



Knights of Columbus
Council 11276
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Member Update

Transfers:

Kenny Parsons

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

- Christmas Food Drive Fund (*Christmas dinners for needy families*)
 - \$500.00 = Kroger/Scott's gift cards distributed
 - \$184.00 = hams & turkeys distributed
 - \$545.52 = balance
- Trustees' Emergency Fund = \$111.25
- Shroud Fund = \$6.15
- Checking account balance = \$4,526.25

Financial Secretary Report

Receipts

- \$4,249.00 to Treasurer
- \$25.00 = shirts
- \$2,130.00 = dues
- \$330.00 = Gibault raffle
- \$1,647.00 = SOS
- \$12.00 = name tags

Bills

- \$486.00 = Supreme
- \$228.32 = Financial Secretary (postage)
- \$67.58 = Grand Knight (snacks)
- \$86.75 = Omega Printing (name tags)
- \$20.00 = Indiana K of C Financial Secretaries

Association

- \$181.84 = Christmas Party candy canes
- \$209.83 = Robbie McCarty (newsletter)
- \$47.50 = Craig Baker (Free Throw contest)

Other:

Grand Knight read "thank you" letter from ARC of Indiana for donation; included invitation to tour the facility and hold meeting there if 11276 would like



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2007 Million Dollar Round Table
 Field Agent

10020 Houndshill Place
 Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Insurance for Brother Knights , by Brother Knights

Advertise your business here for \$20 a year.
 Send information, including any graphic file to rmccarty@verizon.net.

The fee will help offset the price of mailing the news letter.

Have a job opening you need filled and are looking for a dedicated person to fill it?
 Advertise it here where all your Brother Knight's will see it.

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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
LISTEN ON YOUR COMPUTER

Dear Brother Knights,

I just returned from an exciting afternoon at the annual Allen County Right to Life march. It was not exciting because of the pure nature of the topic. However it was exciting to see so many young people and adults showing their support for life. Not only for support of the unborn, but also the respect and support we need to show for all human life in this world today. The Lords message and actions to us has always been to respect all life. Have we all been good stewards in making sure this message is not only acted upon by us but by our children and grandchildren? If not get your whole family involved in the message and support of life. Join our council on every first Friday of every month at 7:30 PM in the daily mass chapel and pray the rosary for life. If you cannot make it to church join us from home. Remember this event is going on all over the State of Indiana in other Knight councils, possibly over 33,000 Knights and family members praying all at once. We all know prayer we can make difference! Get involved today!

I would specifically like to recognize Greg Diss and Larry Thiele in representing our council on the honor guard for the march. I would also like thank Mike Durnell, Eric Rowan, Rich Burton and his wife Barbara, and my three children Caleb, Elyssa, and Kirsten in joining us on the march.

Please remember our lifeblood is having members in good standing. Please send your dues in today if you haven't. If you are having hardship at this time please give me a call. I would like everyone to remember that even if you can't make many events your dues assist the Supreme, State and our council to do good works for our church. So everyone's dues do make a difference. Also remember that bringing in a new member to our council makes a difference. Ask that person today to become a Knight!

I would also encourage one of you to step up and volunteer for our Council Activities Director. This position involves planning and organizing 5 council activities a year. For more details please call me at 459-0800.

Brothers please take the time and volunteer for several of our fundraising activities coming up next month. Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Feb 3rd after 7:30 and 9:30 mass. (Contact Chris Keefer at 625-6636 to help) Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, Feb 14th from 5 to 8 PM, Breeder's also needed from 1 PM till done. (Please call Chris Pozorski 459-0800 to volunteer)

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

Good of the Order:

- Don Bataim
- Craig Baker's father
- Greg Diss's son-in-law's brother
- Lee Rademaker
- American soldiers
- The unborn
- Those struggling w/ decisions

Grand Knight Report

Per Supreme:

- 11276 has added (15) new Members; quota is (8)
- 11276 has added (7) new Insurance Members; quota is (4)
- Above = 187% of quota for Double Star award
- Total membership for 11276 is now (176)

- District Meeting was held on January 5
 - 4th Degree exemplification will be in Merrillville in April
 - Supreme has a new position, “Tour Chairman”, to plan trips to strengthen faith & raise dollars; 9-day tour to Fatima & Lourdes 10/27/08 – 11/5/08
 - State Council proceedings are available from Grand Knight
 - Bowling tournament in Fishers; registration due by 1/30
 - Golf tournament and International Golf tournament also being planned
- 1st Degree Exemplifications Planned:
 - Huntington #1014 on 1/17 & 1/27
 - Fort Wayne #451 on 2/04, 4/7 & 6/02
 - Fort Wayne #11353 on 5/7 & July/TBA
- Discussion re: printable newsletter; all agree is great idea
- Reminder to please use business ads in newsletter; only \$20.00/ad
- Re: Council Helping Hand
 - Need more \$\$\$ to boost balance
 - (10) ST. Elizabeth’s families were assisted in 2007
 - Please let Grand Night know of anyone needing assistance
- Right to Life Rally on 1/26/08
 - 12:00 Noon at Scottish Rite Center
 - 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. is March for Life; need participants; bring family
 - Per Greg Diss, 4th Degree Knights will carry flags; rosary will be prayed while walking
- Luers Show Choir Competition is 3/8
- Thanks to Rich Burton, Arnie Arnold & others who helped on Coffee & Donuts Sunday
- Next Coffee & Donuts is 2/10

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.

February Birthdays

Alex Fiato
Fr. Chris Krabenshne
Don Yager
Gerald Sermersheim
Lou Connely
Paul Habecker
Robert Ueber
Robert Pruse
Robert McCarty
Tracy Allen

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 - Open

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
 Harold Arnold—260-312-0416
 David Scott—260-625-2326
 Tony Shortgen—260-436-3728
 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>

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

- Will be helping to move parishioner who needs assistance; details TBA
- Rosary for the Unborn this Friday (1/18) at 7:30 p.m. in Daily Mass Chapel

Youth Director**Poster Contest**

- Notified Religious Education representatives of poster contest
- Judging will be on 2/12
- Winners forwarded to State

Per Craig Baker, Free Throw Contest had (20) participants; need to know when District contest is scheduled

Council Director

Marv Steyer will handle Council Committee

Membership Director

No Report

Community

Mark Nice is working on 11276 assistance w/ Special Olympics.

Redeemer Radio report

No Report

State

No Report

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.

Insurance News:

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that it's 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

Knights of Columbus Insurance
Edwin R. Eckersall, Jr., MBA, FIC <> Your Field Agent
Office: (260)-434-1526
John J. Stackowicz Agency <> 1-(574)-282-1082

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Old Business

- Financial Secretary would like to know if anyone knows Paul Panozzo as we have a bad address for him
- Updates being made to membership database
- Grand Knight will forward passwords to 11276 officers for online access to database

New Business

- 11276 has been asked to “work hard on the pancake breakfast”; asked to cook pancakes for 1st Communion breakfast on 2/3, same day as next 11276 Pancake Breakfast
- Fish Fry is now scheduled for 2/15
 - Caterer requires firm guarantee; will go (50) below or (50) above but must pay beyond that
 - Not enough time now for advance sales
 - Advertising via Redeemer Radio, Journal-Gazette, St. Elizabeth’s bulletin, K of C banner, Daily Visitor
 - Breeding starts at 1:00 p.m.
 - Both parish kitchens and halls are reserved; consensus is, however, to do dinner as in the past using old kitchen & hall due to unknowns re: new kitchen and logistics issues
 - Limiting number of ticket sales was suggested
- Per Financial Secretary, 56.5% of annual dues renewal received as of 1/14; (100) members have paid
- Adopt-a-Highway signs for 11276 cleanup of St. Rd 14 will be posted soon
- Per Greg Diss, this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. he will have an interview re: Hispanic councils; also interviewing Greg Mauer
- Arnie Arnold is still in town but leaving on 1/30 for North Carolina; congratulations offered to Arnie for (2) years of service & much involvement in 11276 Arnie noted he was proud to be a Knight of 11276 and will miss the Council

K of C Council 11276 Christmas Helping Hand 2008

- 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)