

# Knights of Columbus

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***NOTE: THERE WILL BE A FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AT THE MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING***

***THE RECITING OF THE ROSARY WILL BE AT 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING***

#### **COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 8, '12**

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the **Watson Room** located in the lower Church hall. There will be a **First Degree Exemplification** which will start promptly at **7:00 PM**. **The Council meeting will start approx. at 8:00pm following the First Degree.**

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

Brother Knights,

The month of February continued this year's opportunities for fellowship and to serve the Knights, the Parish, and the community. From meetings to an information night, the Bishop's Blast, the Catholic Men For Christ Conference, the CRHP Retreat, the Valentine's Brunch, the

Fish Fry kickoff, non-stop baby bottle brigade activities, the continuing effort to re-energize the Knights of our Council, and all the behind the scenes planning for activities on the horizon. I am sure I forgot something but needless to say we continue to stay busy with our focus on charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

In March, we have the Knights 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Ceremony, a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Fish Fry's each Friday, and I am sure other continuing planning activities. I want to thank each of you for being part of our active chapter and doing your part to make a difference.

Many of us have been frustrated reading in the news about what the federal government and particularly the Obama Administration is attempting to do to our religious freedoms. As maddening as this has been, it is only going to get worse unless WE stand up and do something about it.

It is easy to get frustrated, talk to our friends and co-workers, blog on the internet, or listen to talk radio and yell back at some of the ill-informed people (my personal favorite). But are we doing all that we can? All that we should? I was reading on the Knights of Columbus website that "The greatness of a man is not always defined by what that he has done but by what he has the potential to do". The ability to act on behalf of others; The wisdom to learn from our actions; The courage to make right what is wrong. These things, among others, help define man and mankind. **The question isn't whether or not a we can make a difference, the question is whether or not we are that person.** Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Let's make sure that we let God know



that we are standing up for the land and the people.

Isaiah 40:30-31 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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).

Faternally yours,

David Goetz  
Grand Knight

## LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

Greetings Ladies,

**Urgent, Urgent, Urgent !!!!**

The auxiliary, as we know it, is very close to becoming a thing of the past. Unless we have officers for the coming year, we will have to disband. I know it is a tough decision to make - I've been there. Although it came from a guilty feeling, it has turned out to be a pretty good thing. I have learned I was a stronger person than I thought. Being an officer is not really as difficult as you may originally think. It does take a little time. Ladies, who have worked, have held

positions and managed quite well. Anyone (that includes past, past officers too) of you are equipped to handle this. Please talk with me if you can even think it might work for you. I would certainly be there for you with any help needed. If we are to continue, action is needed. Thanks for your attention - unless, of course, you've stopped reading.

Well, our fish fries have begun and doing good so far. The desserts are scrumptious as usual and the raffle table reports good turnout too. This is, of course, our big money making event of the year. So many charities count on the money from this - way to go ladies.

Our night at Felice Coures was a great success. I was told that Incarnate Word Knights & Ladies had the highest number of volunteers we ever had at the dance - again, way to go ! The kids (I use the word loosely) are so great to watch. I had my cast still on at the time and several of them made comments. One told me I should be more careful, one said that old people heal much slower (ouch) and two said God bless you and God be with you. They are fun.

The Birthright shower was a big success too. Joyce, director of the Bridgeton branch, spoke a bit to tell us how busy they are. They see 140-150 clients a month, so can certainly use the clothes we brought as each girl receives a layette for her baby.

We had a new lady sign up - we welcome Mary Jo Montagno. (fireworks) Our attendance gift was won by Pat Perrung & 50/50 by Madonna Stanley. Well, I guess I've said enough for today. Our next meeting is March 8. See you

TFT If God is your co-pilot, swap seats !

Have a great day --

Sincerely,  
*Bev Dunn*  
President

## LADIES AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS:

### March

Julie Bray  
Joan Mengwasser  
Bea Wolshock



Bea Kuhn  
Mary Havens  
Alice Rieger

***Happy Birthday to You!***

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Kay Villagran  
JoAnn Owens



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: MARCH 18, '12**

We will pray our rosary for Vocations on Sunday, March 18<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:**

### **March**

Robert J. Chapin  
Larry Hoepfner  
Donald Mueller  
Thomas Ortmann  
Stephen Dickhut  
Harry Dunn  
Tony Hartke  
Mark Faller



Gene Ronchetto  
Gerald Burmeister  
Raymond J. Fagin  
Edwin Meyer  
Matthew Bonini  
Leonard Bodus

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

## **KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

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 Council's annual Lenten Fish Fry for 2012 began on Friday, February

17<sup>th</sup> and will continue on all Fridays during Lent. This is the Council's biggest fundraiser so we will need all members to volunteer some of your time to help make this another success as it has been in recent years.

The various committee chairpersons will be contacting the membership in the near future to ask you to volunteer some of your time for the Fish Fries. Please mark your calendars and plan other activities so that you will have some time to help out in this fundraiser.

## **FELICE CUORES:**

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**Next Dance - MARCH 10, 2012**

!!FRED BIRD COMING!!  
(wear your Cardinal red)

The Valentine dance was sponsored by IW  
205 guests attended with 40 volunteers  
11 of those volunteers from IW - WOW!  
Thank you - most volunteers ever from IW!

### **2012 schedule**

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Hawaiian Luau  
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  
Ron Weiss 314.537.6352

## INSURANCE:

### Cover two people with one policy;

In this month's article, I want to discuss a type of life insurance product with which you might not be familiar. This product offers a way for you to help your heirs meet estate settlement costs without subtracting from the total value of your estate. After all, you've worked hard to accumulate wealth or build a business over the years and you want to pass along that value to your family, charity or church in its entirety. To this end, the Knights of Columbus designed a Survivorship Universal Life (SUL) product. SUL is a second to die, or survivorship, life insurance program that covers two people, (usually husband and wife) and the death benefit is paid upon the death of the surviving second person — which is normally when an estate would be taxed. This can be an important part of an estate plan. Keep in mind, an SUL policy is one policy that covers two people. This has advantages, including a lower cost than two individual life insurance policies. It is a great option

for a married couple with children. It can provide funds for the legal guardians chosen to care for children in the event both parents die, which is especially attractive to parents of a special needs child.

If you have a child or children, you need life insurance. If you intend to pass on any property or wealth, you need life insurance. A SUL policy is one option that we can discuss when we meet for an insurance review.

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 April 2012 newsletter, the deadline will be March 27th, 2012.

## BITS & PIECES:

### Three Beers;

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers.

The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more.

This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering

about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"

"Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

### Fish'n Chips;

Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be..."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."

### The Dog;

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?"

Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..."

Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the

road; no tellin' what they believe... Do you think \$500 is enough to donate for the service?"

Father Patrick: "Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?!"



Recording Secretary Meeting Notes  
Of Thursday, February 9, 2012  
Council #9981 Meeting

Deputy Grand Knight David Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Brian Lewis reported that all present were current Knights of Columbus cardholders.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

- Dave announced that the Archbishop has published a letter encouraging all Catholic men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Knights will be available after all masses the weekend of February 18 & 19 to answer any questions about the organization.
- The orientation meeting held in early February was quite successful. Dave thanked all who attended.
- There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony held on March 8<sup>th</sup> prior to our regular meeting.
- The phone tree is in the process of being resurrected. Dave provided hard copies of the list and said that an e-mail list would be forthcoming.
- The District meeting was held in January, and was attended by Dave Goetz and Bill Smith.
- February will be a very active month and we will need all of the volunteer help we can get.
- The Fish Fry's will begin on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and continue for 7 weeks. Please come and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you can't help out, please come and buy some fish!!

**Membership Report** – Stan Mengwasser

- Stan announced that the orientation was very successful and we had two people express interest in signing up.

- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremony held on February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Stan for more information.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> degree ceremony this year will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, at the Airport Marriott. Reservations for dinner need to be in by February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Form 100 was read for Timothy Ney, who was accepted into the order.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff West

- No report.

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

- The report of receipts and disbursements was given for the period ending January 31, 2012.
- Our membership total is now at 178.
- Buzz will be out of town from February 29<sup>th</sup> thru March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need anything, please contact him before he leaves.

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

No report.

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

**Pro-Life** – Jim Melka

- Barry Sullivan announced that the 40 Days for Life will be starting soon and he passed around a signup sheet for those who are interested.

**Third Sunday** - Larry Hoepfner

- No report.

**Evangelization** – Ted Juen

- The Catholic Men for Christ conference held on February 4, 2012, was a huge success. Incarnate Word had the highest number of men from any parish with 45 attendees. Registration is open for next year's conference with a special introductory price of \$30 if you sign up before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ted mentioned the Archbishop's letter regarding the contraceptive legislation that is taking place. All are asked to write to their Congressmen about the issue.

**Community Director** – John Owens

- John's thanked everyone for supporting the Coats for Kids drive this year. We had a record 122 coats donated. Nice work!!!

**Felice Coures** – Ron Weiss

- The next dance will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. Clare's parish hall. The February Valentine's dance will be sponsored by our council, so all are encouraged to come and help out.



**Family Director** – Chris Williams

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast on January 29<sup>th</sup>, was well attended.
- The Valentine Brunch will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, following 8:45 Mass, at Four Seasons. Approximately 75 people are signed up.
- The committee that is working on getting more Knights involved in our activities is still collecting the results and should have them by March.
- The Family of the Month award was given to Rob Schulz for all of the activities he has helped with over the last year.

**Youth Activities** – Scott Sparks

- The next phase of the free-throw competition will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's.
- The CRHP retreat for men will be held on February 18-19. Anyone who has not attended is encouraged to consider this grace filled event.

**Council Director** – Jeff Grotegeers

- The first Fish-Fry will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and run through March 30<sup>th</sup>. The hours this year are 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for all activities.
- The golf tournament is set for August 18<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Hills golf course.

**Condolence Chairman** – Charlie Shikany

- Dave announced that we received thank you notes from Mrs. John Wolshock and also from Mary Reichenbach.

**Church Director** — Steve Dickhut

- **IW Ultrasound Initiative:** Steve announced that several other Councils are interested in doing the Baby Bottle campaign in their parish. He also encouraged everyone to consider participation in the 40 Days for Life campaign.
- Volunteers will be needed to help collect bottles on January 20<sup>th</sup>, in East St. Louis, prior to the Pro-Life trip to Washington, D.C.
- **Light House Media:** The CD's continue to "fly off the rack" at a rate of approximately 175-200 per month.
- **BBQ Planning:** Dates of May 31, June 1 & 2, have been submitted but not approved.

**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.
- He will send out a link for writing to our Congressmen about the contraceptive legislation.



### **Chaplain's Report** – Father Sullivan

- Father thanked us for our hard work, but asked that we also not forget about caring for the needy in our area.

### **New Business**

- Harry Dunn thanked us for our contribution to the St. Louis Academy.
- Dave asked if we could start our meeting with a rosary rather than meeting in church at 6:30 before our meeting. A motion was made and seconded. This will begin with the April meeting.

### **Insurance** – Deacon Mark Guilford

- Deacon Mark said we should be proud of all the work our Council does.
- He also reminded us that it only takes \$300 to start an annuity and become an insurance member.
- **Good of the Order** –
- Prayers were offered for our brother Knights who are sick.
- Chris Horan won the 50/50 raffle.
- Father Sullivan closed the meeting with a prayer.
- Dave Goetz adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **2011 - 2012 Council Officers**

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## Calendar of Events

<b><i>Reciting of Rosary</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM</i></b>
<b><i>First Degree Exemplification</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM</i></b>
<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM</i></b>
<b><i>Prayer for Vocations</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> after 8:45AM Mass</i></b>
<b><i>Deadline for the April '12 Newsletter</i></b>	<b><i>March 27, 2012</i></b>
<b><i>Benediction</i></b>	<b><i>8:45PM Every Wednesday</i></b>
<b><i>Lenten Fish Fries</i></b>	<b><i>4-7pm Every Friday thru March 30, 2012</i></b>