



Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 January 07

Dear Brother Knights,

What a busy time we just finished. I hope all of you had a wonderful time seeing family members and enjoyed the festivities that usually go with it. I also hope all of you have not forgotten the reason for the season. God has blessed all of us and we need to remember this in our daily lives and actions. My hope is that you have examined your actions in the last year and have included serving God thru the Knights of Columbus functions as one of your top resolutions. We have done a lot this year so far and we have so much more to do.

Hopefully everyone that was emailed the survey form last month has taken the time and returned it to me. If not here is one more chance. I need to too turn in the total service hours by the end of this month and really need to hear where you want to get involved in our council. So everyone please return to me by the 26th of this month. Form is on the bottom of the news letter. It is my hope to have every member to be part of committee to begin planning activities to serve our Lord and Church.

One such thing you should plan on participating in is the Right to Life March on January 27th at 1 PM. We will meet in front of the Scottish Rite building, so come a little earlier to find parking and our group. Please bring the whole family and show your support for the Right to Life for the unborn.

Also we will be having our annual free throw contest for ages 10-14 at St. Joseph school gym at 10 PM on Saturday January 20th. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends. See newsletter for more details.

We will also need assistance in representing the Knights after all masses this coming weekend and next weekend at St. Joseph Church. I will need two volunteers at each mass. This is their Blitz weekend to begin a new council. It has been my promise and should be our duty as a council to help Father Tim get a council to serve at his parish. So please contact me ASAP if you can be any of the masses these next two weekends. Masses are as follows: Saturday (5:00PM) and Sunday (9AM, 11:30 AM, and 7:30PM)

On one last point, it is so important that we keep up our great work in bringing in new members this year, but we cannot stop till we have every Catholic gentleman from our parish on our team. What great things we could accomplish! So please remember to recruit at least one new member this year. All you have to do is ask and explain why you joined and what we do for our parish, community, and God. If you need any help with this please contact Chris Keefer or myself.

It is my true wish and hope that your families and you have a blessed New Year. May we all be blessed with good health, thoughts, and actions in serving our Lord.

Grand Knight
Chris Pozorski

Upcoming Events:

Free Throw Contest – Boys and girls ages 10 -14 will be held on January 20th at St. Joseph on Brooklyn Ave.. Signup starts at 10:00. Birth certificate required for proof of age. Bring your kids and enjoy some time together.

Pro Life March – January 27th at Scottish Rite Center, 431 West Berry St. starts at 1:00 PM. Bring family and friends.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Date: Sunday, February 4th

Time: 8-11:30 AM

Volunteers needed to sell, serve, cleanup, and cook. We will be trying something new this time. We will not be charging a set amount; we will be taking good will donations.

To Volunteer or find out more please call:

Robbie McCarty –260-436-9342

Chris Keefer – 260-625-6636

Next Social Meeting will be on January 16th @ 7:30 PM in the St. Elizabeth parish hall. The Shroud of Turin will be on display. Bring family and friends.

The next business meeting is on Tuesday February 3rd @ 7:30 PM in the basement of the Rectory of St. Elizabeth Parish.

1st Degree Dates

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 man age 18 and up, in good standing with the church to become a Knight.

2nd and 3rd Degree Dates

January 28, 2007 and will be in Auburn.

4th Degree Dates

Feb. 17th and 18th, 2007 and will be in Auburn.

Please contact Chris Keefer @260-625-6636 if you are interested in attending any of the degrees.

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

Other News

Grand Knight's Report

1. The goal to expand membership with each person bringing in at least one new member.
2. Thanks to Ken Leblanke and his wife Sherry for their help in giving a great Christmas party.
3. No new members.

Guest Speaker – State Deputy Norm Stoffel from Huntington

1. He discussed the Shroud of Turin exhibit.
2. He wanted to make certain that the council understood that they could not own property and all money must be donated to charity.
3. The truck was being used as a means to transport the Shroud and also to move priests and help deliver other fundraiser items such as turkeys and ham for the poor.
4. Br. Stoffel closed with the challenge to have every knight get multiple new members.

Chaplain's Report - Father Jim Shaffer

1. Presented the paperwork for Robert Orman a transfer member to the council.
2. Father Jim also gave the council a check for two second Sunday collections earmarked for charity.
3. The council is free to designate this money to any charity as needed.
4. The knights agreed to help out with donuts each month for more exposure in the parish.

Treasurer's Report – \$2,126.60

1. Set Aside Fund \$ 599.44
2. Trustee Fund \$ 111.45
3. Christmas Family Fund
\$1,100.00
4. A check was being made out for \$500 for Turkeys and \$400 for gifts from the Christmas fund.

Membership Report

1. There have been a total of 25 members in 2006 year.
2. Br. Greg Diss passed around a plaque for the state membership drive in March.

Program Activities

1. He will be meeting with Jim Kitchens and brainstorm ways to utilize the K of C in the parish.

Right to Life

1. A meeting has been scheduled for the 1st chair for pro life.

Redeemer Radio Update

New programming has been added to the radio station by adding another Dish.

District Deputy – Br. Tim Sorg

1. Recruiting at St. Joe January 13th and 14th to start a new council.

2. District Free throw contest will be February 18, 2007 at St. Aloysius.

3. Regional Free throw contest will be February 25, 2007 at St. Vincent.

1. Form 1728 Membership survey due.
2. Form 1295 Semi-Annual Audit Report due February 15, 2007.
3. Special Olympics form due.

Br Greg Diss - Is forming a 1st degree initiation team. Asks for volunteers in this program:

10 Knights are needed.

Need to purchase 14 different items Cost- Estimated at \$700

Must wear a suit.

Group must be certified.

Suggest we borrow needed items from a certified council so we can have our 1st initiation in Nov after the membership blitz.

Please contact Greg Diss @ 260-432-2465 if interested.

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

Chaplain – Fr. Tim
Co Chaplin – Fr. Jim
Co Chaplin – Fr. Bernard
Co Chaplin – Fr. Dave
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
Treasurer- Gary Winters

Program Director - Marty Hochstetler
260- 432-5187
Church Director - Paul Habecker
260-672-3742
Pro Life Couple - Chris and Ellen
Langford
260-672-9063
Council Director - Ken LeBlanc
260-625-9035
Family Director - Mike Crompt
260-436-3516
Youth Director – Robbie McCarty
260-436-9342
Membership Director – Chris Keefer
260-625-6636
Recruitment Committee-
Craig Baker–260-396-2889
Bob Hoppe – 260-432-5187
Retention Chairman – Marty Hochstetler
260- 432-5187

District Deputy – Tim Sorg
Insurance Agent – Edwin Ekersall
(260) 434-1526
Financial Secretary – Chris Scheer

Our Council WEB site: 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
www.redeemerradio.com

SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET 2006

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 61.1 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2006

1. Number of visits you made during 2006to:
Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes / hospitals _____
Bereaved — visits of condolence _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2006 _____

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2006:
Church Activities — service in all Church related activities _____
Community Activities — service in all community related activities _____
Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities _____
Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects _____
Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above _____

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during: Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____

Survey on how you want to be involved in our Council in 2007

Please check mark any areas you would consider helping out with. We want to provide all of you an opportunity to be involved in a passion that interests you and serves are Lord and also assists our council in its good works. If you have any questions on what these might involve feel free to call Marty Hochstetler or Chris Pozorski.

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Membership – Recruitment _____ Retention _____ Insurance Promotion _____

Church – Vocations ___ Parish round Tables ___ Lay Apostolate ___ Parochial Services ___ Religious Devotions _____ Keeping Christ in Christmas _____

Community – Pro Life _____ Volunteerism _____ Human Needs _____ Civic Involvement _____ Environment _____ Public Safety _____ Health Services _____ Decency _____

Council – Public Relations _____ Fraternalism _____ Cultural _____ Social _____ Blood Donors _____ Athletics _____ Knight of the Month _____

Family – Survivors Assistance _____ Memorials _____ Education ___ Communications ___ Family of the Year _____ Family Projects _____ Recreation _____ Family week _____

Youth – Columbian Squires _____ Youth Groups _____ Athletics _____ Educational Programs _____ Youth Welfare _____ Youth Religious Activities _____ Youth Social Activities _____

Please send this letter to: Chris Pozorski, 3911 Aboite Lake Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 By January 15th.