go to: www.hearts4life.org for more information. Take action and pray for them!
- Our parochial schools have started. Please see your priest or the school administrators to see how you can help.
- "Arise," the new Diocesan spiritual small group program starts this month. Join a group and enjoy the blessings.

Condolences

We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of Robert Navarro, Dennis Stroup, and Thomas Farrell, Brother Knights who recently died.

August 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We are getting near the end of the "slow" season. I hope each of you will prayerfully discern your role in the upcoming "busy" season. I have always been a big fan of the fall. As the weather cools, we Knights gear up for the busiest time of the year. Our business meetings on the second Tuesday of the month have really been well attended this summer, but as we head into fall, I hope to see a lot more of those familiar faces. Children are heading back to school and our parishes will soon be gearing up for Advent. With our well-deserved vacations behind us, we get ready to do what we do best—help the person next to us. The fish frys help us to do exactly that when they resume on the third Friday in September and continue monthly. Whether you work in the kitchen, serve on the line, help clean up, or attend, bringing families and friends, this all helps us have the funds to give someone a hand up when they need it. Please do what you can to help us make this a successful monthly event.

The Food Basket Drive committee will begin their monthly meetings in September. The meetings are always fun, and the rewards are tremendous! It is a miracle to watch that service project come together in December. I always thank God, especially for Benny who left us such a legacy! Before his death, he knew the total satisfaction and reward that such an endeavor can bring to one's spiritual life. I pray that he is watching over us and interceding on our behalf this year.

Then there are the spaghetti dinners on the first Wednesday of every month. Again, cooking, serving, and attending all help those organizations for whom we put on these dinners. Matt Snyder and Steve Revelli are doing their spaghetti deliveries as well. Please see them and find out how you can help. For some, this is the highlight of their month!

One of the greatest resources we have as Knights is our Hall at 112 E. Lexington. It is such a beautiful facility, and we don't want to waste this precious gift. We have a projector to show family movies or a spiritual DVD presentation. We've had trivia nights, card parties, and Knights' dinners there. We need to use this gift to the fullest. Please see Steve Riikonen to check availability for your next event, such as family weddings, anniversaries, or reunions. We want the hall to be used as much as possible to help cover maintenance, insurance and taxes so that future generations will enjoy this beautiful building with its great location and ample parking.

Finally, I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our members for making Council 1043 one of the most active in Indiana! I am humbled to be Grand Knight in this Council with so many hard-working, sacrificing Knights as members. Fr. Glen was saying one day that I would be rewarded for my efforts. When I asked when that might be, he told me to just keep going, that it is like blessings in the bank. Let's build up that blessings account by continuing our good works as Knights! Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

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August Meeting

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Calendar of Coming Events

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| August 25/26—4th Degree Shelbyville |
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| September 6—4th Degree Meeting 7 p.m. |
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| September 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| September 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |
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Birthdays for September

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| 11 | Lee Evers | St. Paphnutius | 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 | 27 | Charles Fortino | St. Vincent de Paul |
| 17 | David Britzke | St. Robert Bellarmine | 29 | John Tierney | St. Michael |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Today let's take a journey back in time, two thousand years ago, to the beginning of the Church. When Jesus started His ministry, He chose 12 men to share the journey with Him. They weren't the richest, the most educated, or the best known. They journeyed with Jesus for 3 years. They lived, worked, shared their stories and their lives, and prayed together. Slowly, they got to know each other better and became a community. Once Jesus had died, ascended into heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit to help them, they changed the world. Think about it. Twelve men with little or no training formed the Church that we are members of today. The first Masses were celebrated in small communities in homes of the believers. They met and prayed, shared Scripture, and broke bread together.

We have a unique opportunity to experience this same kind of community. Coming to almost all of the parishes in our Diocese, definitely St. Vincent and St. Thomas, and being promoted, encouraged and endorsed by Bishop Rhoades is a program called "Arise Together in Christ." It is an opportunity to meet together in small groups to share Scripture, prayer, and our life stories with other like-minded Catholics. It sounds a lot like the early Church, doesn't it? In a few weeks you will be asked to sign up to participate in one of these groups. I strongly urge you to do so. Don't say that this isn't your kind of thing. The Apostles could have said that and where would we be now? Pray about it and if God is calling you to be a part of this program, don't turn your back on Him.

Finally, remember our 353rd consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, September 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church. I hope to see many of you there. God Bless You.

Golf Tournament Results

The following are the results of the St. Jude Council Vincent Terlep Golf Outing at Raber's golf course, July 15, 2012:
Member Low Net—Ryan Chris...73 Member Low Gross—Zach Eppers....85 Guest Low Net—Jim Scott...73 Guest Low Gross—Joe Cassela...93
Closest to Pin #8—Fred Saal Longest Putt—John Hock
Thank you to those who helped make this a success: Mr. & Mrs. Shane Blotkamp; Mr. & Mrs. Matt Snyder; Gwen & Greg Spretnjak; Don Quinn; Al Arko; Tom Hutkins; and Steve Spretnjak.

Insurance for Brother Knights
By Brother Knights

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney saw firsthand the devastation of a family caused by the death of the breadwinner. From his vision, the Knights of Columbus insurance program was created to provide financial security for its members and their families. Today, we have more than \$83 billion of insurance in force, and 1,400 full-time brother agents dedicated to carrying out his vision.

Why Meet with Your Agent?

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Many members do not realize the services their agent can provide. Some of these include:

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Phillip Stackowicz provides financial security to Brother Knights by creating and protecting lasting legacies.

Phillip places a high value on strong family relationships. He is very family oriented keeping in contact with everyone. Phillip believes his success as an agent has largely come from the passion and commitment to these relationships. These strong ties have contributed to being able to relate to each brother knight he visits. Phillip belongs to St. Pius X parish in Granger where he is actively involved in community and church activities.

Phillip joined the Knights of Columbus in 2001 and became a member of its sales force in 2006. He qualified for Million Dollar Round Table in 2008 – his second full year as a field agent. The Million Dollar Round Table honors the top 1% of all life insurance agents world-wide. Phillip is a consistent qualifier for Supreme Knights Club, the top of the Knights Field Force. Phillip went to Holy Cross College and received his Associates degree, then proceeded to Indiana University South Bend to finish his degree. In 2010, Phillip married his beautiful wife Dominika and they



reside in Granger. As a couple, they enjoy volunteering in the community, being with friends and family, and travelling.

Members who work with Phillip experience superb client relations with exceptional services. They know he will educate them on the products with the highest ethical standards. They are advised and guided to make smart logical choices. He is dedicated to assisting members in their important financial decisions with genuine concern for the welfare of each family he works with.



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- The Council meeting was opened and a moment of silence was held in remembrance of September 11.
- The members decided to sponsor tickets (\$90 total) for one couple to attend the St. Joseph County Right to Life's annual banquet on October 4.
- The pancake breakfasts have returned. Were you there on September 16 from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.?
- We collected \$68 for the vocations fund at the meeting.
- Robert Lowman, now Brother Ambrose Lowman, had sent a letter letting us know what he's up to in Colorado. A copy of this letter was emailed to those who have email on record with us.
- If you do not have an email on record with us (you would know this because you would not have been receiving notices and the newsletter this way), please send your current email address to: joe@koc1043.org We can keep you up-to-date on the latest information and can send your newsletter that way.
- If you have a friend that is not a Knight but wants to be kept abreast of what is happening at our council, we are starting an email mailing list for that. Please have the person send their email address to: joe@koc1043.org requesting to be included on our event reminders. Steve Revelli will then keep them informed on what is happening via email.
- Have you seen us on Facebook? Find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/kofc1043> and hit the "like" button so you can be kept informed through that portal.
- The Council has agreed to purchase 5 yard signs from Elkhart County Right to Life. More will be available at the Council for \$10 each.
- The Golf Committee reported that we netted \$480 from this year's golf outing in July.
- You will be noticing a wooden basket at our Fish Frys that was made to honor Benny Wiercioch. It will be used to collect food and money donations at all our events.
- Remember that Fish Frys will start back up on Friday, September 21, and will be held every third Friday of the month leading up to Lent.
- If you are interested in helping the Food Basket Committee this year, their first meeting will be on Thursday, October 11, at 7 p.m.

September Meeting

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September 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Have you ever had your life in such a whirlwind that you begin to lose focus? I didn't think that could happen to a person after retirement. I always thought my work was the reason I felt so rushed and disoriented. I heard people say that they had never been busier in their lives than after they retired, but I really didn't believe it. I had visions of kicking back, relaxing, doing what I wanted when I wanted, but reality has set in. I really don't ever remember being this busy!

It has been very difficult at Adoration to slow my mind and concentrate. I've been rushing my prayers, not meditating very much, always thinking about what I have to do next. My wife was talking to me last night, and she said, "Phil, you really have to slow down." While she doesn't think I ever listen to her, her comment really hit home. Since I believe that peace, contentment, love and joy are a state of mind, God willing, I hope to cross the International Bridge at the Soo on Saturday, September 15, and take a week to get my mind back to that place of peace. While walleye have a certain importance in life and should be given somewhat of a priority, I will spend the bulk of my time finding that spiritual rhythm I have come to cherish in my life. Without that, I do find my life is chaotic and in crisis most of the time. Please pray for me that I will find those green pastures and still waters! I pray that He restores my soul.

We are now into the busiest time of the year for our Council. We had our spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, September 5, and although it was not attended as well as we would like, many people stopped me to tell me how good it was and commented on how nice our Hall is. Functions such as this may be the only time people from the Elkhart community get a view into our Catholic and K of C world. It is our monthly charity event and a good way to let others know what we, as Knights, do.

Our fish frys start again on September 21, and this event is what keeps our Council running. Also, our first pancake breakfast was held on Sunday, September 16, and was another great chance to have a good meal at a reasonable price. While my wife and I don't eat out very often, when we do, we are amazed at the price of meals. You cannot beat all the spaghetti you can eat for \$7, all the fish you can eat for \$8, or all the pancakes you can eat for \$6. If you have kids, there are also great discounts for them, and under 6 eat for free. Of course, getting to enjoy my wonderful personality and sunny disposition is just an added bonus! Please join us for these great meals, and bring all the friends and relatives you can.

I really have to comment on my favorite Knight project. Dick Scheve told us at this month's meeting that the Food Basket Drive Committee meetings will begin in October. For me, this is one of the most rewarding events that we do in the Knights. Our Council puts together a drive where over 600 food baskets are delivered in December to needy families in

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Next meeting

October 9, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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Elkhart County, just in time for Christmas. Benny Wiercioch started this drive over 20 years ago, delivering to 10 families. Those of us who have worked in this predominately RV county know how tough things can get seasonally. Benny wanted people to be able to enjoy the kind of Christmas that his family did, and he did something about it. He always put his money where his mouth was, and this is a wonderful legacy that he entrusted to us. If you are new to the Knights and wanting to become more involved, looking for a service project for you and your spouse, wanting your kids to grow up to be loving, giving, and more grateful, then this is the event for you. This will be my eleventh year, and I still get excited about getting started. You will truly witness a miracle to see it all come together in time for Christmas. I used to not be a Christmas kind of guy. I basically saw it as a holiday that inconvenienced my life. Then Benny got me started. Not only did it put Christ back in Christmas for me, it also brought joy and a true feeling of looking forward to Advent that I, as a Catholic, was supposed to have. I highly recommend trying this worthy event. Come, share, and serve with us!
Your brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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| 2 | Andres Bahena | St. Leger | | 18 | Phillip Kolski | St. Luke |
| 3 | Ryan Martin | St. Gerard | | 19 | Arthur Decio, Jr. | St. Isaac Jogues |
| 4 | Brian Kennedy | St. Francis of Assisi | | 20 | Thomas Reed | St. Paul of the Cross |
| 4 | Francisco Macias | St. Mark | | 21 | Victor Reyes | St. Hisarion |
| 5 | Doug Harris | St. Faustina | | 22 | Brad Billings | St Alix Le Clereq |
| 7 | Rev. Glen Kohrman | St. Artaldus | | 22 | Joseph Eppers | St. Alexander |
| 7 | Brian Ortiz | St. Augustus | | 22 | Thomas Wiley | St. Abercius Marcellus |
| 8 | James Hiles | St. Keyne | | 23 | Alexander Jansen | St. John of Capistrano |
| 8 | Mike Spurgeon | At. Benedicta | | 23 | Greg Stone | St. Allucio |
| 8 | Weston Ward | St. Pelagia | | 24 | Cornell James | St. Anthony Claret |
| 9 | Joel Barcenas | St. Leonardi | | 24 | Scott Shishman | St. Bernard |
| 9 | Joseph Weidner | St. Denis | | 25 | James Byron | St. Crispin |
| 10 | Tony Dibley | St. Ghislain | | 25 | Robert Crothers | St. Chrysanthus |
| 11 | William DeShone | St. Firminius | | 25 | Matthew Kuzmicz | St. Gaudentius |
| 13 | Thomas Farrell | St. Edward | | 26 | Stephen Fledderman | St. Demetrius |
| 13 | David Manderfeld | St. Agilbert | | 26 | Jeffery Glanders | St. Evaristus |
| 13 | Antal Szucs | St. Berthoald | | 26 | James Shreiner | St. Alfred |
| 14 | James Peterson | St. Callistus | | 27 | Albert Arko | St. Emilina |
| 15 | Jesus Mujica | St. Teresa of Avila | | 29 | Pietro DeMauro | St. Narcissus |
| 15 | David Sokolowski | St. Severus | | 29 | Rigoberto Perez | St. Anne |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

I am going to propose an exercise that may be scandalous to some Catholics. Pick up your Bible. You know, the one on the coffee table, and read from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, verses 1-11 and from Luke, Chapter 6, verses 12-19. These were the two readings from a recent daily Mass. I think both have some insight for us today. In the first one, Paul is reprimanding the Church in Corinth for bringing their disputes with each other to the “unjust for judgment instead of to the holy ones.” He also asks why they have lawsuits at all. He tells them that it is a “failure on your part that you have lawsuits against one another.” Can you imagine the United States without lawsuits? True justice comes from God and that is what Paul is reminding us all.

The second reading talks about Jesus going up the mountain to pray by himself before choosing the twelve Apostles. He did this often when He was preparing for some big event in His life. Remember the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday? I don’t want you to think this is political because that is not the intent. The election coming up is important for many reasons, and we can’t afford to make the wrong choice. I am asking you to read these two Bible passages, reflect on them, and then pray that your heart will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you prepare for the upcoming election. We have two more First Friday Rosaries before the election, and even though we offer them for the sick and homebound, you can also offer these rosaries for guidance for the election. There is strength in numbers. The next rosary will be on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent. The capacity of the church is 650 so there is plenty of room for all members and their families. I hope to see many of you there. God Bless You.

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News Summary By Bob Earley

- Shane Blotkamp discussed news on how the Knights are helping to support the efforts for the Divine Mercy Chapel and offices of the St. Joseph County Right to Life. The proposed location being considered for the chapel is next door to the South Bend chapter of Planned Parenthood. Please continue praying for the construction and success of this endeavor. Contributions toward this chapel would be greatly appreciated.
- Shane also shared this year's Knights' motto: "One member per council per month." This is simple and easily attainable so let's make it happen.
- There will be a 1st Degree held at Queen of Peace on October 23, at our hall in Elkhart on October 29, and at the Mishawaka Council on November 4.
- A 3rd Degree is set for November 18 in Ft. Wayne. For more information, see Tommy Hutkins.
- Shane is helping coordinate a toy drive for Gibault. Please consider donating toys or time to take the toys to Gibault. See Shane for more details.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Richard Scheve is looking for volunteers for our successful breakfasts. Also, Steve Revelli is looking for volunteers to help with spaghetti and fish dinners.
- Upcoming dinners include: Spaghetti dinner is set for Wednesday, November 7; the next fish fries are set for Friday, October 19 and November 16. All of these dinners are held from 5-7 p.m.
- Right to Life signs are available at local parishes and at Council 1043. The signs are only \$10 each but are priceless with the message they send, especially as we contemplate and prepare for elections. We need to cast our ballots based on our faith and conscience and not just on the candidates' "favorability."
- Remember to continue to "like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/kofc1043

October 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Well, I'm back, rested up, and ready to tackle the world again. There were a couple of days fishing in Canada that were so cold, we decided to stay in the cabin and just rest. I'm not used to being still, and it took a while, but I finally got the hang of it. I read, played cards with my sons, and of course, took a few of my famous naps. I feel totally rested and relaxed. Now the trick will be to stay in that mode. My concentration is better, my attention span longer, and I feel full of purpose again. It says in the Bible, "Be still, and know that I am God." The way I was vibrating, it was very hard to recognize Him. I don't like feeling rushed and harried all the time. While it is not good for the soul, it probably was not helping my physical well-being either. I believe God wants us to be productive but not so hurried and rushed that we lose focus. I have been praying for help with keeping my priorities in order. I know He will help me.

Our spaghetti dinner this month was spectacular. I know we are supposed to help everyone who needs us, but it is really gratifying to help people like Kids International, who put so much into the fundraising themselves. What a great bunch of folks! That ministry is very lucky to have members like them. We discussed at the business meeting how we could take some pointers from them. They really know how to raise funds for a cause. We had a great time working with them.

I have had several new guys talk to me who have been impressed with the camaraderie and closeness of our council. The conversation usually gets around to how that can happen for them. I always relate my story of how I got started with the fish fries. I walked in, all the jobs were taken so I waited for someone to take a break, and I filled in. Pretty soon, I was part of the kitchen staff. I already knew all the jobs because I had given everyone their breaks. I don't believe there are not enough jobs to go around at our council's functions. In a very short time, you can be part of any project you choose. If you believe, like we do, that God's intention for our lives is that we are happy, joyful, and free, you will learn that the happiest ones in our numbers are the ones who seek and find out how to serve the person next to us. When Jesus washed the Apostles' feet at the Last Supper, He was teaching us how to live our lives to the fullest, happy and contented, by serving others. The next time you are at Adoration, please spend some time discerning your role with the Knights. Spaghetti dinners, fish fries, food basket drives, Tootsie Roll drives....we are so fortunate to have so many chances to practice what Jesus taught us.

The thought I would like to leave with you this month is this: My nephew, Michael Anaya, was killed in Mosul, Iraq, on Good Friday, 2008. Since I can't begin to imagine

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Condolences

We extend our condolences and prayers to the family of Herman Kruis who passed away September 17. He was a 4th Degree and member of the Color Guard.

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that he did that for nothing, I believe he did the dirty work over there so I could do the easier stuff over here. My freedom to go to the polls and vote for the candidates of my choice came at a very high price for Michael. Please take this month to pray for our men and women in uniform, especially those in the Middle East. And on November 6, please take advantage of the privilege to vote, a freedom for which they have spilled their blood. Remember, the result of any election is not up to any one of us, but the responsibility to vote lies with every one of us! Please VOTE November 6.

Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

Birthdays for November

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| 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 |
| 11 | Dennis Stroup | St. Martin of Tours |
| 13 | Michael Brewers | St. Francis Xavier Cabrini |
| 13 | Edward T. Gurka | St. Brice |

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| 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 |
| 21 | Robert Warren | St. Albert of Louvain |
| 23 | Rico Ivagnilio | St. Columban |
| 27 | Jack Hartman | St. Maximus |
| 27 | George Kalil | St. James Intercisus |
| 28 | Dan Granzotto | St. Andrew Trong |
| 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

I have been writing this column for over a year, and when I was asked to do it and accepted, I committed to being led by the Holy Spirit in choosing what I would write about and what I would say. I believe I have kept that commitment thus far. So this morning when I started thinking about what this month’s column ought to say, only one thing came to mind: the election. Those that know me well will attest that I am not a “political” person, and this column will not be political in any way. I am not going to attempt to tell you for whom you should vote. What I want to do is challenge you to exercise your right as a citizen of the United States to vote. I also want to encourage you to vote as a Catholic Christian in this great country. The Scriptures tell us that we are “in this world but not of this world.” We need to remember where it is that we are destined to live for eternity, and this world isn’t it. The decisions we make daily while here on Earth definitely have an impact on where that eternal home will be.

There are many important issues facing us today, and we need to know where each and every candidate we vote for stands on all of these from the county to state to national level. We should not vote for anyone based on their personality, charisma, or, at the local level, just because they are a friend. We need to be informed. It is our duty as citizens and Catholic Christians. One of those issues, and probably the most important, is the right to life. I was privileged to attend the St. Joseph County Right to Life annual fund raising dinner the other night. Yes, it cost me money when they asked for donations, and Bobby Kloska, one of the speakers for the evening, made a statement that has stayed with me. Think about this as you go to the polls in a few weeks: “What are you going to answer when you come to the end of your life here on earth, and you stand before Jesus, and He asks you, ’What did you do to help save my children?’” Think about that as you go through this time before the election, deciding the candidates for whom you will vote. Pray for our country, our Church, and our leaders, which reminds me that our 355th consecutive Knights of Columbus Rosary will be prayed on Friday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s. That is just a few days before the election. What a wonderful time to pray for guidance and strength to do what is right on election day. God Bless.



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- A fish fry was held on November 16, and fish fries will continue to be held the third Friday of every month. These events are the primary way to keep the lights on and other bills paid at our hall. We need your participation to continue making them a success. Here's how you can do your part: #1—Come down and eat; #2—bring a friend and/or family; #3—tell a friend and family member; #4—promote it by forwarding the fish fry announcement in an email, post a status update on your Facebook/Twitter/Linked In page, or call up someone; #5—repeat #1-4! This is not a one-time event. Come again next month. We realize you will not be able to attend every month, but send someone in your place.
- On Friday, November 30, we will be having a fundraising dinner for the Hurricane Sandy relief effort. The dinner will be prepared by Joe Tinervia and the menu will include salad, pasta dish, entrée, and dessert. The cost is \$20 per adult ticket and will be limited to 50 people so act quickly! There will be a 50/50 and silent auction/raffle also at this dinner. You can get your ticket at the lounge or by contacting Joe at 574-276-5805.
- There will be a family dance called "Get Your Jingle On" on December 4 from 5-9 p.m. at our hall.. Admission will be nonperishable food items and \$5 per family (up to 5). In addition to dancing, there will be an "Ugliest Sweater Contest" and other fun activities. Part of the proceeds will benefit our food basket drive.
- The collection during our November meeting generated \$50 for the vocations fund.
- Planning for our food basket drive is well underway. The goal is to deliver 650 food baskets to families throughout Elkhart County this year. Packing of the boxes will be on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Northland Center on County Road 6.
- With 650 boxes to deliver, we are in real need of drivers to deliver them! Boxes will be delivered on Saturday morning, December 15, starting at 7:30 a.m., leaving from the Northland Center. Let Dick Scheve know if you will volunteer as a driver.
- We want to wish Bob Earley all the best as he takes on a new job in Lexington, Kentucky. Due to his leaving Elkhart, we are looking for someone to write these news briefs following the meeting each month. Basically, it involves taking some notes about upcoming events and newsworthy topics that are discussed at the meeting so Brothers who are unable to attend are kept informed about what is happening. I can fill in for you on any month that you cannot attend the meeting. Please let me or Lee Evers know if this is something you are interested in doing. Thanks for stepping up to fill this important position in sharing information in our Council.

November 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Now, for the "BEST" of the story....this is my favorite season of the year! It is the beginning of Advent and the reason we, as followers of Christ, have FAITH and HOPE. I look around at the modern world and at times, it seems so confusing and overwhelming. To be honest, I sometimes see nothing but chaos and destruction. But then I take an hour at St. Vincent's Adoration Chapel, and I realize everything is in total sync with God's will and plan. I have been re-reading Mathew Kelly's book, Rediscovering Catholicism, and I have let the noise of this world drown out my link to the sane, peaceful and holy life God has intended for me. I have forgotten my priority of quieting myself, asking God what I should do, and being patient and silent, listening for the answer. Christ came into this world, not to destroy the world, but to bring us the message of everlasting life and salvation. He brings me back to the realities in my life that truly matter. I only have this one moment, I must make the most of it for the One who gave it to me. Although I sometimes see myself as Superman (it might have something to do with my 4th Degree cape), the only thing I can really change is myself and my attitude. People, places, and things, like the situations in my life, are what they are. My only responsibility is how I view and react to them. God hasn't given me overwhelming, impossible things to do in this life. I HAVE. I actually feel my heart rate lowering, writing about what I discerned last night in Kelly's book. The worst possible thing that can happen to me on this earth is that I will physically die; however, Christ brought me the message from His Father that physical death is not the end, but only the beginning. Now I am ready to celebrate the birth of Christ, our Lord and Savior! I am determined to celebrate His birth with some quiet time, listening to God.

Thanksgiving is a time for me to be thankful for everything in my life: the food on my table (my wife does an awesome job with what God has given us); my faith; my family; the freedom to attend the parish of my choice; and my home. God has blessed me beyond anything I could ever have imagined. If you see someone who has not been blessed as much, please take the time to share Jesus' message and any possessions you can spare with them. Please don't cover your light. LET IT SHINE!

The fish dinners are in full swing down at the Hall. Please come down and share your time and wonderful personalities with us. If you can't help fix and serve, at least grab family and friends and bring them down to eat. In this economy, I don't see how you could get a more filling and delicious meal anywhere else. For a bonus, you will get to see me and enjoy my wonderful personality.

I asked my Brother Knights at the meeting this month to put on their thinking caps for activities we can have at our beautiful facility. When you see another Knight, take the time to discuss this important matter, and bring all your ideas to the December meeting. We have a very well-equipped facility with a great location. Let's not waste anything with which God has blessed us. No idea is without merit, so let's see how we can make it work.

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Next meeting December 11, 2012 at 7 p.m.

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In Our Prayers

Brothers and their family members 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 Benedict, our Bishops, Priests, and all Religious, Leonard Antonelli, Andres Bahena, Joe Bickel, Dave Buzalski, Gene Caravez, Don Ciano, Dan Crosbie, Gary Delucenay, Dubash family, Dick & Esther Dyer, Ron Gerstbauer, Rex Greenawalt, Gabrielle Hernandez, Kevin Hickson, Tom Hutkins, Mike Jay, Tim Johnson, Phil Kile, Malcolm Koons, Jim Linn, Angel Martinez, Shorty Murphy, Mitch Nihart, Kevin O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Vito Palumbo, Bob and Ericka Reese, Chuck Rodino, Mike Russo, Gene Terabek, Fred Thomson family, John Tierney's mother, Virginia Wiercioch, and victims and their families of Hurricane Sandy.

November Meeting

Members at the meeting on

November 13 were as follows: Richard Scheve, Lee Evers, Jon Fish, Phil Kile, Harry Palmer, Joe Tinervia, James J. Knopick, Larry Scalise, Steve Revelli, Bill Method, Kyle Peter, Dick Kavanagh, Charles Fortino, Brent Kulp, Rob Jackson, George Kalil, Larry Kruse, Fred Thomson, T.J. Repaich, and Nick Seidl.

Calendar of Coming Events

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| December 5—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |
| December 6—4th Degree Meeting 7 p.m. |
| December 7—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 |
| December 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| December 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |
| January 2, 2013—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |
| January 4—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 pm. |

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A very wise man once told me that if I was thankful for something, all I had to do was sit back and enjoy it. But if I was grateful for something, it was going to take effort on my part to enjoy it. I have been honored to be your Grand Knight these last couple of years. I can honestly say that I am extremely grateful for the Knights of Columbus Council 1043. For me, that means that it will take some effort on my part to enjoy every bit of that blessing. I am willing and able on that front.

Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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| Birthdays for December | | | | | | |
| Dec. | Member | Saint | | Dec. | Member | Saint |
| 1 | Jason Butts | St. Eligius | | 15 | Arturo Herrera | St. Adalberto |
| 1 | Jeffrey Kruis | St. Ananias | | 18 | Ronald Cataldo | St. Victurus |
| 2 | Matthew Stackowicz | St. Bibiana | | 18 | Anthony Cunnane | St. Rufus |
| 3 | Andrew Fry | St. Lucius | | 21 | Todd Nusbaum | S. Adrian |
| 3 | Richard D. Mackey | St. Francis Xavier | | 23 | Luke A. Sandefur | St. John of Kanti |
| 3 | Nelson J. Nix | St. John | | 23 | Terry Stewart | St. Vintila |
| 7 | Edward J. Chomer | St. Victor | | 24 | Bob Earley | St. Adele |
| 7 | Richard E. Frye | St. Servus | | 26 | Rafael Garcia | St. Stephen |
| 8 | Mariano Fernandez | St. Macarius | | 26 | Daniel Stackowicz | St. Pope Dionysius |
| 8 | Gregory Lakner | St. Romaric | | 27 | Thomas Dusthimer | St. Theodore |
| 11 | Joseph H. Stevens | St. Barsabas | | 28 | Carl J. Nabicht | St. Anthony of Lerins |
| 12 | Dr. Gerald Broderick | St. Alexander | | 29 | Robert R. Meehan | St. Thomas Becket |
| 12 | Anthony Fiorentino | St. Jane Frances | | 30 | Lewis M. Arnold | St. Anysius |
| 13 | Kevin M. O Connor | St. Lucy | | 30 | William Method | St. Eugene |
| 13 | Donald J. Quinn | St. Jodic | | 30 | John Stackowicz | St. John Alcober |
| 13 | Jerry Smith | St Autbert | | 30 | Max A. Yeakey | St. Egwin |
| 14 | Allan J. Ludwig | St. John of the Cross | | | | |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

“I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.” (Jer 29:11) These words are taken from a recent morning meditation from the Magnificat. Sometimes we just need to be reminded that God has a plan for us, the ones we love, our country and everything. We can only see a small part of that plan, and a lot of the time, it doesn’t make sense to us. Of course, we are looking at things through the eyes of man and not of God. That is where the virtues of Faith and Hope come in. We need to have faith and trust in God that His plan is the best one for us. It may not seem so when we are watching a loved one suffering, either physically or mentally, or dying a slow, painful death or slipping away mentally in old age. These are all things that, when seen through the eyes of the world, don’t make sense. It is at those times when our faith needs to be the strongest and with it, will come its companion, hope.

Pope Benedict has declared this the Year of Faith. What a blessing he has given us. Focusing on that virtue for a year in our daily lives will also bring us hope. When we see what is going on in the world today, in our country or in our families, it is hard to remain hopeful. But as indicated in the above Scripture passage, God has a plan and that plan is full of hope. All we have to do is accept it. What misery it is to live a life without hope. While accepting God’s plan may come with some pain and sacrifice, along with it will come hope!

Keep in mind that Advent is right around the corner and with it, a time of preparation for the coming of God into humanity. This awesome gift sometimes gets lost all too often in today’s secular culture. Take time this Advent, through extra prayer and sacrifice, to really prepare for His coming. If you do, I think we will be closer to finding that “future full of hope.”

Remember that our 356th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s. There will be a Mass at 6:30 p.m. with the Rosary to follow.
God Bless.



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- This year's Christmas food baskets were delivered to nearly 650 families throughout Elkhart County. If you missed some of the press coverage, you can go to our Facebook page to watch it. Thank you to all who served on the Food Basket Committee this year and to all the volunteers for making this another successful charitable endeavor. I'm sure Benny Wiercioch would be pleased.
- It's that time of year again. Yes, it is dues time. You will be receiving your dues statement in the mail if you were not at the last meeting. Please note that Council dues are \$40/year for members, \$10/year for Honorary Life, and \$0 for Life members. There are voluntary assessments for the building maintenance fund, S.O.S., and for membership relief. If you need assistance with this year's dues, you must let Joe Tinervia know. As always, prompt payment of your dues is appreciated to cut down on costs associated with second mailings that Supreme outlines must be done.
- Gibault raffle tickets can be purchased only at the hall. We will have them available at the next couple of fish fries and in the lounge. The drawing of winners' names will take place during the State Convention in April.
- We will have our last fish fry of 2012 on Friday, December 21 from 5-7 p.m. and would love to see you and your family there.
- The 40th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision will be in January. What are you doing to preserve life? One easy thing to do is to attend the January 2, 2013, spaghetti dinner at our Council.
- Fr. Len Banas will be celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest. We will keep you informed of details if a party is planned.
- Remember February 9 is the date for "Rekindle the Fire" at the South Bend Century Center. Details can be found at: <http://www.rekindlethefire.net> or pick up a brochure at church.
- Be on the lookout for a Shakey's chicken and mojo dinner in January. It will be by pre-purchased ticket only.
- Scott Chris is spearheading a maintenance crew for our Council. He is looking for 10-20 guys to be a part of teams of 4-5 to rotate the responsibilities every two weeks. The weekend of Feb.9/10 we will be stripping and waxing the hall floor and need a dozen guys to help in preparation for the upcoming Lenten season weekly fish fries.
- Keep listening for details on a steak dinner at our Council on January 7 to watch the ND vs. Alabama championship game.
- Our Council collected \$180 for Sandy Relief and the funds were sent to Council #126 in Brooklyn for their community relief work.
- There will be a pancake breakfast on January 13 at the hall.
- Members who attended the last meeting donated \$64 for the vocations fund.
- December's spaghetti dinner for St. Vincent's school generated \$654 plus \$150 from the desserts they sold. January's spaghetti dinner on January 2 will benefit Elkhart County Right to Life.

December 2012



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and their families. We have been so busy this Christmas season that I have had to concentrate really hard to slow myself and my mind down so that I can stop and reflect on Advent. I'm always spouting off about people not really knowing the Reason for the Season, and I am probably the most guilty. When you stop and think about all the things that have happened for us because God wanted to enter this world as Jesus through our Holy Mother, it often overwhelms me. We are forgiven, granted life everlasting, gifted with faith, hope and love, given the opportunity to live this life in a holy and blessed way, and are given the chance to be of service to our families, parishes, Brother Knights, co-workers, and so many others with whom we come in contact each day.

As a human, it is very difficult for me to wrap my mind around Jesus and Mother Mary saying "yes." Then I think about how little effort is required of me to follow Him, and the multiple times each week that I want to say "no," and it is little wonder I stand before them feeling sinful and sorrowful. I am. I'll say, "Oh, my hand is really hurting," or "My back is killing me," and then after the meeting last week, when we prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries, I remember how much He loves me and that I will have to stand before Him. What a reality check that was! After what He has done for me, there should never be anything I should deny Him! Christmas is truly a blessed holiday.

It was great to have our December spaghetti dinner so well attended. St. Vincent's School was the recipient of the profits this month, and they did a fabulous job of promoting the dinner. Deb Chris was awesome in her efforts to organize the kids. They had a high level of energy, like most kids do, but they were so well-behaved. She should be very proud of them. Our January spaghetti dinner will be for the Elkhart County Right to Life. I know that January 2, the day after a holiday, will take a little planning, but please come down and bring your holiday guests with you to support this very worthwhile organization. The meal will be delicious, and your guests will thank you afterwards. We will also have a fish fry on December 21. We are eager to fill the club so try not to miss these events. Come on down and you will "Make My Day."

Steve Riikonen still has some dates left open for Christmas parties this month. Give him a call and have your party at the hall. If you have a large family get-together this Christmas, the lounge is very reasonable to rent for a group that may be too large for your home. Family reunions, large birthday parties, and anniversaries are all good reasons to make use of the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The weekend of December 15 was the culmination of all the effort of the Christmas Food Basket committee. It is amazing that a council our size can accomplish a project of this magnitude. Six hundred fifty Elkhart County families will have a brighter, more cheerful

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Next meeting

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Calendar of Coming Events

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| January 2, 2013—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. |
| January 3—4th Degree Meeting 7 p.m. |
| January 4—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 |
| January 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m. |
| January 13—Pancake breakfast at the hall |
| January 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |
| February 1—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 |
| February 5—Blood Drive 2-6 p.m. at hall |

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Christmas season because of the Knights of Columbus Council 1043. We thank all those who were able to fill boxes and deliver them from the Northland Center as well as those who contributed money and food items. You can be sure that you brought a lot more joy into the lives of people who have less right now than we do.

May you have a blessed Christmas and 2013.
Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

| Birthdays for January | | | | | | |
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| Date | Member | Saint | | Date | Member | Saint |
| 2 | Tim James | St. Adelard | | 18 | Vincent DelPrete | St. Volusian |
| 2 | Jesus Zagal | St. Basal | | 19 | Rev. Kevin Bauman | St. Henry |
| 3 | Terrance E. Chmiel | St. Genevieve | | 19 | Joseph O. Eppers | St. Fillian |
| 3 | Jon Fish | St. Daniel | | 19 | Bernard Hartogh | St. Pontainus |
| 3 | Jeffrey Fullhart | St. Genevieve | | 21 | Anthony J. Iemma | St. Alban Bartholomew |
| 4 | Timothy Johnson | St. Hermer | | 22 | Andrew Hicks | St. Vincent |
| 4 | Dan Wierzbicki | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | | 22 | Thad Naquin | St. Birthwald |
| 7 | Miguel Mendoza | St. Raymond | | 23 | Thomas Durham | St. Bernard |
| 7 | Michael Reverman | St Anastasius | | 23 | Brent Kulp | St. Ildephonsus |
| 9 | Robert Lowman | St. Adrian | | 24 | Justin Buenger | St. Francis De Sales |
| 11 | Robert S. Schmidt | St. Paulinus | | 27 | Leonardo Bumbaca | St. Marius |
| 12 | Joseph A. Bickel | St. Marguerite | | 27 | Dave Buzalski | St. Angela |
| 12 | Daniel Mauck | St. Tatiana | | 29 | James M. Bowers | St. Gildas the Wise |
| 13 | James DuBois | St. Elian | | 30 | Sherman W. Hansen | St. Matthias |
| 16 | William A. Dolan | St. Fursey | | 30 | Harry L. Palmer | St. Aldegundis |

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

Today, let’s start with a walk down memory lane. Most of us can remember the birth of our first child, and some of us, even the birth of our first grand-child. If you haven’t yet had this experience, you will just have to take the rest of this on faith. Think about that moment when you held that baby for the first time. You looked at that little person, those small hands and feet, that cute little face. What a miracle the birth of a child is. When you look back at it, you have to admit that your life was changed from that moment. The physical changes were obvious. Sleep was at a premium, your patience was tested, and the demands were great. But you did all of this because of your love for that little child.

Well, you have the opportunity for wonder again this Christmas. After Mass on Christmas Day, go up to the manger and take some time to look upon the face of that little baby. Remember that this is God, being born as a human and entering our world so that He could save those that He loves so much that He created us in His image. Let that little baby change your spiritual life just like you let your own children change your physical life. We say we love God, but do we love Him enough to let Him change our lives? We let our own children, gifts from God, change our lives so why not the Christ Child?

This year, let’s not just celebrate Christmas as we always have, even though I am a true traditionalist and believer of celebrating the same way every year. Still, let that little Child change your spiritual life. Don’t be afraid. If we allow it, the Holy Spirit will show us the way.

Before closing, I would like to give you a couple of reminders. First, the annual Men’s Conference for the diocese will beheld this year in South Bend on February 9, 2013. Registration forms are available at both St. Vincent and St. Thomas, or you can register online at www.rekindlethefire.net. In addition, we will be praying our 357th consecutive Rosary at St. Vincent on Friday, January 4, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. Both events are great ways to start the new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

God Bless.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendar as a reminder that the Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive at our Council on Tuesday, February 5, from 2-6 p.m.