



Knights of Columbus
 Elkhart Council, No 1043
 112 E. Lexington Avenue
 Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Meetings Second Tuesday
 of Each Month

January 2004

Roster of Officers

Grand Knight- Dave Towner
 Deputy Grand Knight- Terry Chomer
 Chancellor - Mike O'Bryant
 Recorder - Joe Eppers
 Financial Secretary - Scott Chris
 Treasurer- Larry Scalise
 Advocate- Tom Pawlak
 Warden-Tony Szucs
 Guard Inside- Steve Gonsoski
 Guard Outside- Benny Wiercioch
 1st Year Trustee- Tom O'Hara
 2nd year Trustee- Bernie Hartogh
 3rd Year Trustee-James Gallagher

Fish Fry Our next fish fry will be held on Friday, February 20, 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.



Knight of the Month
Carlos Mendez

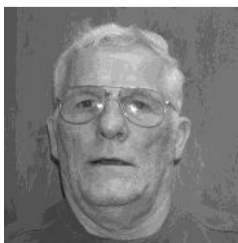
Rosary

Our 250th consecutive Holy Rosary will be held on Friday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's church. What a shame to see so few members attend to pray for the sick and hospitalized. We pray for all sick members, including Pete Falcone, Les Elsen, George Visingardi, Bill Lauer, and Harold Black, along with 170 others by name. Come and pray with us. The Blessed Mother is waiting.

Benny Wiercioch

Know your Knights?

Can you find Bernie Hartogh in the picture on the next page?



Letter from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We certainly did at the council. Thanks to Jack and Joyce Palmer and all those who helped put on a wonderful Christmas party for the kids. Thanks to Santa (Mike O'Bryant) as well! The food basket drive was also a great success. Thanks to Benny Wiercioch and his faithful volunteers.



Attendance at the January meeting was down with only 19 brother Knights in attendance, 3 of whom were new members. We really do need and want your input. Please plan on attending the next meeting, February 10th, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Supreme Council had 200,000 prayer books printed and sent to Iraq for distribution to the soldiers. They became so popular with Catholics and Protestants alike that the military requested another 200,000 books. Supreme is also endorsing the movie that is being released by Mel Gibson titled, "The Passion." If you have a chance to see it, do so.

There will be a 2nd and 3rd degree on February 15, 2004, at Mishawaka Council 1878. Check in for candidates is 12:00 p.m. Call F.S. Scott Chris for details (574-266-1491). There will be Knights of Columbus, Mason's breakfasts on Saturday mornings, March 13th, 20, 28th, and April 3rd, 2004, at South Bend Council 553, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Peace
 Dave Towner

Community Service

Two weeks before Christmas the Knights of Columbus spread a little holiday cheer and help to some area families by delivering their annual Christmas baskets. This program is an ever-growing operation, which was started in 1990 by Benny Wiercioch and his wife, Virginia. At the time of its inception, Benny and Virginia started with only 10 food baskets. With the help of local residents and business donations, the program has gone from benefiting 10 families to helping 376 families.

The Wierciochs begin preparing for the food drive each year the day after Thanksgiving. They shop area stores and markets, including Martin's, Aldi's, GFS, and many others to ensure that each family receives as many groceries as possible. This year each basket included canned goods, cereal, bakery goods, and a whole ham, along with much more. With the help of approximately 120 volunteers, the Wierciochs and the Knights were able to make the holiday season a little brighter for many families.

T. J. Repaich

Christmas Party

What a packed house! The same day as the food baskets were being delivered, a well-organized children's party was going on for the 59 children and their parents and grandparents that signed up for the party. As each child entered the club room, they were greeted and given a coloring book and crayons. Soon they were all busy singing Christmas carols and awaiting the arrival of Santa. Under the Christmas tree was an individually-wrapped gift for each child, something they specifically wanted. As the excitement built in the singing children, Santa soon arrived, greeted them, and began to call each child by name to come to the tree to receive a present. At that time, Santa had his picture taken with each child. I can tell you from a very reliable source that Santa had a GREAT TIME. A very special thanks to Joyce and Jack Palmer for the hours they spent in organizing the event and for buying and wrapping the presents. They arrived at the club at 7 a.m. to begin setting up that day.

Mike O'Bryant

"It's No Balouny" Insurance Update By Bob Baloun, K of C Field Agent

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits? Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it?

Let me help you plan for the future. Call me today.

Robert Baloun, Insurance Agent 272-3304

Birthdays for January

Date	Member	Saint
1	Robert H. Harvey	St. Peter of Atroa
1	Louis N. Patanelli	St. Almachius
3	Terrance E. Chmiel	St. Genevieve
6	John C. Sotobeer	St. John De Riebera
8	John E. Briski	St. Thorfin
12	Joseph A. Bickel	St. Benedict
16	William A. Dolan	St. Hondratus
19	Joseph O. Eppers	St. Wulfston
19	Bernard Hartogh	St. Albert of Casnel
21	Anthony J. Iemma	St. Meinard
23	Joseph R. Bowen	St. John the Alsmiver
23	Massimo D. Cataldo	St. John the Asclas
24	Carlos Mendez	St. Francis De Sales
28	William P. Lauer	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	James M. Bowers	St. Gildas the Wise
30	Sherman W. Hansen	St. Adelelmus
30	Harry L. Palmer	St. Aldegundis

Calendar of Coming Events

January 26th Poker-Smoker

February 10th— K of C meeting 7 p.m.

February 15th- 2nd and 3rd degree-Mishawaka Council-12 :00 o'clock

February 20th Fish Fry-K of C Hall 5-7 p.m.

March 13th- K of C Breakfast –South Bend Council 553- at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Cross College Community Education and Travel Programs. Holy Cross is offering spring classes. For more information, contact Scott Chris 574-266-1491

Bible Quiz

Match the father in column 'A' with the son in column 'B'.

Column A	Column B
1. Adam	a. John the Baptist
2. Abraham	b. Cain
3. David	c. James
4. Zebedee	d. Isaac
5. Zachariah	e. Solomon

Answers Below

Answers to Father-Son Quiz
1-b; 2-d; 3-e; 4-c; 5-a

Christmas Baskets

I want to thank the 40 people who helped to put food in bags and the 45-50 drivers who delivered food the next morning. Our total hours of service was approximately 200-250 hours, and we fed 376 families.



It was a great project and worked just beautifully. Everyone who received food was very appreciative. It opened a lot of eyes. We hope to continue this good work in the future. It is a most wonderful project started in 1990 and has continued to grow each year. Again, thanks to all for your help. It was fantastic.

Benny Wiercioch

January Meeting

Members in attendance included the following: Bernie Hartogh, Joe Tinervia, Mike O'Bryant, Terry Chomer, Dave Towner, Larry Scalise, Joe Eppers, Benny Wiercioch, George Kieffer, Phil Stillson, Phil Kile, T.J. Repaich, Tony Szucs, Gregory Hanes, Tom O'Hara, Lee Evers, Scott Chris, Herman Krus, and Carlos Mendez.

Sports Quiz Answers.

1. The oldest player to win a home run title is Darrell Evans of the Tigers (38 years old).
2. Worst team to play in the National League was the NY Mets. They had a 40-120 record.
3. The team that never changed names and had the same name since 1901 is the Detroit Tigers.
4. Expansion teams that joined in 1993 were the Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins.
5. The team that lost 21 games in a row to start the season was the Baltimore Orioles.

How Smart Are You?

1. What two players won MVP Awards, one as in fielder, one as outfielder?
2. What player won baseball's Triple Crown in 1947?
3. What sport uses the following name: zamboni?
4. What sport uses the following name: Wooly Bugger?
5. What sport uses the following name: Veronica?