



Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043
112 E. Lexington Avenue
Elkhart, In 46514
574-293-0341



News Summary by Joe Tinervia

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

Continued in column 2.....

December 2016



Brother Knights and families,

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

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

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

Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year!

Andrew Fry, GK

Continued from column 1...

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

Summary of links:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/kofc1043

Twitter: @kofc1043

Website: www.koc1043.org

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



Next meeting

January 10 at 7 p.m.

Roster of Officers

Grand Knight—Andrew Fry
andrewjfry2010@comcast.net

Deputy Grand Knight—Richard Scheve
JRScheve@comcast.net

Chancellor—Steve Revelli
srevelli64@gmail.com

Financial Secretary—Richard Frye
FS@KOC1043.org

Recorder—Chris Spataro
chriss@genesisproductsinc.com

Advocate—Matthew Yeakey
myeakey@riverwalklaw.com

Warden—Jose Luis Rodriguez

Treasurer—Larry Scalise
larjulscalise@msn.com

Inside Guard—James J. Knopick

Outside Guard—Shawn Asoera
seanlovesgod@hotmail.com

Trustee—Steve Riikonen
sriikonen@bashor.org

Trustee—Joe Tinervia
joe@koc1043.org

Trustee—Phil Kile
phkile1@gmail.com

Lecturer—George Kalil
gikalil@juno.com

Chaplain—Fr. Jason Freiburger
frjason@stselkhart.com

Hall phone number: 574-293-0341

In Our Prayers

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

December Meeting

Members at the meeting on

December 13 were as follows: George Kalil, Larry Scalise, Andrew Fry, Joe Tinervia, Chris Spataro, Joe Foy, Lee Evers, Jim Smith, and James J. Knopick

Calendar of Coming Events

January 5—4th Degree Meeting—Elkhart
January 6—Rosary St. Vincent's 7 p.m.
January 10—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
January 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
January 28—Chicken & Mojoes 11 a.m.
January 29—5th Sunday Breakfast 7-10:30
February 9—Blood Drive 2-6 p.m.

Birthdays for January

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

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

Spiritual Growth Corner by George Kalil

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

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

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

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