



Knights of Columbus
Council 11276
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December 30, 2007

Member Update

Transfers:

Keith Lipke, Phil Bail and Anthony Lopata

Our council now has over 173 members. A special thanks for those members who made our past membership drive's a success.

Finance Update

Treasurer Report

Report copies distributed to all attendees

Checking account = \$3,874.60

Trustee's Fund = \$111.25

Shroud Fund = \$406.15

Christmas Fund (*Christmas dinners for needy families*) = \$1,125.00

Financial Secretary Report

Bills

\$ 8.20 Postage for Financial Secretary

\$ 253.00 = Grand Knight

\$370.00 = State Council (37 new Knights @ \$10.00/each)

\$1,336.14 = ARC of Indiana

\$1,967.34 = TOTAL

Receipts

Grand Knight receipts total = \$637.00

Other:

Lee Rademaker contacting local non-active & non-paid-up members

Financial Secretary noted a member (later clarified to be David Nolan) had recently sent his 2007 dues and asked whether this covered 2008; was told "no", that 2008 dues notice would be forthcoming

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 Field Agent

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 Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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Knights of Columbus On the Air
3rd and 5th Saturday
9:00 AM

KNIGHT LIFE

CATHOLIC RADIO

1450 AM IN FORT WAYNE

WWW.REDEEMERRADIO.COM

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Dear Brother Knights,

As we look to the New Year, we will all be making those resolutions to lose weight, exercise more, or advance in our careers. Although these are important to survive physically on this earth, we also need to live up to the teachings of our Lord for spiritual fulfillment. It is my belief that when we joined the Knights of Columbus it was not to just to be part of a Catholic men's fraternity! It was the opportunity to work with other men to do more, for our Lord, church, priests, family, and community, than we as one person could ever do in this world. Some of us may only be able to do this financially, prayerfully, or by helping at sponsored events. The key for all of us is that we remain active in some way and support each other to be more like our Savior, Jesus Christ. Firstly, get your dues into our financial secretary by Jan 15th. (If you have some personal issues at this time, please contact him or myself ASAP.) Secondly, I really ask all of you to really examine your lives this year and say yes too helping at our functions and events even more. Get involved in our council meetings, become an officer, a chair person, committee member, and a volunteer.

Brother Knights help is still needed. Last newsletter I sent out a request for financial support for our annual Christmas helping hand program. Fortunately, due to the wisdom of past members and an anonymous donation, we were able to assist 10 families in our St. Elizabeth's parish community with Christmas Helping Hand savings account! We were able to provide a ham or turkey plus \$50 grocery gift cards. This amount totaled approx. \$700 of our \$1100 savings account. So that we are in a position to support families next year, we need to replenish this amount. Please fill out form in newsletter and send donations in ASAP. Thanks

Special thanks go out to all of you that were able to assist at St. Nick day, coffee and donuts, the blessing of the new section of our church complex, and the praying of the rosary for the unborn this month of December. We can not do these things without all of you!

Please look over next months attached calendar for our January events. Help is needed for our annual youth free throw contest, coffee and donuts weekend, and the praying of the rosary for the unborn. Please take special note of the additional flyer in the newsletter for the event on Jan. 26th. We will be marching in the Allen County Right to Life event. We ask all of you and your families to plan to attend. We as a council will have a banner and encourage all of you to march with us. It is a fairly short walk, but do dress for weather. What greater value can we as Catholic men teach our children and community in support of life! Look for our banner outside of the Scottish Rite Center. See you there!!!

Finally I will leave you with a prayer I found on the internet on Catholic Online. (www.catholic.org) Hopefully you find the same inspiration I find for the upcoming New Year.

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in you and each other. Filled with desire, we respond to your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of your gifts. As stewards, we receive your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that you who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in [Jesus](#) Christ, our Lord.

Amen

God Bless you and Your Families,
Chris Pozorski, Grand Knight

Good of the Order:

Daughter Angela + (2) other individuals
Don Bataim
Gary Jaeckle
Andy Eckert
Lee Rademaker

Grand Knight Report

Thanks to all who assisted with the St. Nicholas Day Party in conjunction w/ Easy-G this past Sunday 11276 provided door prizes & money toward candy canes

Party was "huge success"

Thanks to all who assisted at Ray Guarendi reception this past Sunday

(19) Knights attended recent 1st Degree exemplification; appreciate attendance and assistance

Last e-mail newsletter had calendar for printout & review; thanks to Robbie McCarty for his assistance on this

Upcoming weekend will be busy

MSYG Can Drive Saturday morning, 12/8

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 – 12:00 Noon pick up canned foods in selected subdivisions

Coffee & Donuts Sunday, 12/9 after 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Masses

Rosary for unborn Friday, 12/7, 7:30 p.m. in Chapel Sunday, 12/16

Bishop will celebrate 11:30 a.m. Mass

4th Degree Knights will be Honor Guard for new St. Elizabeth building dedication 11276 assisting w/ reception afterward

Desperate need of Council Director for 11276; please step up if able to fill this position; (1) hr. or less/week

Ed Fox out of fish fry business; 11276 needs new vendor for Lenten dinner, scheduled for 3/14/08

Need opinion on request from District Deputy to assist with Bishop Luers Show Choir Competition; date BA; could 11276 assist with parking cars?; 6-10 Knights requested; discussion indicated 11276 would like to help, even if not 6-10 Knights available.

Reminders

KofC shirts and aprons are available for current and new members of our council. Contact Br. Chris Pozorski @ 260-459-0800 or grandknight@solanus.org to order.

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 each month.

January Birthdays

Don Summers

Fr. Jim Shafer

James Lamarca

Kevin Podlaski

Len Sieradski

Martin Hochstetler

Marvin Steyer

Mike Rost

Fr. Bob Schulte

William Klotz

Please wish these Brother Knight's a happy birthday the next time you see them.

Officers

Chaplin – Fr. Jim
 Co Chaplin – Fr. Bernard
 Grand Knight- Chris Pozorski
 Deputy Grand Knight- Marty Hochstetler
 Chancellor– Richard Burton
 Recorder– Rich Laudeman
 Warden- Greg Diss
 Treasurer- Gary Winters
 Trustee (1)- Bob Hoppe
 Trustee (2)- Robbie McCarty
 Trustee (3)- Alex Fiato
 Advocate– Chris Langford
 Lecturer — Jim Kitchens
 Inside Guard– Craig Baker
 Outside Guard- Chris Keefer

Committee Leads

Program Director - Marty Hochstetler
 260- 432-5187
 Church Director - Mike Durnell
 260-432-2819
 Pro Life Couple - Chris and Ellen Langford
 260-672-9063
 Council Director - Marv Steyer
 260-436-1306
 Family Director - Mike Cromp
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 Youth Director – Robbie McCarty
 260-436-9342
 Membership Director – Chris Keefer
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 Recruitment Committee-
 Craig Baker—260-396-2889
 Harold Arnold—260-312-0416
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 Financial Secretary – Chris Scheer

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>

Committee Reports:**Program Director/Retention Committee Church**

School dedication & reception on Sunday, 12/16 at 2:00 p.m.
 Speaker (TBA) on 3/2,3,4/08
 This Friday night is Rosary for the unborn
 “New Hope Center” may need help in future

Youth Director

Per Supreme suggestion, drug awareness essay contest is open to 8th graders – Seniors in Catholic schools; as the contest is really local event and are no national rules, Robbie McCarty suggested opening up to all students from St. Elizabeth parish in that age range; discussion on issue resulted in agreement that contest should be opened to all students from St. Elizabeth parish in that age range

Council Director

Marv Steyer will handle Council Committee

Membership Director

11276 had very successful membership blitz
 Met goal of (8) new members
 (7) new members attended 1st Degree exemplifications
 (170) current members

Community

Mark Nice will look into Special Olympics and what 11276 can do.

Redeemer Radio report

Thanks to all 11276 Knights who assisted in the Fall “SharaThon”
 SharaThon raised \$151,000, \$51,000 more than last year

Redeemer Radio has assisted (5) Knights of Columbus councils in gaining new station licenses; areas covered are Auburn, Angola, Peru, Wabash, Logansport, Anderson and Bryan (OH)

Redeemer Radio hopes to be contracted to help build & operate these new stations

Thanks to Greg Diss & 11276 for bringing Redeemer Radio to Diocese

Redeemer Radio is first Catholic station in FWSB Diocese

Redeemer Radio receives daily testimonials on how it changes listeners’ lives

No current plans to go to FM, as this would cost \$1M or more to buy existing frequency

No plans for new building at this time

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Please look at the list of comities to the left and if you see something that looks interesting please contact the lead person or the Program Director. Your help is greatly needed.

Committee Reports Continued:

State

State meeting will be held over upcoming weekend. (48) Fort Wayne students attending "Right-to-Life" march in Washington D.C. in March, '08. Our Sunday Visitor has donated \$5,000. Students need \$1,800 more and are requesting assistance from councils

Contact is Cindy Black, in charge of Youth Office for Diocese

Gentlemen,

This past year I qualified for MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table), I was informed this week that I have qualified again for 2008.

I could not have qualified for membership in MDRT without the trust you have placed in the Knights of Columbus, and in me personally, by entrusting us with the protection of you and your families. I thank you for that.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Edwin R. Eckersall, Jr. MBA, FIC

Insurance News:

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Greg Diss moved to donate \$200 to youth Right-to-Life march; Don Cropper seconded; motion passed unanimously

Robbie McCarty moved to donate \$100 to State Right-to-Life; motion seconded; motion passed unanimously

Per Grand Knight:

\$1,885 donated last year to SOS; “blew away” all other councils; please keep this in mind when dues statements are received next year

4th Degree exemplification in Merrillville on 4/12,13/08; host Assembly is Abraham Lincoln Assembly # 235; event is Saturday morning through Sunday at app. 1:00 p.m.

Indiana State Golf Tournament 7/19,20/08 in Shelbyville; host Council is Sacred Heart #822; will also be a Monte Carlo night

Supreme has Christmas catalog available

Indiana State Bowling Tournament 2/9,10/07 and 2/16,17/08 in Fishers; host Council is Fr. Thomas J. Kelly #6923

Letter read re: Gibault

Please complete and return “Services Survey” when it arrives w/ dues statement; never too late; include this form from Supreme w/ dues next year

Gift exchange will be held at 4th Degree Christmas Party at #451

K of C Council 11276 Christmas Helping Hand 2007

- Donations will be used to help Parishioners or Community families in need to at least fully fund a Christmas meal. (Ham or Turkey and \$50 grocery only certificates)
- We try to only fund this based on solicitation and support from our membership. This makes it a very special gift just from our council.
- This has been an annual event that has resulted in our council supporting between 10 to 20 families based on donations and need.
- Will publish supporters names only in January Newsletter if you wish.

Please send or bring to council activities by Tuesday, December 18th.

Please help support our Annual Christmas Helping Hand. **Thanks for your charitable support.**

___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$15 ___ \$20 ___ \$25 ___ \$30 ___ \$50 ___ OTHER

Name: _____ (Do you want this to be anonymous donation?)

Please send donations to **Chris Pozorski, 3911 Aboite Lake Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804**
Or attend our council business or social meeting with donation in hand. (Dec 4th or Dec 18th)