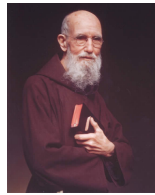


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FATHER SOLANUS CASEY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September 2008

Brother Knights,

Here we are again at the start of another year. I am looking forward to this year as your Grand Knight. I am also looking forward to being home more, with less time on company travel. These past five months have been difficult. I feel that have lost touch with our Council and its activities and I am anxious to jump back in with both feet. I am very grateful to our Past Grand Knight, Chris Pozorski, for leading us toward new participation levels at St. Elizabeth and for his patience in teaching me to serve as the next Grand Knight. He deserves a big thanks for all of the time he volunteered for our Council. An equally heartfelt congratulations to Chris in his new position as our District Deputy.

I hope to build on Chris' leadership and make this another great year. And with your help, I know it will be a fantastic year. All I ask is for you to help with our Council Activities if you are able. If you can't help, maybe we will see you at a fish fry or pancake breakfast. Regardless, keep your Brother Knights in your prayers, for you are in ours.

God Bless,

Marty Hochstetler
432-5187 (home)
615-5969 (cell)

Dear Brother Knights,

Alas how time has flown! My two years as being your Grand Knight has gone by so fast and ended June 30th. It is now time for some new blood to take the helm and I have the up-most confidence in Marty Hochstetler continuing and developing new traditions and events during his term of office. I will continue to be very active in the council, but I will also be taking on some new responsibilities as yours and other councils District Deputy.

It has been a very busy last two years and I have heard many good and kind things about our council. A lot of people have said it was because of my leadership. However I truly believe our success was only because of your actions and devotion to our faith that made it go so well in the last two years. So please continue to be very active in recruiting new Catholic gentleman (new members give the Knights the lifeline needed to succeed) and supporting our council events in serving our Lord and his church. I know Marty and the rest of the council officers will provide the leadership and direction and I know you will continue to support them also.

I would also like to the opportunity to give a special thanks to our past District Deputy Tim Sorg for his leadership and direction these past two years. Tim will also be moving on to a different roll as our State Membership director. So your support to membership will not only be appreciated by our council but Tim also.

As your District Deputy I ask of you a few things. Please make it your new council year resolution to get involved and attend business, social meetings, and events. Also I know Marty is looking for volunteers for committee chairman. Please really ask yourself what real activity am I doing to serve God this week. It only really takes 15-30 minutes a week on average to assist or lead a successful committee. I know that there is not anyone that cannot find this much time to donate in serving our Lord, parish, community, or even our families. I want to remind everyone that the Knights of Columbus is not just a men's organization, it is a family organization. So bring them along to our events and service projects. What a great opportunity to demonstrate to our children, wife, grandkids, or neighbors/ friends the true meaning of our faith and our number one principle, "Charity". So get involved today.

Lastly I would like to leave you with a true and sincere statement of the men of our council. It is so easy for me to say that it was my pleasure to work with and on behalf of each and every one of you in making The Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 the greatest council in the Fort Wayne area. Keep up the good work.

Thanks again for all your help in the past two years.

God Bless all of you and your families,

Chris Pozorski
District Deputy #13



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Committee Directors and Chairman Positions and reports—We need your help in the following director and chair positions. So if you see something that interests you please contact Marty Hochstetler ASAP for more details. **Get active in your council today!** (No reports at last meeting.)

1. **Program Director** - Filled
2. **Church Director** - Filled
 - Vocations Chairman - Filled
 - Lay Apostolate Chairman - Open
 - Parochial Services Chairman - Open
 - Religious Directions Chairman - Open
 - Christ in Christmas Chairman - Open
3. **Community Director** - Filled
 - Pro-Life Couple— Filled
 - Health Services Chairman— Open
 - Volunteerism Chairman - Open
 - Human Needs Chairman - Open
 - Civic Involvement Chairman - Open
 - Environment Chairman - Open
 - Public Safety - Open
 - Decency Chairman
4. **Council Director** - Filled
 - Public Relations Chairman - Filled
 - Fraternalism Chairman - Open
 - Cultural Chairman - Open
 - Social Chairman - Open
 - Blood Donors Chairman - Open
 - Athletics Chairman - Open
5. **Family Director** - Open
 - Survivor Assistance Chairman - Open
 - Memorials Chairman - Open
 - Education Chairman - Open
 - Communications Chairman - Open
 - Family of the Month and/Year Chairman - Open
 - Family Projects Chairman - Open
 - Recreation Chairman - Open
 - Family Week Chairman - Open
6. **Youth Director** - Filled
 - Youth Groups Chairman - Open
 - Athletics Chairman - Open
 - Educational Chairman - Open
 - Youth Welfare Chairman - Open
 - Religious Activities Chairman - Open
 - Social Chairman - Open
 - Squires Program - Not Pursuing at this time
7. **Membership Director** - Open
 - **Retention Chairman** - Open (also need at least three for committee)
 - **Recruitment Committee (need at least three)**- Open
 - **Insurance Promotion** - Open

New Members this Summer

- New - Caleb Pozorski
- New - Rob Slocum
- New - Jacob Winters
- New - Scott Callaghan
- New - Joseph Landrigan
- New - Michael O'Neil



Please welcome these new members to our council. Our council now has 177 members. Congrats and keep it going. Thanks to all who made our Spring membership drive such a success. The fall membership blitz will be in October so be ready by asking your friends or family members to join our great group of men. Remember our greatest responsibility as Catholic gentleman is to serve our Lord, parish, and his flock through charitable acts. Fortunately we at Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 are very ready to assist all of us on accomplishing this task, but we also need all of your help in recruiting to help us accomplish even more at our council.

Upcoming 1st degrees (All degrees - signup 7-7:25 PM, start 7:30)

At St. Vincent's Council 11353: Wed., Oct 1st 2008, Wed., Nov 5th 2008, Wed., Mar 4th 2009, Wed., May 6th 2009

At Council 451: Mon., Sept 15th 2008, Mon., Dec 15th 2008, Mon., Feb 16th 2009, Mon., April 20th 2009.

40 Days for Life

We need our Knights and family members to volunteer to pray for the evil of abortions in America. We can do this as part of the "40 days of Life" prayer event. This event will take place from September 24th to November 2nd between 8 AM to 8 PM. We are asking each Knight in our council to signup for a one hour prayer period after masses August 24th and September 7th. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins. Also feel free to contact my wife or me for further information at 625-5376.

Thanks and God bless you and your family,
Jim and Mary Ellen Lamarca
Council 11276 Pro Life Couple



<http://>

www.40daysforlife.com/ftwayne/

Officers as of July 1st

Grand Knight – Marty Hochstetler
432-5187
Chaplain – Fr. James Schaefer 432-0268
Deputy Grand Knight – Rich Laudeman
672-9193
Chancellor – Rich Burton 432-7030
Advocate—Chris Langford 672– 9063
Recorder– Craig Baker 260-396-2899
Warden– Jim Steele 434-4368
Treasurer- Gary Winters 705-1946
Trustee (1)- Chris Pozorski 459-0800
Trustee (2)- Dave Preston 436-8780
Trustee (3)- Alex Fiato 704-5057
Inside Guard– Mike Durnell 432-2819
Outside Guard– Gary Jaeckle 432-3541
Lecturer -
Financial Secretary – Chris Scheer
436-9485

Directors and Committee Leads

Program Director - Rich Laudeman
672-9193
Church Director - Mike Durnell 432-2819
Pro Life Couple - Jim and Mary Ellen
Lamarca 625-5376
Council Director - Chris Keefer 625-6636
Family Director -
Youth Director – Robbie McCarty
436-9342
Membership Director -
Recruitment Committee -
Recruitment Committee -
Recruitment Committee -
Retention Chairman -
Retention Committee -
Retention Committee -
Retention Committee -
Vocations Chairman– Rich Burton
432-7030
Health Services Chairman -
District Deputy – Chris Pozorski
459-0800
Insurance Agent – Edwin Ekersall
260-434-1526

Our Council WEB site:
<http://www.solanus.org/>

K of C Indiana State Web site:
<http://www.indianakofc.org/>

K of C Supreme WEB site:
<http://www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm>

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

Upcoming Events

September

- **2nd** - Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM in Parish Hall
- **13th and 14th** - (Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) - Cookies and Coffee and Donuts after 5PM mass Sat., and Sunday after 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM masses. Contact Bill Busch at 436 – 1306 to volunteer for a mass.
- **14th** - 2nd/3rd degree Winamac Council 1561 - Sign-in 11:30 AM, starts at noon
- **15th** - 1st degree at Council 451 signup 7PM, start 7:30PM.
- **16th** - Social Meeting @ 7:30 PM in Parish Hall.
- **21st** - 2nd/3rd degree Highland Council 8080 - Sign-in 11:30 AM, starts at noon
- **21st** - 2nd/3rd degree Newburgh Council 8746 - Sign-in 11:30 AM, starts at noon
- **24th** - “40 days for Life” beginning ceremonies. Watch bulletin for details or contact Jim LaMarca at 625-5376 for details.
- **27th & 28th** - 4th Degree Batesville, IN - Contact Marty Hochstetler for more details or go to State K of C website for more details.
- **28th** - Council Family Picnic

October

- **1st** - 1st degree at St. Vincent Council 11353 signup 7PM, start 7:30PM.
- **4th** Highway 14 trash clean-up. Meet at 7AM in church parking lot by administration office for Coffee and Donuts. Will leave at 7:30 for site. This is the last one for 2008. Call Mark Nice for details. 432-8073
- **7th** - Business Meeting @ 7:30 PM in Parish Hall
- **10th** - Fall Fish and Tenderloin fry - **5-8PM**, Parish New Cafeteria. Need volunteers for breading and setup 1-4PM and for either shifts 4:45-7PM and 6:45-9PM. Call Chris Pozorski at 459-0800 to volunteer for a shift.
- **12th** - Coffee and Donuts, Sunday after 7:30, 9:30
- **21st** - 2nd/3rd degree Richmond Council 580 - Sign-in 11:30 AM, starts at noon
- **21st** - Social Meeting @ 7:30 PM in Parish Hall.



Birthdays This Summer



May: Don Clemente, Doug Diebel, Greg Diss, Scott Gray, Joe Kohne, Tom Nartker, Jim Reed, Barry Richards, Rich Ruhrold, Jason Schiffl, Brooke Schroeder, Brian Schumann, Robert Schwab, Mike Shade, Bob Wantz, Dennis Warnick,
June: Rev. Jon Alger, Dale Bauman, Thomas Centlivre, Don Cropper, Mark Desch, Randy Minobe, John Patane, John Pritchard, Lee Rademaker, Eric Schmitz, Rob Slocum,
July: Joe Cochran Sr., Andrew Cochran, Chris Flint, Mark Fox, Richard Heithaus, Dennis Kaufman, Chris Keefer, Anthony Lapata, Richard Nagel, John O’Conner, Gary Stamberger, Neil Valentine, Mike Wedler,
August: Steve Boretzky, Jim Brown, Dennis Chubinski, Larry Crawford, Gary Denning, Chris Langford, David McMahan, John Mullen, Bill Naolski, Kevin Poling, Chris Pozorski, Chris Scheer, Rev. Laurence Tippman, Dan Urban,
September: Stanley Abramowski, Sean Asiala, Ron Beeckman, Kevin Custis, Ed Eckersall, Laurence Gritti, Brian Kennedy, Jim Kitchens, Tim Maher, Adam McCarty, Shawn Miles, Ron Orman, Rev. Bernard Ramenaden, Dr. Steve Reed, Eric Rowan, John Schleeter, Joseph Seiler, John Trok, David Vander Jeugot, ,



Knights Establish 'Fathers for Good' Web Site

The Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative at the 126th Supreme Council Meeting, called Fathers for Good. The centerpiece of the initiative is an interactive Web site, www.fathersforgood.org. "Fatherhood is a gift, a privilege and a responsibility," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson says in a special [video message](#) on the Web site.

Reminders

K of C shirts and aprons 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 each month.

Council Business Meeting Highlights

April - Congratulations to Rich Burton and Rich Laudeman who were exemplified into the 4th degree ranks. \$200 was voted on and donated to Gibault for hole sponsorship for their fundraiser golf tournament. Even though the St. E's West Virginia trip for High school youth is a not a council run event it was noted we did have significant representation as chaperones. The following council Knights(Father Jim Schafer, Robbie McCarty, Jim Kitchen, Tim Homier, Ryan Trouten, Gary Winters, Lew Connely, and Chris Pozorski) not only provided their leadership skills but also experienced a spiritual uplift in helping the poor of West Virginia and impressed in the youth's true devotion in their religious convictions to serve. Shroud Exhibit was sent to Wisconsin and 600 people attended. Exhibit is now on way to Escanba, MI and then will stop at other communities in Indiana on the way home. Nominations for 2008 –2009 were held. (GK– Marty Hochstetler, DGK—Rich Laudeman, Chancellor– Rich B, Recorder– Greg Diss, Treasurer– Gary Winters, Advocate—Chris Langford, Warden—Jim Steele, Inside Guard—Mike Durnell, Outside Guard—Gary Jaeckle.)

May - Nominations were reopened. Greg Diss withdrew and Craig Baker was nominated for Recorder. No there nominations and nominations were closed. Elections were held and all nominees were unanimously elected by all attendee's. So our new officers for the 2008-09 year are as follows. (GK– Marty Hochstetler, DGK—Rich Laudeman, Chancellor– Rich B, Recorder– Craig Baker, Treasurer– Gary Winters, Advocate—Chris Langford, Warden—Jim Steele, Inside Guard—Mike Durnell, Outside Guard—Gary Jaeckle, 1st year Trustee– Chris Pozorski, 2nd year Trustee—Dave Preston, 3rd year Trustee—Alex Fiato.) Council 11276 will remain in District 13 but other councils will be moved around in the Fort Wayne area as it is broke up into a additional district. This should allow improved District Deputy and Council relations because the DD coverage area responsibilities will be lessened. Indiana Report of highlights from State convention attended by Bob Hoppe and Chris Pozorski. Knights were very generous in their giving and were able to raise and donate \$704,000 to worthy charities. New State officers were elected. One winner of Gibault raffle(\$7500) in Fort Wayne area was from St Therese Parish. Membership Spaghetti event was successful not only in recruiting but also turned into a very well attended member event. A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to the parish Pro Life committee for purchase carnations around the statue of Mary for Mothers day Pro Life weekend fundraiser. 11th hour program was announced, explained, and rolled out to council. Collection boxes to drop your end of day change into were handed out. If you would like to help our council support pro life through this program contact Marty Hochstetler to get your collection savings box. All you need to do is drop your change off at a council meeting or function to an officer or pro-life chairman.

June - Tootsie Roll drive for Fort Wayne ARC was a great success. We were able to double last years total by collecting \$2,573 from the two Scotts stores for 2 days. Winning two hour team was Bob Hoppe, Rich Burton, and Keith Lipke who collected \$217.36. Second place with \$205.03 was Robert Krudrop, Greg Diss, and Rich Laudeman. Great job everyone. Pancake Breakfast was a great success and enable our council to give a good start up funding to the parishes new start on Project Gabriel. Council motioned and approved to donate a \$500 dollar scholarship to a deserving to a graduating middle school student attending one of the two Catholic High schools in Ft. Wayne. If you have coupons points from Supreme recruitment awards please send to Chris Scheer so we can redeem to buy a new US flag and papal flag for our council chambers. (Council meeting highlights cont. p. 6)

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Council Business Meeting Highlights (cont. from p. 5)

July - The \$500 scholarship recipient from St. Elizabeth's/ St. Joe Middle School for 2008 was Emilie Hentz. She sent a note of appreciation for helping her to attend a local Catholic High School. A note from Past State Deputy Norm Stoffel encourages all of us to really help Gibault by each and every one sending a \$10 dollar gift. We can make a huge difference in the lives of these unfortunate young men and women. Our first Hwy 14 cleanup this past month was a great success and we picked up 8 bags of debris. Great Job! Watch for the new insurance programs and especially the opportunity for new recruits to become a insured member of the Knights of Columbus by making a \$100 annuity investment. Call Ed Eckersall for details even you existing uninsured members. If you hadn't noticed recently with the new remodeling in the parish has honored our council and namesake by naming the old library as the Father Solanus Room. 4th degree flag disposal ceremony was great and the amount of flags collected was quite significant. A Honor guard for a visiting Cardinal and Bishop Darcy

August -