



Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043
112 E. Lexington Avenue
Elkhart, In 46514



News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- There will be a First Degree Ceremony on Monday, January 31, for candidates wanting to become Knights. Candidates are asked to be at the Council at 6:15 p.m.
- On Thursday, February 10 from 2-6 p.m. there will be a blood drive. We will need blood donors, so in addition to coming yourself, bring your wife and even your kid(s) if they are 18 years of age or older and donate Life to someone in need.
- We had a great January spaghetti dinner fundraiser that benefitted Elkhart County Right to Life. Our next spaghetti dinner is Wednesday, February 2, from 5-7 p.m. and will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please make an effort to attend this event to support St. Thomas School.
- As Shane indicated, our next fish fry dinner will be Friday, January 21. We need your presence at these dinners to inject much needed funds into the Council. Paying dues alone is not enough to meet our expenses. For the fish fry, we need over 200 people just to cover the expense of the food before we are in positive cash flow territory for the dinner so we really need your support.
- Members who have paid their dues should have received their 2011 membership cards (with the exception of those who paid this past week.) There are 160 members' dues payment still outstanding as of January 14. I will be issuing a second notice to those 160 members via the mail before Knight Alert letters are sent out. If you are one of these Knights with dues outstanding, I would greatly appreciate a prompt payment to avoid issuing Knight Alerts. If you are in need of financial assistance with your dues, please contact me: joe@koc1043.org or 574-294-1754 (evenings or week-end), and we will make arrangements. I promise to keep things confidential, but I do need to hear from you if you are in need of some assistance (I haven't perfected mind reading yet :)
- We're working on updating the hall-rental page of the website, including adding a calendar showing dates when the hall is reserved for an event as well as a downloadable rental contract.

January, 2011



Grand Knight's Message

We seem to be in the dead of winter here in northern Indiana (just in case you could not tell by looking out of your window). This is a good time to be thinking spring for the Knights of Columbus. We are starting to plan our summer and spring events already, including our fish fries for Lent, which always are a big draw and well-received by the community. You can even come down to the Hall this Friday, January 21, and experience the fish fry first-hand. Another sign of spring will be Dingus Day, the Monday after Easter. This is one of our major money makers every year so plan to come down and enjoy some good food and company.

Spring also means that it is time for the Tootsie Roll Drive, and I would like to thank Jon Fish for stepping up to chair this fundraiser this year. Jon is looking for some help in running this event so here is your chance to step up and help. If you remember, over the last couple of months, I have asked everyone to take one step up from their current level of involvement, and Jon has taken this to heart and stepped up. Now it's our turn to fill in the line behind him.

I am also looking for a Squire's director. The Squires is an organization for young men ages 10-18. It is an official part of the Knights and has the potential to be a very good addition to our Council. If you have a desire to help re-energize the Squires and are good working with kids, contact me for details. I will be glad to work with you to make the Squires a successful program.

The last thing that I want to talk about is the tour of the Lerner Theater that several of the Knights and their families took on Saturday, January 15. The suggested \$5 donation collected from each person who took the tour will go toward purchasing a couple of seats in the theater with Joe and my names on them...oops, I mean the Knights of Columbus name on them! Seriously, we have raised enough to purchase a couple of seats in the name of the Knights but would like to have a stronger presence in the theater. Therefore, if you would like to donate so that the Knights can make a greater impact on this worthwhile community project, let Joe or me know in the near future so we can reserve more seats in the name of the Knights in the theater.

The lounge is open Tuesday -Friday at 4 p.m. so stop in and say "hi." There is always a good conversation going on.

Have a warm and blessed winter, and remember that the Knights are already thinking spring.

Your brother in Christ,
Shane Blotkamp

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family of James E. Smith, who passed away December 27, 2010. Please remember his family in your prayers.

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Rosary

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The crowd was rather small for the Rosary in January due, in part, to the cold and snow. Remember that Our Lady endured hardships to give birth to our Lord and to follow Him throughout her life. We look forward to many more Knights, their family and friends joining us on the 4th, regardless of the weather, to offer our prayers on behalf of those who need them.

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Calendar of Coming Events

January 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

January 31—First Degree at K of C Hall
6:15 p.m.

February 2—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

February 3—4th Degree business meeting
7 p.m.

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

February 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

February 10—Red Cross blood drive
2-6 p.m.

February 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for February

Date	Member	Saint
1	Michael J. Wargo	St. Brigid
2	Michael B. Rody	St. Adalbald
3	Max L. Overton	St. Blaise
8	Travis Mahoney	St. Dionysius
8	Anthony Miller	St. Jerome
8	Richard Scheve	St. Cuthman
9	Francis Vite	St. Alexander
10	Timothy D. Dibley	St. Scholastica
10	Herman Kruis	St. Austreberta
10	Thomas A. Misener	St. Andrew
11	Alex Villalobos	St. Paschal
13	Matthew Frye	St. William
14	Alex J. Nagy 3rd	St.Cyril
15	Michael I. Kloska	St. Walfrid

Date	Member	Saint
15	Matthew Marks	St. Faustinus
15	Brian Turco	St. Jordan
17	Ryan Chris	St. Alexis Falconieri
18	Lawrence J. Krazit	St. Simeon
20	John S. Uryga	St. Wulfric
22	Chuck D. Bueter	St. Amata
23	James H Gallagher	St. Polycarp
24	Kevin A. Kiefer	St. Ethelbert
26	Msg. Joseph Caterino	St. Iasbel of France
26	Nicholas Hintz	St.Porphyrus
26	James Mann	St. Alexander
27	Jonathan DuBois	St. Leander
27	Thomas D. Hartnett	St. Anne Line
28	Ron Desimone	St. Hilary

Bible Quiz

1. The walls of what city mentioned in the Old Testament fell when the Israelites shouted?
2. Who was the mother-in-law of Ruth who lived with her?
3. What did Jesus say we had to have first if we want to see miracles?
4. How many stones did David take into battle with him against Goliath?
5. Which apostle performed the first miracle after Jesus as-cended into heaven?

Answers: 1. Jericho; 2. Naomi; 3. faith; 4. five; 5. Peter

Happy New Year!

With the beginning of the new year, many of us are trying to follow through on our resolutions. As your Brother Knight, I am in a position to help you fulfill a most important resolution for you and your family: peace of mind. This peace can come by taking advantage of fraternal benefits available to you and your family in the form of top rated life insurance, long term care, retirement plans and more. We are one of only TWO insurance companies with the highest ratings (AAA Standard & Poor's, A++ AM Best, IMSA certified). Start the year off right with a resolution to review your financial plan. Give me a call to see how we can help. Brother Phil Stackowicz (574-514-4941) phillip.stackowicz@kofc.org



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- We collected \$107 for the vocation fund during our February meeting.
- February's spaghetti dinner for St. Thomas School raised \$850 for the school. Those who did not attend missed out not only on the delicious spaghetti, but also on some entertaining jazz music performed by the Concord Jazz Band. Who knows? You may get another chance to hear them play. Come on down to the hall in March and find out!
- This year's scholarship application can be downloaded by going to the Council website at : <http://koc1043.org/scholarship.aspx>. The deadline for the application is April 7.
- Notices were mailed (or emailed) out to First Degree Knights interested in taking their 2nd and 3rd Degree on March 20 in Mishawaka. Contact Joe Tinervia if you plan to attend to take these degrees as he has to have a head count in order to submit the necessary paperwork to Supreme.
- Contact T.J. Repaich by leaving a message at the Council if you are interested in purchasing the pool table that is currently found in the lounge.
- The season of Lent is approaching. We will be needing volunteers on a weekly basis to man the fish fry that will be held every Friday during Lent. Contact Scott Chris or Joe Eppers for more information as to how you can help.
- Be sure to sign up to come to the St. Patrick's Day Fest at the Hall. See complete details in the column below.

St. Patrick's Day Fest Knights of Columbus Hall

Join us for food, fun, door prizes, and drink specials on Thursday, March 17 at the K of C Hall. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$12 per person, payable when you sign up at the Hall.

NOTE: if you are a business owner, or know someone who is, we are looking for donations that can be used for door prizes. Please contact Scott Chris at efdeng3@aol.com if you can contribute.

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While a record crowd tuned in for the February Super Bowl and millions will watch hours of "March Madness," wouldn't it be a blessing to see similar enthusiasm for spending time with our Lady in prayer? We look forward to many more Knights, their family and friends joining us on the 4th to offer our prayers on behalf of those who need them.

February, 2011



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that another month has passed. The forecast is for things to start warming up and take us out of this deep freeze. And that means that things are getting "hot" down at the Knights of Columbus Hall as well. We had several Brother Knights step up to deliver collection boxes and be responsible for collecting cell phones for soldiers at the Martin's stores around town. Fred Thomson is going to coordinate the effort. He could probably use some extra help so if you have the time or can make the time, here is another good opportunity to step up and make a contribution to a worthy project. Remember, the unofficial theme this year is "Take One Step Up." I am glad to see so many of you taking on the challenge of making the Knights of Columbus a pillar in the community. I personally find it an honor to be part of such a great group of men.

I also would like to welcome the new members who took their First Degree on January 31. It is gratifying to see our organization grow with good Catholic men. We will soon have a First Degree in Spanish, a first for us even though we have several Hispanic Brothers who are active. The officers and trustees believe that this will prove to be a true blessing. Please watch for email and bulletin announcements regarding this milestone event.

We are also going to have an English First Degree on March 7 for any interested prospective members. This date was chosen to try and coincide with college spring breaks. If you have a son home from college during this time, be sure to bring him down to the hall to join the Knights of Columbus. I can't think of a better way to send your son back to school than by being a member of such a fine organization.

There will also be a 2nd and 3rd Degree on March 20 in Mishawaka. If you are a First Degree member, here is another chance to take a "step up."

Remember that Lent is just around the corner, and there are a lot of things that you can do to help the church and your club during this time. I can check with Fr. Bill to make sure but attending daily mass, meditating on the Stations of the Cross, or praying a Rosary would be even better than giving up candy or pop as a Lenten offering. We would also welcome your help at the hall, setting up or cleaning up during the weekly fish fry.

I would like to end this month's letter by thanking everyone for their efforts thus far in 2011 and encouraging you to keep up the good work in the months to come. Your brother in Christ,
Shane Blotkamp

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Calendar of Coming Events

February 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 2—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
March 3—4th Degree business meeting 7 p.m.
March 4—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.
March 7—First Degree K of C Hall
March 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
March 17—St. Patrick's Day Fest 6 p.m.
March 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 20—2nd & 3rd Degree in Mishawaka

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Birthdays for March

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1	J. Richard Milroy	St. Aubinus
3	Elias Garcia	St. Felix
3	Bernard Koch	St. Katharine
4	Scott Samuels	St. Casimir
6	Robert E. Letherman	St. Colette
7	Zackary DuBois	St. Perpetua
7	James W. Linn	St. Felicitas
9	Andrew Kloss	St. Frances
13	Michael J. Dibley	St. Roderic
13	Todd Kankel	St. Heldrad
17	Drew Billings	St. Joseph of Arimathea
17	Phillip D. Stillson	St. Patrick
19	Rick W. Koerting	St. Adrian

Date	Member	Saint
19	Samuel J. Rodino	St. Joseph
21	Michael Dadosky	St. Philemon
21	Dennis Griffen	St. Lupicinus
21	Salvadore Plaia	St. Nicholas of Flue
21	Paul A. Roell	St. Birillus
23	Malcolm O. Koons	St. Turibius
25	Joe Foy	St. Dismas
25	Francis M. Lima	St. Dula
26	Larry Kijak	St. Margaret Clitherow
27	Sean Asoera	St. Rapert
29	Dennis K. Lyon	St. Joseph of Arimethia
31	Joseph Morthorst	St. Benjamin

Bible Quiz

- Who liked to tell riddles at his wedding feast?
- Who was Joseph so happy to see when he gave a feast?
- Where was the wedding feast held where Jesus turned the water into wine?
- For whom did Abraham prepare a feast near the great trees at Mamre?
- To celebrate what event did Solomon prepare a great feast?

Answers: 1. Samson; 2. His brothers; 3. Cana; 4. 3 angels; 5. the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem

Staggering Retirement Facts!

Are you taking steps now so that you can enjoy retirement? Here are some facts to help you put things in perspective:

- As of 1/1/11, every day 10,000 Baby Boomers will reach 65, continuing to happen for the next 19 years;
- According to a recent survey, 36% of Americans say they do not contribute at all to retirement savings;
- 35% of Americans already over 65 rely almost entirely on Social Security;
- Over 30% of investors in their 60's have more than 80% of their retirement money in equities, putting their money at higher risk should the market crash again;
- According to a recent AARP survey, 40% of Baby Boomers plan to work "until they drop;"
- About 3 out of 4 Americans start claiming Social Security benefits the moment they are 62, largely out of necessity, thereby locking into much lower benefits than if they waited.

If you are concerned about these facts, please call me to discuss how K of C products can help you face these obstacles.
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(Due to the arrival of Dominic Paul Tiner-via on March 9, Joe has been granted an “excused absence” from his regular col-umn this month. Check back in April for more Council news from Joe.)

- Be sure to pay your 2011 dues.
- The Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit ADEC will be starting soon. Jon Fish is heading up the campaign this year. There will be a collection at the corner of Bristol and Johnson Street with more information to come next month.
- The Cell Phones for Soldiers collec-tion will be starting soon with boxes for donations being placed at all area Martin’s Supermarket locations.
- On April 16 there will be a Trivia Night at the Hall. Put together a table and participate. Remember to bring your own food.
- Hall rental arrangements must be made with Steve Riikonen.
- The election of officers will be held in May. There are some offices that are still open so if you are interested in becoming an officer, contact Shane.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree at Mishawaka on March 20. The degree ceremony starts at 12:30 p.m.
- Help is needed for table set up for the Friday fish frys during Lent. If you can help, come to the Hall on Wednes-day between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- A Night at the Cove is being planned for sometime in July or August.
- There will be a seminar on financial planning from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Hall on March 29. Contact Phil Stack-owicz if you plan to attend. (see page 2 of the newsletter for details)

Rosary

The 336th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on April 1st following the Stations of the Cross at St. Vincent’s. Stations will be-gin at 7 p.m. so the Rosary will start at ap-proximately 7:40 p.m. Those in need of our prayers are remembered at this time. If you have names of Brother Knights or others in need of our prayers, please forward those names to Benny Wiercioch to be added to the long list of names that is read each time before the Rosary is prayed.

Praying the Rosary with your Brother Knights, family, and friends will be a special addition to your Lenten devotions as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter. We look forward to praying with you on April 1.

Fish Fry

Be sure to come and join us for our Fish Frys each Friday of Lent. Serving is from 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$7.50; Children 6-12: \$4.00; 5 and under are free.



March, 2011



Grand Knight’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Since we have officially started Lent, this is a great time for us to reflect on where we stand with our God, church, family, job and lives. While I hope that when everyone takes this personal inventory, all is good, but I would guess that each of us can find something in our lives upon which we can improve. (I am sure that I will find many areas for growth myself.) Remember after reflecting on your life to take advantage of the beautiful services that the church will offer over the next 40 days.

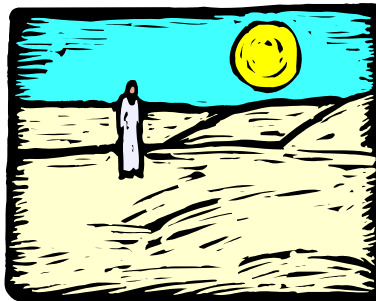
The hall was an exciting place to be last Friday night with a great turn out for the fish fry. If you were there, thank you! If you weren’t, I hope that you can make it next week. It was a lot of fun to be that busy.

Spring is the time of year when we start the election process for new officers. Re-member that most of our officers are elected. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact me or one of the other officers.

Remember to watch the web page and your email for up-coming events where we can use your support or volunteer help. There is a trivia night being planned, as well as a golf outing and a Cubs trip so stay involved so you don’t miss out on any of the fun. In addition, I know that Fred Thomson could use some help with the Cell Phones for Soldiers program and Jon Fish could also use some help with the Tootsie Roll program. As always, I would also welcome any ideas for activities that you might want to head up to help support the Knights.

Finally, I hope everyone has a blessed Lent, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Your Brother in Christ,



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March 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

March 25—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

April 1—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
—Rosary at St. Vincent’s 7:30 p.m.

April 6—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

April 7—4th Degree business meeting
7 p.m.

April 8—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

April 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

April 15—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

April 22—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

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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
11	Carlos Gomez	St. Stanislaus
13	Steven M Revelli	St Martin
15	Robert A. Petersen	St. Paternus

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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
20	Steve Poirier	St. Marian
24	Mitchell Wirt	St. Fidelis
29	Eugene W. Hungate	St. Catherine
30	Charles Girtin	St. Pius V

Bible Quiz

1. What was the second thing that Satan tried to tempt Jesus to do in the wilderness?
2. How did Jesus identify the disciple who would betray him?
3. What incident caused Jesus to say, “The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak?”
4. Complete the following verse: “My God, my God....”
5. Which disciple arrived at Jesus’ tomb first after they were told He was gone from the tomb?

Answers: 1. to throw himself off the top of the temple; 2. “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me;” 3. Jesus’ disciples fell asleep while keeping watch in the Garden; 4. “Why hast thou forsaken me?” 5. John

Your Family’s Future

As a council we are hosting a seminar entitled “Your Family’s Future,” which will discuss many important economic challenges we as a country and as individuals are facing. It will be held on Tuesday, March 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the K of C Hall. It will include information for families of all age ranges regarding ways to become proactive during these changing times. It also will include strategies to anticipate future changes. It will be a very informative session with new ideas and ways to combat future financial uncertainties.

Childcare will be provided, if needed, and refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded to attendees, but space is limited. Please call me to RSVP (574-514-4941) or email me at Phillip.Stackowicz@kofc.org and reserve your family’s spot. This is an ECONOMIC REALITY CHECK OF YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE from which every family can benefit. I urge you to attend and bring along potential Knights as well.

Thank you and God Bless, Phillip Stackowicz



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- The Cell Phones for Soldiers collection continues through the end of May at all Martin's locations as well as at the Council and in the parishes. Please consider brining in your old cell phone and having it recycled so that a soldier can receive the benefit of being able to speak to his family.
- The spaghetti dinner in May was for the Tolson Center, raising \$425 for them. The June spaghetti dinner is for Church Community Services. Please come and support this fund-raising effort.
- Dyngus Day was successful again this year. Thanks to all for their continued patronage on this single-day fund raiser for the Council. If you enjoyed the sausage, the special blend is now available at Charlie's Butcher Block on Bristol Street. Just ask for the Knight sausage blend, and we will get \$.25 for each pound he sells!!
- The bus is half full already for the trip to see the Cubs play on Friday, August 5. The cost is \$75 per person and is due at the time of sign up.
- Trivia Night was quite successful and people who participated had a great time. Our next Trivia Night will be on August 13 and will have a "Back to School" theme.
- Our annual father/son golf tournament will be Sunday, July 17, at Raber's golf course with a dinner afterwards held at the Council. The sign up sheet will be in the lounge beginning June 1.
- 4th Degree Report—The election of officers will be held next month. In addition, there was a Blue Mass held at St. Vincent's on May 15. See page 2 of the newsletter for more 4th Degree news.
- 2011-2012 Slate of officers:
Grand Knight—Phil Kile
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Trustee 2nd—Dick Scheve
Trustee 3rd—Steve Riikonen
- Matthew Kelly is coming to St. Pius on May 24 at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and are expected to be a sell-out. Phil Kile suggested we purchase a mass journal for Knights as described by Kelly in his book Rediscover Catholicism. All Knights attending our meetings will get one.
- We collected \$92 for vocations.
- The final fish fry before summer break is Friday, May 20. Hope to see you there!

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May, 2011



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that it was 23 months ago that I was sitting down to write a Grand Knights' letter for the newsletter and wondering what I had gotten myself into. Well, looking back, I can see that I had gotten myself into a great experience. There have been a few rough spots to deal with in the two years, don't get me wrong, but there have by far been many more bright and enlightening moments that have more than made up for the challenges. I think of all the events that I have been a part of over the last two years and how many people have helped with and headed up these activities to make them successful. It is truly amazing how much we can accomplish when we work together as a team. The "team" that we call the Knights of Columbus 1043 is truly one of the best councils in the state of Indiana. Some councils have more money or more members, but none that I have seen have more heart and caring members and families than here in Elkhart. I realize that I was not on this 2-year journey alone and that I only needed to ask to get things done.

Being Grand Knight for two years was a real privilege and something that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I am sure that Phil Kile is having some of the same nervous feelings that I did when I was elected GK, but he will soon be over them when he realizes that there are almost 400 great men and their families that will not let him fail. I am not going anywhere and will still be involved at 1043, working to support Phil during his time as Grand Knight as so many have done for me.

There is no way that I could even come close to repaying all the people who have helped and supported me over the past two years, but I sincerely would like to thank all of you. I do consider you and your families to be some of the greatest people in the world and am honored to be able to consider you as friends.

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting for the installation of officers and wish you all a great summer.

Your Brother in Christ,
Shane Blotkamp

Calendar of Coming Events

June 1—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

June 2—4th Degree business meeting 7 p.m.

June 3—Rosary at St. Vincent's Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.

June 14—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

June 17—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

News from Joe, continued:

- A motion was made and passed that when a Brother Knight dies that a book donation to his parish school be made in his memory.

Meetings Second Tuesday
of Each Month
7:00 p.m.

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Outside Guard—Shawn Asoera
Trustee—Richard Scheve
Trustee—Shawn Kohn
Trustee—Steve Riikonen
Program Director—Matt Frye

May Meeting

Members at the meeting on

May 10 were as follows: Rick Frye, Phil Kile, Shane Blotkamp, Fred Thomson, Larry Scalise, Lee Evers, T.J. Repaich, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Phil Stackowicz, John Tierney, Tom Pawlak, Steve Gonsoski, Rob Jackson, Steve Riikonen, Jim Gallagher, Joe Tinervia, George Kalil, Thomas Hutkins, Dick Scheve, Sean Asoera, Matthew Frye, Steve Spretnjak, Benny Wiercioch, Jason Dyer, and Richard Dyer.

Rosary

The 338th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on June 3rd. Those in need of our prayers are remembered at this time. If you have names of Brother Knights or others in need of our prayers, please forward those names to Benny Wiercioch to be added to the long list of names that is read each time before the Rosary is prayed.

As we begin the sixth month of 2011 and realize that this year is nearly half over, it is a good time to reflect upon our resolutions for this year. Have you set praying the First Friday rosary as high on your priority list as you intended? If not, Our Lady invites you to bring your family and join your fellow Knights and friends in this special devotional time.

We gratefully acknowledge those who faithfully attend each month and offer a special thanks to George Kalil for leading the Rosary in Benny's absence. We look forward to having you join us this month and in the months to come.

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, Fr. Phil, Fr. Bob, Fr. Glenn, Fr. Bill, Fr. Kevin, Mike Bozzacco, Gabrielle Hernandez, Benny & Virginia Wiercioch, Jim Linn, Herman Kruis, Andres Bahena, Willie Bueter, Sherm Poole, Matt Casey family, Fred Thomson family, Gene Caravez, Don Ciancio, Dick Decaine, Ron Gerstbauer, Tommy Hutkins, Joe Jeffers family, Tim Johnson, Mitch Nihart, Tim Roberts, Rodino family (Nicole Cantzler), Mike Russo, Steve Spretnjak family, Andrew Fry family, Wenzel family, Tom Ferro, Phil Kyle's mother, Malcolm Koons, Nagy family, Noffsinger family, Sommers family, Shorty Murphy, Gia Gallagher, and Lois Vawter.

Birthdays for June								
Date	Member	Saint			Date	Member	Saint	
1	Gregory Yant	St. Justin Martyr			12	Shane Blotkamp	St. Leo	
3	Thomas A. Pawlak	St. Phillip			13	Richard A. Eppers	St. John the Silent	
4	Phillip Stackowicz	St. Petroc			14	Vern J. Miller	St. Matthias	
5	Maynard L. McClintic	St. Boniface			15	Kirt Lochmandy	St. Germaine Cousin	
6	James L. Letherman	St. Norbert			15	Michael Ruszkowski	St. Vitus	
7	Richard E. Dyer	St. John of Beverley			16	Dominick A. Ambrose	St. Simon Stock	
8	Richard Hastings	St. Peter of Tarantaise			16	Christopher Johnson	St. Brenden	
9	Jorge Delgado	St. Ephrem			17	Vito Palumbo	St. Albert	
9	Jason Dyer	St. Columba			21	Gerald Kruzel	St. Aloysius Gonsaga	
10	William Hutkins	St. Timothy			23	Glen Meert	St. Liebert	
10	Edward P. Klose	St. Landericus			26	Gerald Sassaman	St. Anthelm	
10	Charles R. Ornduff	St. Getulius			26	Vincent Vonder Vellen	St. Philip Neri	
10	Michael Person	St. Maximus			27	James D. Stroup	St. Augustine	
10	Angelo Rossi	St. Aloysius			28	John A. Fisher	St. Irenaeus	
11	Richard Buenger	St. Barnabus						

Bible Quiz

1. In Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the publican what two things did the self-righteous Pharisee do which he thought made him superior to the publican?

2. Who broke the law of the priests by eating the temple bread when hungry?

3. Who was the last judge of Israel?

4. What did the rich fool tear down in the parable of Jesus?

5. What is “a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path?”

Answers below.

Answers: 1. He fasted and he tithed; 2. David; 3. Samue; 4. His barns; 5. God's word

4th Degree Calendar of Events

We would like to see as many 4th Degree members at possible attend the upcoming summer events.

May 22—Mass of Ordination of SK David Elchert at St. John’s Church in Goshen at 10 a.m. The Color Guard should report at 9:30 a.m.

May 30—Memorial Mass at St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery in Elkhart at 9 a.m. Color Guard should report at 8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade in Elkhart; assemble at the Council following the Memorial Mass.

June 9—Business meeting and election of officers in Elkhart at Council 1043 at 7 p.m.

June 26—Corpus Christi March from St. Thomas Church to St. Vincent’s Church at 3:30 p.m.

July 7—Business meeting and officer installation at St. Mary’s Church



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Over \$3300 was raised with this year’s Tootsie Roll Drive campaign. Thank you again to all who volunteered.
- The Cell Phones for Soldiers drive is wrapping up this week. Bring in any used cell phones that you want to donate to the Council before July 4.
- The tickets for the Cubs trip are nearly sold out. There were 9 seats left as of June 14. The cost is \$75 for game ticket, breakfast, beverages, and bus. Please sign up and pay at the Council because this event is on a first come basis.
- This year’s scholarship winner is Sarah DuBois. Please congratulate her and her family on her many scholastic and extracurricular achievements and activities.
- There will be NO spaghetti dinner in July. Our next spaghetti dinner will be in August for Elkhart County Special Olympics. June’s dinner was for Church Community Services where we raised \$238 for them.
- Remember that fish fries will resume in September.
- Fr. John Eze, a visiting priest from Africa, was ecstatic to become a Knights of Columbus member in our Council during a special First/Second Degree for him.
- A check for \$2000 was written to the Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend to help with Bishop Rhoades’ request for seminarian tuition assistance. All Knights should be proud of our ability to assist the Bishop with his request.
- Installation of officers was postponed until Monday, June 20.
- Our Council’s yearly golf outing with steak dinner is set for Sunday, July 17. Sign up your foursome at the Council. You do not need to be a good golfer to share in the camaraderie.

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In Our Prayers

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June, 2011



Grand Knight’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,
While my initial voyage into being your Grand Knight has been a little rocky, your prayers and concern about my health have been a real comfort to my family and me. I will tell you that I am well on my way to recovery! I am planning to attend the Appreciation Dinner and look forward to being out of the house with many of you at that time.
I look forward to serving all of you at Council 1043 Elkhart, and I am very excited about what we will accomplish on this journey together. What has been a real comfort to me is that, although I have been a little under the weather, with 1043’s membership, I knew we would not get behind on anything. This is truly an amazing Council, and one Knight in ill health would not stop all the **great things** we accomplish every year.
I know I can count on each one of you to support me and Council 1043 like you always have. We will continue to grow, and with our Lord’s Love and Guidance, we will continue to do all the things needed to support our parishes and the Elkhart community.
Strong families, parishes, schools, and neighborhoods are a by-product of strong Knighthood. Please continue to strive toward that end. I am extremely proud to be elected Grand Knight of such a caring and productive council as 1043. I can’t want to see what we accomplish next!
Please look out for your Brother Knights and anyone else in our community who cannot look after themselves. This is our primary mission. If we look for Jesus in the face of everyone we meet, we will continue to be Truly Blessed! Our Holy Mother will see to that herself!
I will have FREE Mass Journals available on the front table at each meeting from now on. Please feel free to take one and become a game changer with me!
Again, thank you for your confidence as we take this trip together.
Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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- The next time you see him, everyone should take a moment to thank Past Grand Knight Shane Blotkamp for his two years of service as our Grand Knight. Also, let’s remember to give our new Grand Knight Phil Kile all the support he needs in leading the Council.
- Mark you calendars for our Council’s next blood drive on Tuesday, September 6 from 2-6 p.m.
- The Council is having a Trivia Night on Saturday, August 13 with the theme of “Back to School.”

Next meeting
July 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Roster of Officers

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June Meeting

Members at the meeting on June 14 were as follows: Rick Frye, Shane Blotkamp, Fred Thomson, Larry Scalise, Lee Evers, T.J. Repaich, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Phil Stackowicz, Rob Jackson, Steve Riikonen, Joe Tinervia, George Kallil, Thomas Hutkins, Sean Asoera, Matthew Frye, Steve Spretnjak, Benny Wiercioch, Jon Fish, Bill Method, Chuck Fortino, Mick Towner, Matthew Snyder, Mitch Nihart, Steve Revelli, Jim Smith, Kevin Doroh, Jim Gallagher, Thomas Holsler, Jim Hiles, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Mariano Tirado, Andrew Fry, and Jose Tirado.

Rosary

(Note time change this month)

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As we give thanks in the month of July for the many freedoms we enjoy, let us begin the month by seeking the special inter-session of Mary on behalf of our nation. We humbly ask for her help in guiding our leaders to make wise choices that support life, justice, and peace.

We look forward to having you, your family, and your friends join us on the first Friday in July at St. Vincent’s Church at **6:15 p.m.** There will be a mass following at 7:00 p.m. to conclude the week-long Eucharistic adoration at St. Vincent’s.

Calendar of Coming Events

June 26—Corpus Christi procession from St. Thomas to St. Vincent’s 3:30 p.m.
July 1—Rosary at St. Vincent’s at 6:15 p.m.
July 6—NO Spaghetti Dinner—see you in August!
July 7—4th Degree business meeting 7 p.m.
July 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
July 17—Golf Tournament at Raber’s
August 3—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for July

Date	Member	Saint
1	Wilfred L. Bueter	St. Juniper Serra
1	John E. Calvert	St. Gall
1	Irvin L. Kloska	St. Arnulf
2	Nick R. Fortino	St. Bernardo
3	Javier Cisneros	St. Maria Goretti
4	Sherman Poole	St. Ulric
4	Matthew J. Snyder	St. Anthony
7	Craig S. Lochmandy	St. Pantaeus
7	Timothy Roberts	St. Apollonius
8	Kevin Doroh	St. Grimbald
12	Frederick J. Thomson	St. John Gaulbert
13	Eugene R. Damalas	St. Silas
13	Joel Munoz	St. Francis Soalano
13	Richard Walag	St. Henry II
14	Jeff Robertson	St. Camillus
15	Leonard Antonelli	St. Boniventure
15	Ralph F. Miller	St. Swithun
15	Bryan Simmons	St. Vladimir of Kiev
16	James Mauck III	St. Carmen
18	William M. Wain	St. Frederick

Bible Quiz

1. Complete the following verse: “Seek and ye shall find...”
2. How long was the period of beauty treatments for Esther?
3. Which book’s final verse says: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord”?
4. Who are the only brothers of Abel named in the Bible?
5. Complete the following verse: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but....”

Answers below.

Answers: 1. "...knock and it (the door) shall be opened; 2. one year; 3. Psalms; 4. Cain and Seth; 5. "...fools despise wisdom and instruction."

<u>Date</u>	Member	Saint
19	Steven A. Gonsoski	St. Arsenius
20	Thomas K. O'Hara	St. Margaret
22	James Smith	St. Theopholis
22	William J. Swaller	St. Mary Magdalen
23	Francisco Guzman	St. Bridget
23	Apolinar Perez	St. Anne
24	Peter A. Letherman	St. John Boste
25	Timothy Farwig	St. Christopher
26	Edward J. Bollero, Sr.	St. Valens
26	Craig M. Gonsoski	St. Joachim
26	Mitchell Nihart	St. Erastus
27	Beuford H. Lee	St. Celestine
29	Christopher Stackowicz	St. Martha
30	Adan Alvarez	St. Abdon
30	Timothy M. O'Bryant	St. Ursus
30	Earl J. Ottman, Sr.	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	Donald L. Peterson	St. Ignatius
31	James M. Slater	St. Helen of Skovde
31	Joe Tinervia	St. Justin De Jacobis





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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- We are planning to start praying the Rosary after each meeting.
- We need someone to organize the Free Throw competition this year.
- George Kalil reported that the Elkhart County Right to Life will meet on September 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Goshen Library, which will be followed by a Holy Innocents meeting at 7 p.m.
- There will be a Life Chain on September 3 in front of St. Thomas Church at the corner of Bristol & Main Streets from 11 a.m.-12 noon. Please come stand for an hour to support Life.
- The Golf Outing was successful this year. Thank you to Steve Spretnjak for organizing it and to all volunteers and supporters.
- Cell Phones for Soldiers update: Our Council collected and sent 1,958 phones to Dexter, MI so they can be processed and turned into phone card minutes for soldiers' use. Thank you to Fred Thomson for organizing the effort this year.
- Our Council was mentioned in this month's Columbia magazine for our efforts for our annual food basket drive. Plans for this year's drive are underway.
- Committee members are needed for this year's Children's Christmas Party. Contact Matt Frye if you are interested in helping. Last year, under the new format, kids brought in toys to be given to those in need. They were treated to caroling, breakfast, and arts and crafts projects as well as to a few Christmas stories.
- We need donors for our next Blood Drive, which will take place on Tuesday, September 6, from 2-6 p.m. at the Council. The names of those donating will be put into a Red Cross drawing for a chance to win some exciting prizes.
- The August spaghetti dinner for Special Olympics was successful as a check for \$1070 was presented to them. The September spaghetti dinner, on September 7 from 5-7 p.m., will benefit United Cancer Service of Elkhart County, a local organization that provides financial assistance and education to cancer patients.
- We collected \$91 for the vocations fund at the meeting.
- Fish Frys will resume on Friday, September 16. Come and join us from 5-7 p.m.!!

K of C Field Agent News

Brother Knights and families,

If you are looking for guarantees in today's volatile market, look no further! The Knights of Columbus have something for you. If you want to guarantee you will have your money in the future, call me. I can help. Phillip Stackowicz 574-514-4941

August, 2011



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I have been a bit remiss in my duties this week. I hope you can forgive me this one time as I went to Folyet, Ontario, walleye fishing. I usually don't let a thing like that interfere with my responsibilities, but I went with two of my closest friends, my two sons. I would be lying to you if I said I regretted not getting my column done because of a fishing trip! I wouldn't have missed it for anything. It is a good thing to be very involved, especially with things related to our faith, but there are things like family and close friends that really enhance our walk with God. He expects us to be active with relationships He provides for us. I love my three children, their spouses, and have a special relationship with my four grandchildren. God expects me to be active with them and be there for them, just like He is for me.

We had a productive meeting this month and filled some new director spots: Bill Method, Church Director, St. Thomas; Steve Revelli, Community Director; Rick Frye, Council Director; Jim Gallagher, Family Director; Shane Blotkamp, Public Relations Director. We still need a Church Director for St. Vincent's. Thanks to the current directors who continue at their posts.

I was pleased that many of you accepted my offer to take free Mass Journals. Today my entry was, "Am I setting an example, as an ambassador of God, in my thoughts, in my words, and in what I have done or failed to do?" My sons and I were complimented at our fishing camp. Not only did we make some new friends who I believe will become lifelong friends, the camp owner and his staff are looking forward to our return next year. Believe me, this has not always been the case with me. I can chalk that one up to progress! I don't believe every other driver that encountered me pulling the boat 15 hours one way would have seen me as sharing the love of Jesus within me with them. As always, there are still some things that need work, right?

I hope all of you are planning to pray the Rosary after each month's business meeting. I would still love to see Knights praying the K of C-sponsored Rosary the first Friday of each month. The Rosary was prayed this past Sunday night at the New Hope United Methodist Church, where crosses are currently displayed in memory of children aborted in Elkhart County since 1982. Please consider becoming involved with Elkhart County's Coalition for Life. Since the unborn are unable to defend themselves, God expects us to defend them for Him.

Please read George Kalil's column on page 2 to learn more about a DVD series that we will be having at the Club each Sunday night, beginning September 11. Please bring your spouse and older children as it promises to enhance our Catholic faith.

Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

Next meeting

September 13, 2011 at 7 p.m.

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August Meeting

Members at the meeting on August 9 were as follows: Rick Frye, Phil Kile, Fred Thomson, Larry Scalise, Rob Jackson, Steve Riikonen, Jim Gallagher, George Kalil, Thomas Hutkins, Sean Asoera, Matthew Frye, Joe Tinervia, Jon Fish, Mitch Nihart, Steve Gonsoski, Bill Method, Dave Towner, Kevin Doroh, Charles Fortino, Kevin O'Connor, Lee Evers, Arturo Herrera, Phil Stackowicz, Steve Spretnjak, Brent Kulp, Dick Dyer, Jose Tirado, Mariano Tirado, Dave Kozlowski, Roberto Navarro, Richard Scheve, Shane Blotkamp, and Fr. Bill Sullivan.

Golf Tournament Results

Included at the tournament were two grandfathers and three fathers playing with four sons. Winners of the 2011 tourney were as follows:

K of C Low Net—Chris Eppers (74)
K of C Low Gross—Matt Eppers (83)
Guest Low Net—Jeff Hoepfner (75)
Guest Low Gross—Jim Scott (96)
Closest to the Pin #8—Matt Eppers
Longest Putt #2—Matt Eppers
The 56th Annual Golf outing will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2012 at Raber's Golf Course.

In Our Prayers

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Birthdays for September

September	Member	Saints Feast Day		September	Member	Saints Feast Day
1	Michael O'Bryant	St. Teresa of Lisieux		18	Jim Donnell	St. Joseph of Cupertino
2	Alejandro Gonzales	Pope St. Gregory		20	Timothy O'Connell	St. Andrew
5	Terry Chomer	St. Bertinus		22	Fr. Dave Carkenord	St. Philip of Heraclea
5	James J. Knopick	St. Bertin		22	Alex Strati, Jr.	St. Thomas of Villanova
9	George Kieffer	St. Peter Claver		23	Robert Ellert	St. Geremarus
10	Thomas J. Patterson	St. Ambrose Barlow		23	Edward Parr	St. Adamnan
11	Lee Evers	St. Paphnutius		23	William Pobocik	St. Constantius
12	James K. Knopick	St. Appolinaris		23	Jason Reed	St. Padre Pio
13	Joseph Gross	St. John Chrysostom		23	Matthew Yeakey	St. Martha of Persia
14	Clifford Dittman	St. Notburga		24	Matthew Casey	St. Anathalon
14	Angle Martinez	St. Caerealis		24	James Deboni	St. Bercthun
14	D. Gregory Wilkerson	St. Cormac		24	Michael Froelich	St. Andochius
15	Robert Giel	St. Maximus		24	Joseph Peterka	St. Matthew
15	Jose Tirado	St. Valerian		25	Edward Hruby	St. Alber of Jerusalem
16	Wilbur Peak	St. Cornelius		27	Charles Fortino	St. Vincent de Paul
17	David Britzke	St. Robert Bellarmine		29	John Tierney	St. Michael
17	Paul Shibley	St. Hildegard				

Spiritual Growth Corner

by George Kalil

Procrastination can be a problem for some people. I am not saying that I am one of them but...I would rather look at it as God’s waiting to give me what He wants me to do at the last minute. This week He gave me something to write about.

I have just returned from helping hammer 500 crosses into the ground for the Elkhart County Right to Life at the New Hope United Methodist Church at the corner of CR 4 & CR 5. Each cross represents 12 aborted children in Elkhart County since 1982. Hammering, I thought, “These are twelve of God’s children that never got a chance to do what God created them for.” Keep praying to end abortion in this country, and take time to visit the church, park your car and walk among the crosses—it can be a life changer.

The Life Chain is also a life changer. You cannot imagine how humbling it can be to just stand quietly for an hour, holding a sign telling the world, at least our part of it, what you believe about abortion. The next Life Chain will be Saturday, September 3, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church on the corner of Bristol and Main Streets in Elkhart. Why not come and help make a difference?

The K of C Council 1043 is sponsoring a 10-week video series on Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron. It will be held at the hall on Sunday evenings from 6-7 p.m. When we talk about being open to our encounter with Jesus, it doesn’t hurt to prepare ourselves by learning more about our faith, what we believe, and why. Please block out time on your calendar **now** for Sunday nights from September 11-November 13. This series is appropriate for anyone who is Jr. High age or older. Encourage friends and family to come with you to see a new perspective and entertaining history of our Catholic Church given from numerous locations around the world. This is for Catholics and non-Catholics alike and is open to everyone, not just local parishioners. Even though I haven’t see it yet, I have heard it is amazing.

Finally, remember our 341st consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, September 2, at St. Vincent’s at 7:30. See you there! God Bless!



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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Results from September's Blood Drive: 20 people volunteered to donate, of which 19 were able to donate. Thirteen of the donors were Knights, and we collected 24 pints. Please plan to participate in our next blood drive sometime in January or February.
- Our council welcomed 10 new members who underwent their First Degree on Monday, September 19. Please welcome Kenneth Solnoky, Rafael Garcia, Moises Arroyo, Jim Pettit, Timothy Sovine, Adam Bujalski, Brian Dickerson, Mike Coy, Victor Reyes, and Earl Huxhold.
- Did you make it to our last Fish Fry? If you didn't, you missed some good fish and camaraderie. Don't worry—our next Fish Fry is October 21!
- Our Council's September spaghetti dinner held for United Cancer Services of Elkhart County raised almost \$800. Our next spaghetti dinner on October 5 will be for Kids Care International, and the ladies organizing it always put on a great event!
- We collected \$74 for the vocation fund during our September meeting.
- Please come and support our Knights-sponsored table at the Chili Cook Off happening October 15 at the Civic Plaza.
- If you are on Facebook, make sure to search for Knights of Columbus Council 1043 and "Like" the page so you will be updated on any status changes.
- Be sure to note the Elkhart County Right to Life calendar of events update in column 3 and take a moment to visit www.40daysforlife.com.

In Our Prayers

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September, 2011



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

The dog days of summer are coming to an end, and we are entering my favorite time of year. Fall has always been my favorite since I was a little kid. We certainly get a lot busier with Knights' activities. We started our monthly fish fries this past Friday, September 16, and it was well attended. There were many familiar faces that we have enjoyed seeing at our fish fries for years, but there were also some new ones, smiling as they ate our fish. Roaming around the Hall, I talked to three different couples who came to our spaghetti dinners this summer and enjoyed them so much that they came back to our fish fry. Great job, spaghetti and fish crews!! We love repeat business!

At the end of this month, we will be starting the planning meetings for our annual K of C Christmas Food Drive and distribution. As you know, this drive was started by Benny Wiercioch over twenty years ago with deliveries being made to ten families. It has grown to over 600 families sharing a little bit of the Christmas Celebration that we enjoy every year. Please pray to discern what role God has in mind for you with this project. We need many different talents to pull this off!

A special "Thank You" to everyone who prayed the Rosary with us after September's business meeting. I believe this will be what Matthew Kelly calls a "Game Changer" for our Council. The "family that prays together stays together" will certainly apply to us. With the secular world encroaching every day on our faith, this will help keep it at bay. Please join us in October.

George Kalil announced that the Elkhart County Right to Life sponsors a Life Chain the first Saturday of every month at St. Thomas Church in Elkhart where they hold pro-life signs and pray (see the insert in column 3 regarding a change for October only). I would ask you to pray about your involvement with this special activity as well. My three youngest grandchildren spent this weekend with Papa and Mema. As I watched them playing together Saturday evening, I thought to myself, "How could anybody allow that to happen to someone like them?" Not only has Jesus asked us to watch out for the "least of these," but also we should naturally find it in ourselves to help them. Please support this effort.

St. Vincent's is having their annual Festival this coming weekend, September 24. Come have a great day on Saturday from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. Bring the kids and money, and join us for a fun day!

As always, Knights of Columbus members with their name badges on and carrying their Mass Journals into Mass every week are the best witnesses to that potential member who we want to join us on our Spiritual Journey. Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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Elkhart County Right to Life Updates

- 40 Days for Life—September 28-November 6, 2011; for more information on vigil calendar, etc. see www.40daysforlife.com
- Elkhart County Right to Life meeting—October 6—6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Goshen Library followed by the Holy Innocents meeting at 7 p.m.
- Life Chain—**Sunday, October 2 from 2:00-3:30 U.S. 33 & C.R. 20 Concord Intermediate School**
- Washington D.C. March for Life—January 21-24, 2012; www.indianakofc.org 219-663-0509

Calendar of Coming Events

September 24—St. Vincent's Parish Festival 12:00-6:00 p.m.
September 25—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.
October 2—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.
October 5—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
October 6—4th Degree business meeting 7 p.m.
October 7—Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.
October 9—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 5:30-6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Music Concert at St. Vincent's
October 11—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
October 16—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.
October 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
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Birthdays for October						
Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day		Oct.	Member	Saints Feast Day
1	Jose Alvarez	St. Therese of Lisieux		20	Thomas Reed	St. Paul of the Cross
2	Andres Bahena	St. Leger		21	Theodore Stanley	St. Celine
3	Ryan Martinez	St. Gerard		22	Brad Billings	St Alix Le Clereq
4	Brian Kennedy	St. Francis of Assisi		22	Joseph Eppers	St. Alexander
4	Francisco Macias	St. Mark		22	Thomas Wiley	St. Abercius Marcellus
5	Doug Harris	St. Faustina		23	Alexander Jansen	St. John of Capistrano
8	James Hiles	St. Keyne		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. Firminus		25	Matthew Kuzmicz	St. Gaudentius
13	Thomas Farrell	St. Edward		25	Jeff Schmuhl	St. Cyrinus
13	David Manderfeld	St. Agilbert		26	David Calvillo	St. Albinus
13	Antal Szucs	St. Berthoald		26	Stephen Fledderman	St. Demetrius
14	James Peterson	St. Callistus		26	Jeffery Glanders	St. Evaristus
15	Jesus Mujica	St. Teresa of Avila		26	James Shreiner	St. Alfred
15	David Sokolowski	St. Severus		27	Albert Arko	St. Emilina
16	Zachary Lucchese	St Gerard		27	Arthur Wiercioch	St. Frumentius
17	William Swartout	St. Ignatius		29	Pietro DeMauro	St. Narcissus
18	Phillip Kalski	St. Luke		29	Rigoberto Perez	St. Anne
19	Arthur Decio, Jr.	St. Isaac Jogues				

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

As we continue to look at ways to prepare our hearts for the life changing encounter with Jesus, let us consider Sacred Scripture: the Holy Bible., the Word of God. The Bible, especially the New Testament, will help us on our quest to KNOW Jesus. If you haven’t read much Scripture, start with something n the New Testament, such as one of the Gospels. I suggest Matthew. Take 15 minutes a day and just read through it. This will help you to begin to know ABOUT Jesus. Then, go back and read it again with the help of one of the many good Catholic study guides, for example, the [Ignatius Catholic Study Bible](#). These reference guides can be found online or in your favorite Catholic bookstore, such as Divine Mercy in South Bend, Aquinas in Mishawaka or Love and Blessings in Bristol.

Once you are familiar with the New Testament, start reading the Old Testament. We need to understand the history of where we come from to fully understand Jesus. Much of what we believe has its roots in Jewish heritage. It is when you start to study the Scripture and become aware of the rich and deep meaning of some of the common stories that we hear every Sunday at Mass that we begin to KNOW Jesus in our hearts. To have a meaningful encounter with anyone, it is helpful to know that person.

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- The Children's Christmas Party will be December 3 at 9 a.m. The format will be the same as last year where we ask each family to bring in a toy that will be given to Toys for Tots. Kids attending the party will eat, sing carols, participate in arts and crafts, visit and have their photo taken with Santa. Come and have your kids celebrate Christmas with other Knights and their families!
- The Christmas food basket program is well underway. This year's goal is to deliver food to 575 families in Elkhart. We are collecting canned food and money donations at the Council. Please make any checks payable to "Knights of Columbus" and put "Food Basket" in the memo line.
- Our October spaghetti dinner generated a \$1500 check for Kids Care International!! What an amazing dinner! The November dinner will benefit RETA pregnancy help group.
- We are in the midst of 40 Days for Life. On November 5 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a life chain at St. Thomas on the corner of Bristol and Main Street. Come participate.
- A phone-a-thon is happening on Monday, November 7, from 6-8 p.m. to raise money donations for the food basket program.
- The Father Barron DVD series is being well-attended on Sundays from 6-7 p.m. at the Council. Come view the remaining episodes 7-10.
- There will be a First Degree at our Council on Monday, October 24.
- We collected \$63.41 for the vocations fund during our October meeting.

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I would really like to thank all the Knights who regularly attend our monthly business meetings. Our acts of charity and encouragement as well as our Christian witness all begin in the monthly meetings. The ideas for our fundraisers and the opportunity to volunteer to be a part of the planning and execution of those events—you guessed it—all occur at those same monthly meetings.

I certainly would not want anyone to miss a family event or take away from a parish activity, but if you are just hanging out or "couch potatoing," please join us on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, and bring your thinking cap. Come help us think of new ways to help others.

This past Sunday evening upon viewing the Fr. Barron DVD series that we've been showing at the K of C Hall (Sunday nights 6-7 p.m.) I learned that when we attend Mass and partake of the Eucharist, that empowers us as the Mystical Body of Christ (the Catholic Church). Therefore, we will be concerned about fairness, justice and fostering goodness in the world by helping and serving others. For us Knights—you guessed it—this is cultivated at the monthly meetings! Please encourage our newest members to participate since we can never have too many fresh new ideas.

Our Food Basket Drive started this month. The next planning meeting will be October 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall. This is my ninth year, so I can tell you from experience that this is a very rewarding activity! We will be calling all our members in early November, asking for your help. Please pray for our success with this drive to help others have a more joyous Christmas celebration.

As a reminder, our monthly Fish Frys have started. Our September Fry was great! It was well-attended and everyone seemed to be enjoying the fish and fellowship. As usual, we could always use more help. Please come down and see if being of service doesn't make your week go just a little better! Serving the person next to you is what Christ asked us to do. It just makes sense that since Christ really wants us to be happy, He would encourage us to do the thing that will bring happiness—serving others.

Finally, keep in mind that we are the ones who can best promote the use of our Hall. We work with, socialize with, attend Mass with and are related to people who might like to rent the Hall for special events. Utilizing the Hall as fully as possible not only enables us to keep our facility in top condition but also generates funds to help others in need. Please speak with Steve Riikonen or TJ Repaich regarding anyone who is interested in renting our Hall. Remember, too, the special member discount we have for those family events that you would like to hold there.

Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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November 8, 2011 at 7 p.m.

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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Brother Knights Sherman K. Poole and Michael Bozzacco, who both passed away in September. Please keep them in your prayers.

Financial Food for Thought

The end of the year is fast approaching. Make sure your family has peace of mind, and don't let 2012 come and go! I can help put your ideas and plans into effect. Just call me, and we can make sure your family has the life insurance protection you need.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus is still offering guaranteed annuities with an interest rate of 3% minimum? This won't last forever, so get it while you still can.
YBIC Phillip Stackowicz (574-514-4941)

Calendar of Coming Events

October 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

October 23—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.

October 30—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.

November 2—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.

November 3—4th Degree business meeting 7 p.m.

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

November 6—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.

November 8—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.

November 13—Fr. Robert Barron DVD Series, K of C Hall 6-7 p.m.

November 18—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for November

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

Nov	Member	Saint
14	Nathaniel Sandefer	St. Lawrence
15	Eugene Gorman	St. Albert
16	Brad Martin	St. Margaret of Scotland
17	Rustom Dubash	St. Elizabeth
18	Mark Stoops	St. Odo of Cluny
20	Thomas Hutkins	St. Bernward
20	Thomas Jaskolka	St. Edmund Rich
20	Mark Quinn	St. Agapius
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

The liturgical season we know as Ordinary Time is coming to an end. The new church year will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. This Advent will be a little more special because we will begin using the new translation of the Liturgy, a translation that is closer to the original Latin as well as more Scriptural. If you haven’t done so yet, start preparing for this change by finding out what is changing and WHY. You can do this by going to: www.usccb.org, the website for the U.S. Catholic Bishops or to any number of other Catholic websites.

Advent used to be a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas; however, it has turned into a time of stress and a buying frenzy as we have lost sight of the true meaning of the season. In the past we treated Advent as a mini-Lent, giving up something or trying to do something extra to help focus our minds and hearts on the upcoming birth of our Savior. Some of us still approach Lent that way. For those who haven’t done so lately, let me make a suggestion: try to attend Mass daily or at least once or twice more each week. I know, it means getting up a little earlier each day, but what a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas and to become more familiar with the new translation of the Liturgy!

Sometimes getting ready to prepare for our encounter with Jesus comes from unexpected sources. In the last couple of weeks, I have seen two inspirational movies that I recommend. The first is Courageous, about men standing up for their faith, their wives and their children as true spiritual fathers. While this is a MAN movie with action-chase scenes and all, it would be a good movie for husbands and wives to see together. I went with five other men and then met at a local restaurant to discuss how it might affect us in our daily lives.

The second movie was The Way. It is the story of a man and his son walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostella in Spain. It deals with learning the difference between living the life you choose and choosing to live your life. The scenery is beautiful, and the story is heart-warming. The best part of the whole movie (for me) was a scene near the end at the Cathedral of St. James the Apostle, featuring the giant censer which fills the church with incense and takes eight monks to swing.

You still have time to come to the Council-sponsored series on Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron on Sundays from 6-7:00 p.m. at the club hall. Episodes 7-10 still remain, and I am sure you will find something in each that will give you food for thought. Finally, remember our 343rd consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, November 4, at St. Vincent’s at 7:30. See you there! God Bless!

1st Annual Rally & March for Life

12:00 Noon—Saturday, January 14, 2012

Lerner Theater—410 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN

Keynote Speaker: Indiana Right to Life President, Mike Fichter

Testimony: Deb Hall

A “Silent No More Awareness” event will follow immediately after the march

(March will end at Women’s Care Center)

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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Remember the Christmas food drive. Food will be sorted on Friday, December 9, at Northland Center. Baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 10 from the same location (located a few hundred feet east of the intersection of Jeanwood Dr. and CR 6) **We will NOT be at the IARA Hall.** We need volunteers for both days but most importantly, we need drivers on Saturday! Delivering from Northland Center will be new to everyone so we need drivers to make sure all 600 baskets get delivered this year!
- Drop off food or a check to benefit the food drive at the Council. Checks should be made out to “Knights of Columbus” and put “Christmas Food Basket” on the memo line.
- Food donations can be dropped off at the Council lounge Tuesday-Friday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or at one of many collection sites throughout Elkhart.
- Items needed for the baskets include any type of canned goods—vegetables, fruit, meat, soups, etc., boxed foods like pasta, popcorn, mixes for bread, soup, cakes, and pancakes, flour, sugar, syrup, condensed milk, drink boxes, iced tea mix, etc., and household items including toothpaste, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, diapers, soap, detergent, and dishwashing soap.
- The Children’s Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, at 9 a.m. Children are asked to bring a toy donation for Toys-for-Tots. Kids attending will be treated to coloring books, crayons, and working on crafts and will have the chance to decorate our Christmas tree and manger. There will also be Christmas storytelling and caroling to welcome Santa. Photos can be taken with Santa and donuts, muffins, milk, and juice will be served. Please RSVP to Joe Tinervia at 574-276-5805 by November 25 so we have an accurate count of those coming.
- St. Thomas and St. Vincent schools will be holding toy drives at our request. The winning class from each school gets treated to a pizza party by the Knights. The kids participating in the drive at school are also invited to the Christmas party. What better way to celebrate Christmas than with our kids while also instilling the gift of charity in them?
- December’s spaghetti dinner on December 7 from 5-7 p.m. will be for St. Vincent School. The November spaghetti dinner raised \$722 for RETA. Remember to come and enjoy spaghetti the first Wednesday of each month to benefit various local charities and fish on the third Friday to support OUR K of C organization. We need your support!
- Benny Wiercioch has been moved to Greenleaf in room 107 and would appreciate visitors. Fellow Knight, Bob Ellert, is in the room next to Benny’s.

Condolences

Brother Knights and their families extend their condolences to Grand Knight Phil Kile and his family at the passing of his mother.

November, 2011



Grand Knight’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,
On Tuesday, November 1, at 1 p.m., my mother and a nurse arrived from Mobile, AL, at the South Bend Airport. Members of Council 1043 have prayed for my mother, through the Good of the Order, for almost two years now. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and also let you know of the importance of the Good of the Order. It is as important for us to pray for each other as it is to ask the Saints to pray for us. God knows all our needs, wants, and desires, but He also wants to hear our concerns for each other. I believe that because of your prayers, I was able to spend the last week of my mother’s life with her. In the last nine years we made many trips to my parents’ home about 1000 miles away, but it was not the same as being able to just stop and see her whenever I wanted. Since her arrival here, I have spent every spare moment in Elkhart General Hospital with her, talking with her, wiping her face, holding her hand, letting her know that whatever happened, it wasn’t scary but something to be embraced. Jesus patiently waited, and at 3 a.m. Saturday morning, she went to have a face-to-face with our Awesome God!! Because He heard your prayers, I have one of the most special memories of my life. Thank you to God, the Knights, and all of my friends and family for that precious time.
Our Council is entering our busiest time of the year. Jon Fish and his committee are very busy planning the annual children’s Christmas party. Please support this effort to collect many toys for needy children this Christmas. The Christmas Food Drive is really starting to pick up steam as well. I have been encouraged with the numbers of people showing up for our Wednesday night, 6:30 meetings in the lounge. We will be packing boxes on Friday, December 9, and delivering on Saturday, December 10, from the Northland Center on East County Road 6, Elkhart. Please contact Jim Gallagher, Dick Scheve or me to volunteer. If you feel like a “wallflower,” come see us, and we will “plant” you in one of our committees so you can grow. Nobody is bored in the K of C. Serving others is what we do.
We hope you enjoyed the Fish Fry this past Friday and look forward to seeing you at the spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, December 7, that will benefit St. Vincent’s School.
We showed our last DVD of Father Barren’s presentation on Catholicism. There are still some episodes being broadcast on EWTN through November 19 with some rebroadcasts on December 3, 10, & 17. Please thank George Kalil for his sacrifice of time and treasures to show this series for our Council. A group of about 35 people from both parishes attended the showing of each episode. Many expressed praise for the series and gratitude to George for his effort. We hope to have another presentation sometime next year.
Your Brother in Christ,
Phil Kile

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November Meeting

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Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Brother Knight Michael J. Dibley, Sr., who passed away on October 22, 2011. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Our Prayers

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Calendar of Coming Events

December 1—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m.
December 2—Rosary St. Vincent’s 7:30 p.m.
December 3—Children’s Christmas Party
December 7—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
December 9 & 10—Food Drive
December 13—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
December 16—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for December											
Dec.	Member	Saint		Dec.	Member	Saint					
1	Jason Butts	St. Eligius		13	Jerry Smith	St Autbert					
2	Matthew Stackowicz	St. Bibiana		14	Allan J. Ludwig	St. John of the Cross					
3	Andrew Fry	St. Lucius		15	Arturo Herrera	St. Adalberto					
3	Richard D. Mackey	St. Francis Xavier		18	Ronald Cataldo	St. Victurus					
3	Nelson J. Nix	St. John		18	Anthony Cunnane	St. Rufus					
6	Daniel A. Holtz	St. Dionysia		21	Todd Nusbaum	S. Adrian					
7	Edward J. Chomer	St. Victor		23	Luke A. Sandefur	St. John of Kanti					
7	Richard E. Frye	St. Servus		23	Terry Stewart	St. Vintila					
8	Mariano Fernandez	St. Macarius		24	Bob Earley	St. Adele					
8	Gregory Lakner	St. Romaric		27	Thomas Dusthimer	St. Theodore					
9	Roger Garrett	St. Juan Diego		28	Carl J. Nabicht	St. Anthony of Lerins					
11	Joseph H. Stevens	St. Barsabas		28	John Klawiter	St. Troadius					
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	Max A. Yeakey	St. Egwin					

Elkhart County Right to Life Updates
40 Days for Life—508 lives saved December 1 at 6:30 p.m. Elkhart County Right to Life meeting in Goshen library auditorium
December 3 from 11-12 noon Life Chain at the corner of Bristol & Main in Elkhart
January 4, 2012 Spaghetti dinner at K of C to benefit Elkhart County Right to Life

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

It is hard to believe that it is November already. Advent will start soon and before you know it, Christmas will be here. Therein lies the problem. We as a nation have a tendency to rush right through Advent and head into Christmas. A couple of radio stations are already playing Christmas music even before Thanksgiving. In doing this we rob ourselves of the opportunity to slow down and take the time to prepare for one of the most important days of the year, the day that God took the form of man and came to live on earth as a human. If you take time to think about it, that is just amazing. God, who is perfect and all encompassing, took the restrictive form of a human being, one of His creations. Why would He do that? He did that because He has perfect love for us and He wants to share eternity with us.

One way to slow down the pace a bit is to enter an Adoration Chapel and visit with Jesus, who is just as truly present there today as the day He was born in Bethlehem. That is also amazing. The other evening after having “one of those days,” I entered the Adoration Chapel at St. Vincent for my scheduled hour with Jesus. After about 15 minutes with Him in the quiet of the chapel, I realized that I was at peace. Fifteen minutes with the Lord and the problems of the world were left outside the door, His peace reigning within. What an ideal way to slow down this season and truly prepare for the coming of our Savior. If you already regularly spend time in one of the area Adoration Chapels, trying going more frequently during Advent. If you don’t currently have an assigned time, try to make time in your schedule during Advent to take some time to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas by making a visit to a chapel. God gave the present of His Son to the world on Christmas Day. Wouldn’t it be great if we could give God the present of a world truly prepared to receive such a wonderful gift?

Adoration takes place at the following three local churches:
St. Vincent—Monday and Thursday from 3-9 p.m. and Friday from 3-6 p.m.
St. Thomas—Monday through Friday from 3-9 p.m.
St. Mary—Perpetual from Sunday at 4 p.m. until Thursday at midnight.

Finally, remember our 344th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, December 2, at St. Vincent’s at 7:30. See you there! God Bless!



Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043
112 E. Lexington Avenue
Elkhart, In 46514



News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- A check for \$3420 was given to ADEC from the Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds. Also, a \$380 check was sent to Gibault.
- The Christmas food drive was successful with 600 families throughout Elkhart County receiving baskets. You can watch a video slideshow of photos taken at: <http://youtu.be/9ROFzPH5Kr4> and you can watch video of the news coverage by visiting: <http://youtu.be/qcDKO60Mveo>
- Please destroy any unused “form 100s” membership applications as they have been revised. Please contact Joe Tinervia if you need a newly revised “form 100.”
- Dues statements will be mailed out the week of December 17. Please look for them in the mail and return them with your dues payment ASAP.
- Keep January 14, 2012, open for the Right to Life rally that will start at the Lerner Theater and march to the Women’s Care Center in downtown Elkhart.
- January’s spaghetti dinner on January 4 will benefit Elkhart County Right to Life. The dinner is from 5-7 p.m. at our Council. Let’s repeat last year’s spectacular attendance for this worthy cause for Life!
- There will be a Life-Chain from 11 a.m.-noon on January 7 at the corner of Bristol and Main Street outside St. Thomas.
- Put February 7 from 2-6 p.m. on your calendar for a Blood Drive at our Council.
- Lots of toys were collected this year for Toys-for-Tots in conjunction with our children’s Christmas party. Thank you to those who donated toy items.
- Attendance at this year’s Children’s Christmas Party on December 3 was a bit disappointing with only 12 children in attendance. The children who were there had a great time as they were visited by Santa, sang, listened to a story, ate, and worked on crafts. The committee reached out to both parishes and schools directly by sending open invitations to all. Even though the quantity of toys collected was considerably higher than last year, attendance at the party fell well below expectations considering the outreach effort. Christmas parties under the old format in years past brought in over 50 kids and their families. The major difference in party formats is that the kids are now asked to donate a gift instead of receiving one. Can this really be the reason why attendance is down so much? This is a charitable organization and instilling the principles of charity in our kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbor kids should be a goal of each Knight. Like Benny with the food baskets, there is a core of Knights that believe in this program and will continue it again next year. Please pray we have increased involvement and demonstrate to our future generation that charity begins at home.
- We are looking for someone who can write these updates for the newsletter. We need someone who regularly attends meetings to take notes and forward them, shortly after our meeting, so the newsletter can go out in a reasonable time. After doing this for 4 years, I am finding it more difficult to submit them on time with my other commitments. Please let Joe know if you can help.
- Finally, may you & your families have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

December, 2011



Grand Knight’s Message

Dear Brother Knights,
Merry Christmas! I was dealing with one of my vendors at work the other day, and at the end of her email, she wished me Happy Holidays. So when I wrote back to her, I wished her and her family a Merry Christmas. I was not intending to offend her in any way. On the contrary, I like this woman very much. She is always very responsive to my requests with an honest and thorough quote. I depend on her relationship in my business. It’s just that I feel that after all I have found out about my Lord, Jesus Christ, and everything He sacrificed and suffered for me and all humanity, His birth date really does require a label like “Christmas.” “Holiday,” happy or not, just doesn’t cut it for me. I know that Jesus doesn’t want me to go around offending people. I do enough of that all on my own. But I do remember an Apostle who denied Jesus three times and was devastated about doing it. So Merry Christmas to you all! Please look at the person next to you and recognize Jesus in them. It will enhance your life, bringing happiness, peace and fulfillment to you and those around you. I keep plugging away at it, but at the same time, I thank God everyday for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I realize that as long as I am still breathing, I will need to be reconciled to Him.
A HUGE congratulations to the Knights of Columbus for the Christmas Food Basket Drive. The funds were raised, food purchased, baskets assembled, and baskets delivered. Sounds simple, doesn’t it? ABSOLUTELY NOT! This was a huge undertaking. It involved literally thousands of man hours, grueling work in the cold, and pleading for resources (I actually witnessed groveling), but in the end, 600 local area families are enjoying their Christmas on a higher level! And the people who made it happen received so many benefits, too. The smiles, laughter, tears, and new and renewed friendships were very moving. Our faith and fraternity were really put on the map!
Another CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in our monthly spaghetti dinner. This month benefitted St. Vincent’s School, and it was definitely a home run! They were sure putting the spaghetti away, and the music was awesome.
December 16 was our monthly Fish Fry. I mentioned in the business meeting that our attendance has been down slightly. Please remember to continue to come on the third Friday of each month and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, even someone you meet in the gas station when getting coffee in the morning. The meal is an exceptional value, and we are definitely non-denominational when serving fish to our customers. The point is, come and bring someone.
One last item relates to the rental of our hall. If you are contemplating any event that is too big for your house or place of business, please contact Steve Riikonen. He can help you with any size event. Please be creative when thinking about ways to hold events that might use our hall. Just talk with Steve and see how he can serve you.
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Next meeting

January 10, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Roster of Officers

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GK letter continued...

Thank you for a GREAT YEAR! We have far exceeded my expectations for being Grand Knight. You have all made it so rewarding! I have never worked with such a fine, faith-filled, hardworking, loving and generous bunch of guys! A heartfelt THANK YOU! I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a truly BLESSED NEW YEAR!!
Your Brother in Christ, Phil Kile

Calendar of Coming Events

January 4—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
January 5—4th Degree meeting 7 p.m.
January 6—Rosary St. Vincent’s 7:30 p.m.
January 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
January 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

Birthdays for January

Date	Member	Saint
2	Tim James	St. Adelard
2	Jesus Zagal	St. Basal
3	Terrance E. Chmiel	St. Genevieve
3	Jon Fish	St. Daniel
4	Timothy Johnson	St. Hermer
4	Dan Wierzbicki	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6	John C. Sotobeer	St. John De Riebera
7	Miguel Mendoza	St. Raymond
7	Michael Reverman	St Anastasius
9	Richard K. Edsell	St. Honorius
9	Robert Lowman	St. Adrian
11	Robert S. Schmidt	St. Paulinus
12	Joseph A. Bickel	St. Marguerite
12	Daniel Mauck	St.Tatiana
13	James DuBois	St. Elian
14	Scott Brewton	St Sava
16	William A. Dolan	St. Fursey

Date	Member	Saint
17	Mariano Cortez	St. Anthony
18	Vincent DelPrete	St. Volusian
19	Joseph O. Eppers	St. Fullian
19	John Erichsen	St. Fillan
19	Bernard Hartogh	St. Pontainus
21	Anthony J. lemma	St. Alban Bartholomew
22	Andrew Hicks	St. Vincent
22	Thad Naquin	St. Birthwald
23	Thomas Durham	St. Bernard
23	Brent Kulp	St. Ildephonsus
24	Justin Buenger	St. Francis De Sales
27	Leonardo Bumbaca	St. Marius
27	Dave Buzalski	St. Angela
29	James M. Bowers	St. Gildas the Wise
30	Sherman W. Hansen	St. Matthias
30	Harry L. Palmer	St. Aldegundis

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

As I write this, we are two weeks from Christmas. During this season we have many opportunities to go out of our way to do charitable deeds beyond what we normally do. Maybe you helped in some way with the Christmas basket program that helped 600 families in the community. Perhaps you contributed to the Christmas giving program at St. Vincent or St. Thomas. Maybe you let someone into traffic or were extra patient at the check out line because, after all, it is Christmas time. There will no doubt be more chances during our family gatherings for Christmas where we will be more charitable to family members than we are at other times of the year.

Were there also opportunities for patience when someone wouldn’t let you into traffic or wasn’t as considerate as you thought they should have been? Maybe Uncle Charlie wasn’t as willing to be as forgiving during that family gathering as you know you were. Maybe the clerk at the check out just didn’t have a clue what he was doing and you were more than happy to let him know that you were aware of it.

The real challenge for this Christmas, as it has been for every Christmas, is to figure out how each one of us is being called by the Holy Spirit to carry that Christmas joy and caring throughout the year. It is easy to be charitable for a short time during the year, but how well do we do in the other 50 weeks? That question is somewhat rhetorical because I don’t have an answer for you, but I know who does. I suggest that during the next few weeks of the Christmas season that you spend some quiet time before the manger, whether at church or in the quiet of your own home, and ask Jesus how to keep the spirit of joy and caring throughout the year. Looking at the sweet and innocent face of the baby Jesus may remind you of your own children or grandchildren. Mediate on the great gift that is lying there so peacefully. Then think about the Passion and death of Jesus, which is the reason for this beautiful little Child being born. When we can get our heads and hearts around that, we will be able to put into context the minor sacrifices we are being asked to make to carry the joy of Christmas throughout the remaining 50 weeks of the year.

Finally, remember our 345th consecutive Rosary will be prayed on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Church. What a wonderful way to start the other 50 weeks of Christmas, by charitably offering our time to pray the Rosary for those who are ill or homebound. In addition, mark your calendar for the Diocesan Men’s Conference on February 25, 2012. More information will be in this space next month.

God bless and Merry Christmas.