



Knights of Columbus

Elkhart Council, No 1043
112 E. Lexington Avenue
Elkhart, Indiana 46514
December 2003



Letter from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,
Remember the food basket drive. Benny Wiercioch will need volunteers to separate food and fill baskets on Friday December 19th at the IRA club of Elkhart after the fish fry. Also, volunteers will be needed to help deliver these baskets on Saturday, December 20th. Meet at the IARA club of Elkhart.



Congratulations and welcome to: Aaron Krizmanich, Gordon Scott, T.J. Repaich, Brian Turco, Phil Kile, Brian Kennedy, and Joe Tinervia, who all made their first degree at St. Pius X on November 25th. Also welcome to Tad Rheinhiemer, a reinstatement, and Chris Johnson, a transfer from northern Illinois.

We had great results from the November membership drives. We would still like to see each Knight bring in one new member in 2004.

You should have received your 2004 dues statements. Please return these as quickly as possible. If you have not received these yet, please contact Financial Secretary Scott Chris at (574) 266-1491.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

Merry Christmas
Dave Towner

Fish Fry Our next fish fry will be held on Friday, December 19, at the K of C Hall from 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$6.50 Children 6-12: \$3.50 Those 5 and under are free. Carry outs will be available.

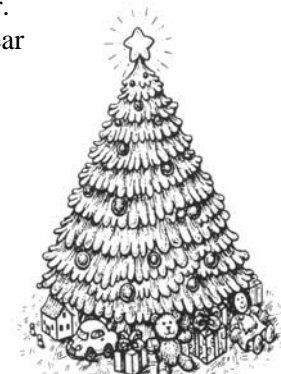


Pictured at the left is **Joe Eppers** who continues to do an outstanding job of organizing the Friday fish fries at the K of C hall. Thanks to him and to all of the brother Knights who have been so faithful in supporting this very important event.

Congratulations, too, to Joe and his family for being recognized as "Family of the Month" for our Council.

Rosary Remember our Most Holy Rosary on January 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. It is our 249th consecutive Holy Rosary. Please come to help us pray for the sick, homebound, and our own brother Knights. Why not make a New Year's resolution to join us in prayer throughout 2004? We will be praying for Pete Falcone, Harold Elsen, George Visingardi, and Bill Lauer. Please come and start the New Year right. It will be a blessing.

Christmas Party There will be a Christmas party for children of members of council 1043 on December 20th from 9-11 a.m. Members' children through age 12 are invited.



Christmas is Christ's Birthday

Meeting Notes We were pleased to have 4 of our new members at the December meeting: Phil Kile; Gordon Scott; T. J. Repaich; and Joe Tinervia. Also in attendance were Gene Damalas, Benny Wiercioch, Tony Szucs, Lee Evers, Phil Stillson, Al Arko, Bernie Hartogh, Mick Towner, Joe Eppers, Terry Chomer, Scott Chris, Mike O'Bryant, Jim Gallagher, Carlos Mendez, Jim Hiles, Fred Thomson, and Dennis Lyon.

Knights of the Month

Michael

Tom

Michael O'Bryant and Tom Pawlak have been selected as Knights of the Month for conducting two very successful



membership campaigns at St. Vincent's and St. Thomas as well as holding two open houses for prospective members. In addition, they also followed up through the candidates' 1st degree initiation.

Condolences Edmund Gonsoski, a 4th degree member of the K of C, died Sunday, December 7, 2003. He was preceded in death by a son, Don, a former Grand Knight, a grandson, granddaughter, and a sister. He is survived by a son and daughter, a daughter-in-law, Kay Gonsoski, 9 grandchildren, including Steve, Craig, and Mark, 14 great-grandchildren, and 3 brothers.

Christmas Food Drive The Knights of Columbus are planning on filling boxes of food for families in need to be delivered before Christmas. After the fish fry, we need people to put food into boxes on Friday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the IARA on Harrison Street. We also need drivers to deliver food boxes on Saturday, December 20, after 7:30 a.m. in the morning. Please, please sign up...we really need your help. This is our biggest project of the year. If you can help with packing or delivering boxes, please call **Benny Wiercioch** at 293-7427



"It's No Balouny" Insurance Update By Bob Baloun, K of C Field Agent Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances- and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can: 1. Guarantee that your mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die? 2. Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die? 3. Ensure your family's financial survival if you, or your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

Ensure your family's financial protection- come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead...and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family—and, possibly, for you as well.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Robert Baloun, Insurance Agent 272-3304

Birthdays

Dec.	Member	Saint
1	Jeffrey J. Kruis	St. Agericus
1	Robert Stiernagle	St. Edmond Campion
3	Richard D. Mackey	St. Francis Xavier
3	Nelson J. Nix	St. Xlaudivs
5	Kenneth R. Bogner	St. Sabas
6	Daniel A. Holtz	St. Nicholas
7	Edward J. Chomer	St. Eutychian
7	James W. O Flynn	St. Ambrose
8	Gregory Lakner	St. Romaric
10	Matthew T. Grubb	St. Mennas
10	Thomas M. Overton	St. Gregory III
11	Ronald J. Fumarolo	St. Daniel the Stylite
11	Jeremy A. Nowacki	St. Fuscian
11	Joseph H. Stevens	St. Barsabas
12	Dr. Gerald Broderick	St. Edburga
13	Thaddeus A. Hayden	St. Odilia

Dec.	Member	Saint
13	Kevin M. O Connor	St. Judoc
13	Donald J. Quinn	St. Eustratius
14	Allan J. Ludwig	St. John of the Cross
15	Michael A. Bozzacco	St. Mary Dirosa
19	Raymond J. Miklich	St. Anastasius
21	Tad M. Rheinheimer	St. Peter Canisius
22	Mark C. Casey	St. Chaeremon
22	Timothy D. Casey	St. Ischyion
23	Luke A. Sandefur	St. John of Kanti
27	Thomas Dusthimer	St. Theodore
28	Bobby J. Lengerich	St. Holy Family
28	Carl J. Nabicht	St. Anthony of Lerins
29	Robert R. Meehan	St. Thomas Becket
30	Lewis M. Arnold	St. Anysius
30	Max A. Yeakey	St. Egwin

Calendar of Coming Events

December 19th –Fish Fry- K of C Hall-5-7 p.m.
 December 19th –Sort food for Christmas baskets at IARA at 7 p.m.
 December 20th –Deliver Christmas baskets -a.m.
 December 20th– Children Christmas Party- K of C Hall
 January 2nd- Holy Rosary at St. Vincent’s-7:30 p.m.
January 13th- K of C meeting
 January 16th-Fish Fry- K of C Hall 5-7 p.m.

Men & Women of the Bible.....

Match the men in column A with women in column B

Column A	Column B
1. David	a) Drusilla
2. Adam	b) Rachel
3. Felix	c) Eve
4. Aquila	d) Bathsheba
5. Samson	e) Priscilla
6. Abraham	f) Delilah
7. Jacob	g) Sarah

Answers below

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Bob Cousy, 1957 and Bill Russell, 1958, are two teammates who won MVP Awards back to back.
2. The same baseball catchers who won MVP in 1951 and 1955 in American and National Leagues are Yogi Berra and Roy Campanella.
3. Philadelphia 76ers have 13 stars in their logo.
4. Utah Jazz has a musical note.
5. Charlotte Hornets have an insect dribbling.

Still Smart?

1. Who is the oldest player to win a home run title? How old was he?
2. Who was the worst baseball team to ever play in the National League?
3. What baseball team has never changed their name since 1901?
4. What two expansion teams joined the National League in 1993?
5. What team lost a record 21 games in a row to start the 1988 season?

Answers to Men & Women of the Bible:
1. d 2. c 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. g 7. b

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