



Knights of Columbus

Council 11276

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Upcoming Events

May

- 9 1st Degree at #11353 St. Vencents.
- 11-12 Tootsie Roll Drive
- 15 Family night at 7:30 PM in the Parish hall. We will be showing a movie and having refreshments.

June

- 5 Business Meeting - 7:30 PM in the Rectory Basement.
- 10 Donuts after all masses.
- 19 Social Meeting - 7:30 PM in the Rectory Basement.

New Members

Ryan Trauten

Transfers

James Steel

Joe Kohne

Please welcome these new members.

Our council now has over 160 members. A special thanks for those members who made our past membership drive's a success.

Finance Update

Treasury Report

General fund-----\$9,673.64

Christmas Fund-----\$1,100.00

Trustees Fund-----\$ 111.25

Shroud Fund-----\$ 376.78

Main checking account -- \$5723.68

The Following Bills were read and referred:

* Receipts- \$40.00 Membership dues.

* Bills \$640.85 consisting of:

\$152.85 Chris Pozorski Convention and snacks

\$250.00 Boy Scouts

\$100.00 Redeemer Radio

\$138.00 tootsie roll cost

Dear Brother Knights,

It has been a while since we last talked. Life at the council was slightly disrupted due to the meeting change in April. I apologize for this, but as many of you know my grandmother was called to God. All of your prayers and well wishes were much appreciated. During this time of sorrow, I had a lot of time to reflect. My grandmothers passing reinforced my love and respect for what a Jesus did for all of us and what God does for all of us each day. I know she is in a better place and as always she has taught me another lesson of faith. I hope and pray that this Lenten season is and continues to be as rewarding in prayer and reflection for all of you and your families.

During this time we all stepped up and helped some worthy causes in March and April. A lot of thanks go out to all of you for your help in handing out grocery sacks for the Easy G food drive. The food drive was a great success and we were also able to raise and give \$500 for the mission trip through our efforts at the Fish Fry. I would also like to say special thank you to our Brother Knights Robbie and Adam McCarty, Tim Homier, Gary Winters, and Father Dave in helping our youth on the West Virginia Mission Trip. My understanding is they all had a good time and did a lot of good work. We also had a great showing for the Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon. Our group of men were all very busy taking pledges and assisted in the huge success of this great spiritual mission in our community. I would also like to thank all of you for your help after masses on the coffee and donut weekend. It was great to see so many green shirts and good people doing such good works.

Marty Hochstetler, Chris Scheer, Greg Diss, Ed Eckersall, and I just recently returned from The K of C State Convention. Granted we all had a great time in meeting new people and seeing old acquaintances, but I really believe we came back knowing there our almost 33, 000 great Hoosier Catholic Men that our doing great works throughout this State. We will be using and sharing the information we received and truly appreciate and know all our good works our being noticed and appreciated.

We are beginning to prepare to end this fiscal year and elections for officers will take place at our next meeting June 5th. So please if you are interested in an office and you a third degree member please step up and volunteer. A proceeding list of nominated members thus far is posted in the newsletter.

We continue to grow but we need all of you to continue to ask fellow parishioners to join our ranks. Our Council has a goal these next two months of introducing 15 new men to the Knights of Columbus. I know we can find at least fifteen good men wanting to do good works for our church, our priests, and our communities. As a little incentive the State is sponsoring a contest to reach the 33,000 member mark. If you are the sponsor of this 33,000 new member you will receive a free trip to the Brickyard 400 with our honorable State Deputy Norm Stoffel. So ask these men you see everyday and get them to join our worthy ranks.

Lastly I am going to leave you with a letter that I received from our Vocations Director recently. This is a great recognition of council's hard work and devotion to our priests.

Thanks to all and God Bless
Chris Pozorski
Grand Knight

Gentlemen and Father:

I want to congratulate you on the successful collection you received from your membership on behalf of the Support Our Seminarian program. I was absolutely stunned when I opened your envelope with its check in the amount of \$1885.00. Considering your membership is approximately 148 (not counting Non-Active and Disabled members) you collected 1248% of your membership. NEVER in the history of the SOS program, has a council given much over 300%. Your gift is 4 times this. God will certainly bless your council, its members and families who have given so generously to assist all of the 80 diocesan seminarians who are currently walking the road to ordination as a priest for their respective diocese. On their behalf, I humbly say to you: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity to others in need.

VIVAT JESU,
Dr. John B. Toepp
State Vocation Chairrman.

Meeting Highlights:

Grand Knight Comments

Mays Knight of the month- Chris Keefer

Edwin Ekersall- received a certificate from Supreme for recruiting 20 new members during the last membership drive.

At the state convention we pledged to recruit 15 new members at the next membership drive. Our council was recognized as one of the top council in the state.

The lucky member recruiting the 33,000 new member in the state, will get a trip to the Indy 500 with the State Deputy.

New Business

The following nominations were placed for positions for the year 2007-2008.

- * Grand Knight -Chris Pozorski
- * Deputy Grand Knight-Marty Hochstetler
- * Chancellor-Richard Burton
- * Advocate-Chris Lankford
- * Recorder-Rich Laudeman
- * Outside Guard-Chris Keefer
- * Inside Guard-Craig Baker
- * Warden Greg Diss
- * Trustee 1- Bob Hoppie
- * Trustee 2-Alex Fiato
- * Trustee 3- Robbie McCarty
- * Treasurer- Gary Winters

Alex Fiato Shroud Report - The Shroud was in Evansville Indiana and received a very warm response.

40 Knights and 2070 people visited the Shroud at the last showing.

120 man hours involved
Shroud Income \$4784.01
Shroud expenses \$2970.01
Turn in to Financial Secretary \$1813.35

Field agent report

When signing up a new member be sure you take him to the initiation, and take him to the business meeting

New members are encouraged to work toward receiving a Shining Award. All you have to do is, recruit 1 new member, attend 3 business meetings and be involved in one activity.

District Deputy

New council development at St Joe. on Brooklyn, 32 plus new members. 40 members are need to start a council.

St Pat, Fort Wayne - still working on getting a council started.

Seton Fest- Looking for groups to take over an activity such as a booth. We are looking at doing this, any suggestions on a booth please contact Marty Hochstetler.

Insurance News:

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Insurance Agent – Edwin Ekersall
260-434-1526

Officers

Grand Knight- Chris Pozorski
 Chaplain – Fr. Tim
 Co Chaplin – Fr. Jim
 Co Chaplin – Fr. Bernard
 Co Chaplin – Fr. Dave
 Deputy Grand Knight- Marty Hochstetler
 Chancellor- Mike Lynch
 Recorder- Gary Jaeckle
 Warden- Greg Diss
 Treasurer- Gary Winters
 Trustee (1)- Alex Fiato
 Trustee (2)- Robbie McCarty
 Trustee (3)- Larry Wilson
 Advocate- Len Sieradski
 Inside Guard- John Trok
 Outside Guard- Chris Keefer

Committee Leads

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 Cromp
 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:
<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>

Reminders

KofC shirts and aprons are available for current and new members of our council. Contact Br. Chris Pozorski @ 260-459-0800 or grand-knight@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.

Committee Reports:**Chaplain's Report**

Spirituality Report- Many responses. Will help set the direction where we will go in the future.

Building is close to being on schedule and on budget.

Program Director

Pray the rosary daily during the month of May.

Tootsie roll drive still needs volunteers for Fri and Sat..

Volunteers are need to help at Covington Meadows to lead in saying the rosary. Many Catholics at this location.

A parish member needs help in caring for her yard. See Marty if you can help.

A KC director position needs to be filled for Church activities.

Community Director

Exploring the possibility of St. E's adopting a highway for clean up 3 times a year.

Retention Director

We have 39 potential men from the time and talent survey to be contacted as new members.

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.