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**THE RECITING OF THE ROSARY WILL BE AT 7:00PM IN THE  
WATSON ROOM BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING**

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#### **COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 12, '12**

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the **Watson Room** located in the lower Church hall. **The meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. after the rosary.**

#### **FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:**

Brother Knights,

I wanted to start with a few excerpts from the founding documents of this Great Nation.

##### **Declaration of Independence**

*"....We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers*

*from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness."*

##### **Bill of Rights**

*"....THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution..."*

##### **Amendment I**

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom*

*of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances..."*

Because of what the federal government and particularly the Obama Administration is attempting to do to our religious freedoms, Cardinal Dolan, on behalf of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops said "This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights". There is a great article in the Columbia Magazine this month on this subject and a website ([www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience)) with more information. **We need to be vigilant in standing up for our rights and for the Catholic Church.**

Switching gears...We successfully completed another Fish Fry season. I wanted to personally thank all those who helped manage the process and everyone else who worked so hard make it a success. I don't know the final numbers but it sounds like



it may be another record breaking year. I also wanted to thank Herb Trotter for his years of fish fry leadership. Herb is stepping down and we need for a few Brother Knights to step up and join the fish fry committee. Herb put together a great checklist and I am sure he would be willing to support whoever takes the opportunity to serve. Please let me, Jeff Grotegeers, or others on the fish fry committee know if you would be willing to help. The next fish fry is almost a year away but the planning will begin sooner than that. The sooner you can let us know the better.

In addition, our Youth Director, Scott Sparks is taking on additional job responsibilities and is also going back to school. Thanks to Scott for all his hard work and good luck on his new adventures. He is hoping someone or some people will take over for him as well. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking over as Youth Director for the Council. Scott is planning to be around to mentor whoever takes over the position.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "the real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare men for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ...the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning men from sin and selfishness through self-denial and

prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in their hearts." Hopefully everyone had a spiritual renewal and has a Happy Easter.

Finally, thanks for all that you do and let's continue to give of ourselves for the benefit of others and the benefit of our souls. Let's be part of the T.E.A.M. because (Together Everyone Achieves More).

Fraternally yours,

David Goetz  
Grand Knight

## LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

Greetings Ladies,

What beautiful weather we are having - the Lord is indeed good!!

At our March meeting we decided to have our end of the year dinner at Papaya's restaurant which is at Four Seasons club house. The menu will be a buffet and promises to be delicious. Spiro's has served us well, but it seemed time for a change. The date for our dinner is May 10<sup>th</sup> so, please set this date aside for the evening.

We discussed the fish fries & raffle table, both of which are doing very well. The raffle is now in the black and everything from now on will be profit. Way to go. Officers for next year are still a big topic. It was mentioned that we might try

a Co-president slate. Two heads are always better than one. It would be up to them to decide who wants to do what. If one can't make a meeting, the other is always there. It sounds like a possibility. Who is willing to try?? We really need YOU!

We played a game of trivia which was fun. There were 5 scratch-offs to be had as prizes. Rita Burrows got a \$40 card. I've never gotten more than another card. See ladies, you should be here - you never know what you may receive.

Our next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Sr. Krystyna from the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here to speak. Please try to be here to give her a good reception.

I have been in therapy to gain some strength in my hand & arm and I have found it is easier in some areas than others. This leads me to the thought for today

TFT Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into 4 pieces with your hands - and then to eat just 1 of the pieces (that's where I mess up )

Have a blessed and happy Easter!!

Have a great day --

Sincerely,  
*Bev Dunn*  
President



## LADIES AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS:

### April

Sis Hilboldt



*Happy Birthday to You!*

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Kay Villagran  
Bev Dunn

Please keep them in your prayers.

## BENEDICTION:

Join your fellow Knights for Benediction at 8:45p.m. preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart Litany at 8:30p.m. every Wednesday at Incarnate Word Church.

## ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: APRIL 15, '12

We will pray our rosary for Vocations on Sunday, April

15<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:45a.m. Mass. All members are welcomed to spend an extra 15 minutes after Mass to recite the rosary, so please plan to join us.

## KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS:

### April

Frank Tricomi  
Ronald Weiss  
Doug Roth  
Lu Rawlings



Anthony Vaiana  
Thomas Crowell  
Vince Bruns

*Happy Birthday* to you all and may you have many more to come.

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Father Timothy Vowels  
Jay Conniff  
Don Lenhardt  
Irv Rieger  
Vince Bruns  
Lou Juranas  
Dave Beckerjeck  
Jack Hilboldt  
Tom Gordon  
Richard Rahubka  
Earl Ikemeyer  
Donald Mohrmann  
Buz Peek

Please pray for your brother Knights and may their illnesses and pains subside and may they get on the road to a speedy recovery very soon. May God be with you and guide you to a full recovery.

## 2012 FISH FRIES:

The 2012 Lenten Fish Fries have been completed. The Fish Fry Committee would like to thank all of you that had volunteered for the fries. We had an over abundance of volunteers this year.

We had a very good turn out from the parishioners for this year's fish fries.

Special thanks go out to Herb Trottier for all of his time and effort during the past years. As mentioned by our Grand Knight, Herb is stepping away from the fish fries. Your leadership will be missed. Without his countless hours of hard work the fish fry would have not taken place.

This Council is awesome and our thanks go out to all of you that volunteered your time.

## COMMUNION 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY:

On Sunday, April 29th, all Council members and their spouses along with the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to gather at the 8:45a.m. Mass and celebrate Mass together.



The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a pot luck brunch after Mass in the lower church hall. So bring your favorite breakfast dish and share it with all in attendance. Bring your dish down to the lower church hall before Mass so it can be kept warm.

The Council's Honor Guard will be present for the Mass so please plan on attending this Mass and the brunch afterwards. Come and enjoy some fellowship along with a great brunch.

## FELICE CUORES:

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**Next Dance - April 14,  
2012**

### HAWAIIAN LUAU

The March dance featured  
RED BIRD  
and fun was had by all!  
217 guests attended with  
43 volunteers

**2012 Remaining Schedule**  
May 12<sup>th</sup> - Patriotic Theme

As always dances are held at St Clare of Assisi School, 15642 Clayton Rd. in Ellisville.

The dances begin at 7:00 pm and end at 10:00 pm. Be sure to sign in for Council 9981 **and** sign up for a job. If you can only work a few hours come for set up (at 6:00pm) or clean up (at 9:30pm)

Questions? Contact: Bill or Jan Lukas 636.537.9801,

Gerry Villaire 636.391.1620  
or Ron Weiss 314.537.6352

## BLOOD DRIVE:

The next Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 7:30am to 1:00pm in the lower church hall.

There is a need of volunteers to help sign up donors after all the Masses on the weekend of May 5th & 6th.

Please come by and help save a life. The life that you save might be yours!

The Council is on its way for a record year for donations.

If you can volunteer some time to help sign up donors and either setup or cleanup the day of the Blood Drive, call either Jeff Grotegeers at 636-394-9485 or Don Mueller at 314-439-9755.

## INSURANCE:

### Growth is our duty

I am a dedicated Knight, as are all of you who read this column. As the insurance agent for your council, my role as a Knight is somewhat different than yours. My goal is to meet with each of my assigned members at least once a year to make sure their insurance needs are covered. In addition to this, I have a number of smaller goals that help me accomplish my main one. Among these is the need to recruit new members.

I want to help this council achieve the coveted Star Council Award. I want all the eligible Catholic males in the area to become Knights so they and their families can be part of this great Order. To that end, I am here to help this council with its recruiting efforts. Remember, most men who could join but haven't yet are merely waiting to be asked. They likely do not know about the many good deeds done by the Order and its members on an annual basis. It is our job to ask them and tell them that with minimal commitment, they too could be Knights. I make my living and support my family by talking about the Order and the benefits of membership. I would be more than happy to speak with any potential candidates, especially those who may be right under your nose. Is your father, brother, cousin or neighbor a member? How about the man sitting in the next pew at Mass? Strike up a conversation and see where it goes.

To fulfill Father McGivney's vision is our goal. Growing the Order and educating all members about the benefits of being an insured member is the way to do it.

Deacon Mark Guilford  
Insurance Field Agent

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Please remember the following prayer whenever



possible for the benefit of Church Vocations.

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

If any Knight knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or if there was a death of a member, or in a member's immediate family, please contact Charles Shikany at 314-469-1512 to organize support.

The Knights are committed to assist any widow of a deceased Knight. If you know a widow of a Brother Knight or a member in need, please contact our Grand Knight, David Goetz at 314-740-5491.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

You know a Catholic gentleman who would be a fine addition to our

Council!!! **Have you invited him to join?** If not, please extend the invitation ----- if you have asked ----- please again invite him to join. You are providing an opportunity for entry into the finest Catholic Fraternity in the world. If you wish assistance, contact Stan Mengwasser, Membership Director.

## EDITOR IN CHIEF:

Please help in assisting me in the publishing of this newsletter by providing me feedback on the newsletter and by submitting your monthly column as early as possible.

Any member of the Council can submit articles for the monthly newsletter. If you have an article to submit, please forward it to me by the deadline for newsletter articles.

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## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

For the May 2012 newsletter, the deadline will be April 25th, 2012.

## BITS & PIECES:

### "When Your Hut's On Fire"

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small uninhabited island.

He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little

hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to me?'

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him!

'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers.

'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied.

**The Moral of This Story:**

It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering.

Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground... it just may be a



smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

### **"Getting a Hair Dryer thru Security"**

In parochial school students are taught that lying is a sin. However, instructions also advised that using a bit of imagination was OK to express the truth differently without lying. Below is an example of those teachings:

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest beside her,

*'Father, may I ask a favor?'*

*'Of course child. What may I do for you?'*

*'Well, I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday.*

*It is unopened but well over the Customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me?'*

*'Hide it under your robes perhaps?'*

*'I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you, I will not lie.'*

*'With your honest face, Father, no one will question you.'*

When they got to Customs, she let the priest go first. The official asked,

*'Father, do you have anything to declare?'*

*'From the top of my head down to my waist I have nothing to declare.'*

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, *'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?'*

*'I have a marvelous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused.'*

Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next!'

### **"A Blondes Last Flight"**

This is the story of a blonde, flying in a two-seater airplane with just the pilot.

He has a heart attack and dies. She frantically calls a May Day:

*"May Day! May Day! Help me! Help me! My pilot has had a heart attack and is dead and I don't know how to fly. Help me! Please*

*help me!"*

All of a sudden, she hears a voice over the radio saying:

*"This is ATC. I have received your message and I will talk you through it. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Just relax - everything will be fine! Now, give me your current height and position."*

She responds. *"I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat."*

*"O.K." Says the voice from the tower. "Repeat after me. Our Father, who art in Heaven ....."*

Recording Secretary Meeting Notes  
Of Thursday, March 8, 2012  
Council #9981 Meeting

Deputy Grand Knight David Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM., following the 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony held at 7:00 P.M.

Ron Weiss reported that all present were current Knights of Columbus cardholders.

Roll Call of Officers:

Chaplain, Father James Sullivan	Excused
Grand Knight, Tony Vaiana	Present
Deputy Grand Knight, David Goetz	Present
Chancellor, Christopher Smith	Absent
Recorder, Jerry Burrows	Present
Treasurer, Jeff West	Absent
Advocate, Barry Sullivan	Excused
Warden, Brian Lewis	Absent
Inside Guard, Ron Weiss	Present
Outside Guard, Denis Demeter	Absent
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee, Len Bodus	Excused
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee, Stan Mengwasser	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee, Scott Arbaugh	Present
Financial Secretary, Buz Peek	Excused
Lecturer, Nicholas Zak	Absent
District Deputy, Bill Smith	Present

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Grand Knight's Report** – Dave Goetz

- Dave congratulated and welcomed our new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree brother Tim Ney.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> degree team was thanked for doing an outstanding job at the ceremony.
- Congratulations were given to the new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights:  
Eric Bergmann, Andy Dyszlewski, Kyle McCollum, Don Mueller, and John Owens.
- Dave announced that the Fish Fry's are going very well, but that we will need men to step up this week due to the absence of several of our regular workers.
- Beginning in April, our meeting will start with the Rosary. Dave asked if we would rather start meetings at 6:45, or stay with the 7:00 p.m. start time. The Council opted to stay with the 7:00 p.m. start time.
- New reimbursement procedures have been established by the planning committee. Any reimbursable items should go to the Financial Secretary first, and then to the Treasurer. Checks will be signed two times per month, except for special cases like the fish fry.
- Dave encouraged all 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights, old and new, to consider joining the Honor Guard.



**Membership Report** – Stan Mengwasser

- Stan announced that a letter had been issued by the Archbishop asking all Catholic men of the Archdiocese to join the K of C.
- The Form 100 was read for Eric Evers, who was accepted into the order.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff West

- No report.

**Financial Secretary's Report** – Buz Peek

- No report.

**Trustee Report** – (Len Bodus, Stan Mengwasser, Scott Arbaugh)

No report.

**Deputy Grand Knight** — Don Mueller  
**Report of Directors and Committees**

**Pro-Life** – Jim Melka

- No report.

**Third Sunday** –

- March 18<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the next 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Rosary. All are encouraged to attend.

**Evangelization** – Ted Juen

- The men were reminded that the special introductory price of \$30 has been extended to May 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2013 men's conference.

**Community Director** – John Owens

- The Coat Drive was a success.
- The men were reminded to start saving suits and dresses for the St. Patrick's Center.

**Felice Coures** – Ron Weiss

- The next dance will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, at St. Clare's parish hall. This dance will feature the Cardinal's mascot, Fred Bird!

**Family Director** – Chris Williams

- The Valentine Brunch at Four Seasons was attended by 75 people.
- The committee that is working on getting more Knights involved in our activities is still waiting for about 50 replies from members who have not responded.
- Plans are in progress for a Family Night at a Cardinal game in May. Details to follow.



**Youth Activities** – Scott Sparks

- No report.

**Council Director** – Jeff Grotegeers

- Dave asked that children not be allowed in the kitchen area during the Fish Fry's due to safety concerns.
- The golf tournament is set for August 18<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Hills golf course.
- We need to set a date for the DD Drive so we don't encounter the conflicts that we had last year.

**Condolence Chairman** – Charlie Shikany

- Charlie announced that we have three or four members in nursing homes that need our prayers.

**Church Director** — Steve Dickhut

- **IW Ultrasound Initiative:** Steve announced that several about 8 other Councils have participated in the Baby Bottle campaign in their parish, with collections totaling near \$175,000.
- **Light House Media:** The CD's continue to "fly off the rack" at a rate of approximately 175-200 per month.
- **BBQ Planning:** Dates for the summer BBQ's were discussed, but nothing was finalized.

**Decency in Media** – Jim Melka

- No Report

**Developmental Disabilities Drive** – Andy Dyszlewski

- No report.

**District Deputy's Report** – Bill Smith

- Bill announced that the membership and insurance numbers for our district are actually pretty good.
- Bill announced that we had twenty-two 4<sup>th</sup> degree candidates who participated from our district.

**Chaplain's Report** – Father Sullivan

No report.

**Unfinished Business** –

Charlie Shikany presented \$1,000 to Dave for the John Wolshock charity fund.

**New Business**

- Charlie Shikany announced a golf tournament for the Ascension Council on May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Spirit Golf Club.



- Eric Bergmann read some statistics on the number of new vocations that are coming out of the military ranks.
- A resolution was read regarding the per diem charges for attending the State Convention, which will be held from April 27-29.

**Insurance** – Deacon Mark Guilford

- No report.

**Good of the Order –**

- Prayers were offered for our brother Knights who are sick.
- Eric Bergmann won the 50/50 raffle.
- Dave Goetz closed the meeting with a prayer.
- Dave Goetz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>.



## **2011 - 2012 Council Officers**

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## **Calendar of Events**

<b><i>Reciting of Rosary</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM</i></b>
<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM</i></b>
<b><i>Prayer for Vocations</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after 8:45AM Mass</i></b>
<b><i>Deadline for the May '12 Newsletter</i></b>	<b><i>April 25, 2012</i></b>
<b><i>Benediction</i></b>	<b><i>8:45PM Every Wednesday</i></b>
<b><i>Communion 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after 8:45AM Mass</i></b>
<b><i>Blood Drive</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012</i></b>