



Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 November 06

Dear Brother Knights,

Last month was a great month for our council. God has truly blessed us with 22 new members who went thru their 1st degree. We also are blessed to welcome four new transfers. I have had a chance to meet most of them and I feel we have gotten a great group of men ready to serve our Lord, the parish, and the community. Thanks' goes out to all who helped during Blitz weekend and information night. It is through God's blessing and your talents that help us to continue to grow. Remember we all need to continue our efforts in recruiting future members of the Knights.

We also were able to put together a successful pancake breakfast. Thanks' goes out to Brother Robbie McCarty and Brother Chris Keefer in organizing this event. I know they were very thankful for everyone else that donated their time and talents.

We are starting two new efforts towards pursuing more charitable donations too two very good causes. These causes are for the Ronald McDonald House and the Gibault School for Wayward Boys. We pursue these thru two different efforts. First for the Ronald McDonald House I ask that you save the aluminum can tabs from your favorite beverage and hand them to any officer of the council. We will then take them to the State Convention where they will be collected from all councils. Secondly for Gibault, we will provide an opportunity at all Knight events to donate to this cause, the passing of the hat. The amount donated can be just your change or whatever your heart feels. With all these opportunities we hope to be able to make a significant donation to this great cause.

I would like to also let you know that next year's membership dues will be arriving soon. Please remember to keep your dues up to date. If you do not pay we still have to pay your annual fees to the State for every member whether they are active or not. We now have almost 35 members that we have had to continue to pay for and this takes away funds we could have put to better use in our council. So please be prompt and pay any back dues you might owe. If you have any questions or issues we can help with, please contact Marty Hochstetler or myself. Remember even if you are only able to financially support our council at this time, this is still important in helping our group to continue our acts of charity to others.

I hope to see all of you at either the December business meeting or the parish Christmas Party. (Contact Brother Ken LeBlanc) However, if I do not see you and your family, please have a safe and blessed Holiday Season. Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

God Bless you and your families,
Chris Pozorski, Grand Knight

Special Request

I have been asked by Supreme to pass on this information to our council.

Dear Brother Knights,

From Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, Pope Benedict XVI will travel to Turkey for his first pastoral visit to a primarily Muslim country. While few Catholics will be able to join the Holy Father in Turkey, the Knights of Columbus has initiated a "Spiritual Pilgrimage" which strives to unite Knights, their families and other Catholics in prayerful solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI on the occasion of that important visit.

A special "Spiritual Pilgrimage" prayer has been composed by Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori, which Knights are encouraged to pray daily, starting on the Sunday before the pope's trip begins – Nov. 26, the Solemnity of Christ the King – and continuing through the Holy Father's visit until he returns to the Vatican on Dec. 1.

Please encourage your brother Knights, families, friends and fellow parishioners to join you in praying for the Holy Father during this important moment for the Church and the world. Visit www.kofc.org for additional information and resources about the "Spiritual Pilgrimage." Any questions regarding this initiative should be directed to the Department of Fraternal Services, at (203) 752-4154 or via e-mail spiritualpilgrimage@kofc.org.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

"Spiritual Pilgrimage" Prayer

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, we humbly ask that you sustain, inspire, and protect your servant, Pope Benedict XVI, as he goes on pilgrimage to Turkey – a land to which St. Paul brought the Gospel of your Son; a land where once the Mother of your Son, the Seat of Wisdom, dwelt; a land where faith in your Son's true divinity was definitively professed. Bless our Holy Father, who comes as a messenger of truth and love to all people of faith and good will dwelling in this land so rich in history. In the power of the Holy Spirit, may this visit of the Holy Father bring about deeper ties of understanding, cooperation, and peace among Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and those who profess Islam. May the prayers and events of these historic days greatly contribute both to greater accord among those who worship you, the living and true God, and also to peace in our world so often torn apart by war and sectarian violence.

We also ask, O Heavenly Father, that you watch over and protect Pope Benedict and entrust him to the loving care of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, a title cherished both by Catholics and Muslims. Through her prayers and maternal love, may Pope Benedict be kept safe from all harm as he prays, bears witness to the Gospel, and invites all peoples to a dialogue of faith, reason and love. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

The next business meeting is on Tuesday December 5th @ 7:30 PM in the basement of the Rectory of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Dec 8- Christmas party. \$300 approved to be spent for this event. Contact Br. Ken LeBlanc if you are interested in helping.

1st Degrees for 2006-07.

Monday, December 4th at #451, Reed Road

Wednesday, December 6th at #11353, St. Vincents.

Monday, February 5th at #451, Reed Road.

Wednesday, March 14th at #11353 St. Vincents.

Monday, April 2nd at #451 Reed Road

Wednesday, May 9th at #11353 St. Vincents.

Monday, June 4th at #451 Reed Road.

Invite a CHRP brother or other man in good standing with the church to become a Knight.

Jan 22- Youth basketball free throw contest at Woodside middle school from 7:30-9:00. Birth certificates are required. Contact Br. Robbie McCarty if interested in helping.

Feb- Valentine's dance, date to be announced later.

Pancake breakfast Feb. 4th, more details to come. A suggestion was made to change the way we charge for this event. Other Council's have made the breakfast free; however have asked for Goodwill donations. It has shown that people will give donations greater than the each meal price. Profit is higher even with smaller attendance.

It also suggested that we state the charity where donations will go. If you have a suggestion on a charity please contact Br. Robbie McCarty.

The next 4th Degree initiation will be Feb. 17 or 18, 2007 and will be in Ft. Wayne.

We do have a Fish Fry scheduled for March 23rd 2007. This one is confirmed with Ed Fox.

Other News

Check out the updated WEB site, <http://www.solanus.org>

Membership committee- encourages the 1st degree members become a 2nd and 3rd degree member. The next initiations will be held at St Aloysious in Yoder in Jan 25th. Time 12:00 - 3:30. Contact Br. Chris Keefer for details.

New members are encouraged to work for a Shining Award. This requires the following:

- * recruit 1 new member
- * attend 3 business meetings
- * be involved in 1 activity

Br Bill Busch- Suggested that we be involved in the monthly donut and coffee gathering. It will give us visibility and promote new membership. Fr. Jim approved this change and will discuss this with those currently involved in this activity.

Redeemer Radio Update

Br. Chris Langford commented on the Radio Station

* Thanked the Knights that helped on the Sharaton

* Made over \$100000 on the drive

* Changes made to the signal to reach

more people

* Will announce basketball games at Bishop Dwenger and Luers

Treasures Report

Current cash balance is \$991.96, the other account balances are the same as previously reported in Sept.

Financial Secretary Report

Bills for the month:

\$64.54 stamps
\$15.15 snacks
\$80.66 picnic
\$67.10 social meeting
\$200.00 - each month truck payment for Sept & Oct.
\$107.02 - Tire replacement
\$11.00 - postage
Br Chris also stated we received an Indiana State per Capita bill in the amount of \$805.80.

Reminders

KofC shirts are available for current and new members of our council. Contact Chris Pozorski @ 260-459-0800 or lcpozorski@verizon.net to order a shirt. He will be able to give you a price and availability.

If you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter, please send it to rmccarty@verizon.net. Deadline is the Friday after the business meeting.

Officers

Grand Knight- Chris Pozorski
Deputy Grand Knight- Marty Hochstetler
Chancellor- Mike Lynch
Recorder- Gary Jaeckle
Warden- Greg Diss
Advocate- Len Sieradski
Inside Guard- John Trok
Outside Guard- Chris Keefer
Trustee (1)- Alex Fiato
Trustee (2)- Robbie McCarty

Trustee (3)- Larry Wilson
Chaplain- Fr. Tim
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260- 432-5187
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260-672-3742
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Youth Director – Robbie McCarty
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Our Council WEB site:
<http://www.solanus.org>

KofC State Web site:
<http://www.indianakofc.org/>

KofC Supreme WEB site:
<http://www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm>

Redeemer Radio Information
WLYV, 1450-AM
<http://www.redeemerradio.com>