



# Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043  
112 E. Lexington Avenue  
Elkhart, In 46514



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to John Fisher who is now an Honorary Life Member!

### April 2008



### Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I pray that this letter finds you all in good health, and I hope that you all had a blessed Easter. This past month has been very busy, and the spring and summer look as if they will continue to get busier. We have lots of good events coming up, so please volunteer to help make these functions successful.

Dyngus Day was great again as it is every year, and the fish fries have been exceptional also. The annual Tootsie Roll drive has begun to take shape as well. If all goes as planned, we will need lots of help. Please read the entire newsletter and check our website periodically to find out about all the upcoming events.

The Indiana K of C State Convention will be at the end of this month, and a few other Brothers and I will be attending. We will report back at the next meeting. Our efforts to bring in new members have been wonderful this year, so please don't stop now. I personally want to thank everyone who has been participating in events and recruiting. You all know who you are, so THANK YOU!

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Riikonen

Calendar of Coming Events
April 18—Fish Fry 5-7 at the hall
April 21—First Degree at the hall
April 25-27—State Convention
May 2—Cinco de Mayo dinner 6-10 p.m. --Rosary at St. Vincent's 7:30 p.m.
May 3—1 million-person Rosary 9 a.m.
May 7—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
May 10—Tootsie Roll sale at Palmer's
May 13—K of C meeting 7 p.m.
May 16—Fish Fry 5-7 at the hall

### April Meeting

Members at the meeting on

April 8 were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Joe Tinervia, Shane Blotkamp, T. J. Repaich, Jim Gallagher, Larry Scalise, Benny Wiercioch, Mike Froelich, Tom Jaskolka, Shawn Kohn, Zach Jellison, Larry Reverman, Arturo Herrera, Mitch Wirt, Jim Noffsinger, Rich Frye, Tom Wiley, Bernard Hartogh, Jesus Mujica, Steven Gonsoski, Adan Alvarez, Sean Asoera, Tom Pawlak, Scott Chris, Dave Kozlowski, Sherm Hansen, Dave Buzalski, Matthew Snyder, Jason Reed, Bob Baloun, John Tierney, Brad Billings, Lee Evers, Jerry Smith, Ed Wenzel, Doug Ryback, Vern Miller, and Fred Thomson.

### Roster of Officers

Grand Knight: Steve Riikonen  
Chaplain: Fr. Bill Sullivan  
Deputy Grand Knight: Zach Jellison  
Chancellor: Joe Tinervia  
Financial Secretary: Scott Chris  
Treasurer: Larry Scalise  
Advocate: Tom Pawlak  
Recorder: Shane Blotkamp  
Lecturer: Benny Wiercioch  
Warden: Aaron Schade  
Inside Guard: Steve Gonsoski  
Outside Guard: Arturo Herrera  
Trustee: Sherm Hansen  
Trustee: Mick Townner  
Trustee: T.J. Repaich  
District Deputy: Dave Kozlowski

Meetings  
Second Tues-  
day  
of Each  
Month  
7:00 p.m.

### News Summary

By Joe Tinervia

- On April 20th at 6 p.m., in conjunction with the Squires meeting, there will also be a meeting for boys interested in becoming Squires.
- Dyngus Day was successful again this year. In case you missed the article in the Elkhart Truth, you can read it online at: [www.etruth.com/Know/News?Story.aspx?id=444457](http://www.etruth.com/Know/News?Story.aspx?id=444457)
- There are a few family-oriented events being organized by the Council. The Council has purchased tickets for interested families (limit 4 per Knight) to attend a South Bend Silver Hawks baseball game on June 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets are free but available through TJ Repaich on a first-come basis. Secondly, there is a picnic being organized for sometime this summer. More details will follow!
- The 300th consecutive first Friday Rosary was well attended. Between 150-200 people were present. Sir Knight Benny Wiercioch was given a plaque in recognition for his 25 years of leading this time of prayer. The article published in the Elkhart Truth can be found at: [www.etruth.com/Know/News/Story.aspx?id=444810](http://www.etruth.com/Know/News/Story.aspx?id=444810)
- The slate of officers up for election was read for the first time during the April meeting. Elections will be held in June.
- A Cubs vs. Houston Astros game trip is being organized for Tuesday, August 5. The cost will be \$60/person, which includes breakfast at 8:30 a.m., the bus ride to and from the game, as well as beverages on the bus. Adults only please.
- A Cinco de Mayo dinner is set for Friday, May 2; \$10 per adult and \$5 for children. Profits from the dinner will be donated to St. Vincent's Hispanic ministries.
- The club will be open on May 17 for NASCAR All-Star Race at 7 p.m.
- The officers voted to purchase Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's new book entitled, A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World, for each of the parish priests.
- We need volunteers to replace the roof on the shed at St. Vincent's Cemetery on the 2nd weekend in May. A \$400 allowance for shingles was approved by the Council. Any monetary donations toward the new roof will be gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus" and write "St. Vincent's Cemetery Roofing" in the subject line.
- We collected \$128 at the meeting for the Seminarian fund.

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### news summary continued :

- There will be a Rosary for unborn children at our Council on May 3 at 9 a.m. as part of a national effort to get one million people to pray the Rosary for this cause. More information is on the website and elsewhere in this newsletter.
- We received our shipment of Tootsie Rolls and this means that our Council's Tootsie Roll Drive will be in full swing in a few weeks. Sign up for:  
—Palmer's on May 10, 8am-4pm  
—Stoplight on May 17, 9am-4pm  
—Churches on May 17-18 after mass
- Please pray for the family of Bob Ferroli, who passed away recently. Also pray for Fr. Wilson and his family.
- We are getting closer to our goal of 400 members by June 30. There will be a First Degree on April 21.
- Craig Lochmandy's name was drawn for this month's attendance jackpot of \$145. Since he was not present, the jackpot next month will be \$155.
- There are discounts at St. Vincent's Catholic Cemetery until June 30. Pre-paying for openings and closings are also available.
- Scholarship applications are due on May 7. Further information on the scholarship and application can be found at: <http://koc1043.org/scholarship.aspx>

-Joe Tinervia

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### Rosary

I want to thank all that participated in our 300<sup>th</sup> consecutive First Friday Rosary on April 4. The ceremony went very, very well with the special help from Fr. Phil and the 4th degree members. It was so encouraging to see such a large crowd, and we look forward to seeing you again on Friday, May 2, for our 301<sup>st</sup> Rosary at St. Vincent's at 7:30 p.m. Thanks again.  
Benny

### Condolences

Col. Robert J. Ferroli passed away on April 6. He was a 4th degree member of the James P. Conroy Assembly #2035. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## Birthdays for May

Date	Member	Saint
3	Kenneth R. Howard	St. Philip
3	Matthew Pletcher	St. James
7	Jeffrey F. Kloska	St. John
9	Daniel T. Corpe	St. Beatus
9	William B. Rodewald	St. Pachomius
13	Doug Ryback	St. John the Silent
14	Frank Lucchese Jr.	St. Matthias
14	Reverend Bill Sullivan	St. Boniface
17	Frederick D. Birzele	St. Cathan
17	Brian Kalil	St. Heradius
17	Aaron Schade	St. Thethmar

Date	Member	Saint
17	Jeffrey L. Thomas	St. Adrio
18	Christopher Paciorkowski	St. John I
25	Salvatore Staltari	St. Mark
27	Patrick Mauck	St. Augustine
29	Victor Arko	St. Cyrl
29	Steven Good	St Votus
30	Jeffrey Balyeat	St. Anastasius XIV
30	Ron Cittadine	St. Hubert
30	Joseph M. Koscielny	St. Joan of Arc
30	Mike Petersen	St. Ferdinand III

### In Our Prayers

Brothers who are in need of our prayers are remembered at the meetings. We would like you to also remember them in your prayers. They include: Ken Fisher, Bud Koons, Dick Hess, Jim Linn, Ed Vahala, Tom Farrell, Ed Wenzel, Fred Thomson, Nick Russo, Fr. Phil DeVolder, John Kidder, Dave Rupert, Steve Poirier, Charlie Brown, Tim Daugherty, Fr. Wilson, Carson Bell, Bobby Kloska, and Kevin O'Connor.

### E-mail Addresses

Please visit the website at <http://koc1043.org> and go to the "Register Email" button on the left side to register your email address on our database. We currently have only 130 email addresses of the nearly 370 total members of our Council. We would like to eliminate sending the paper newsletter to those who have email as a means of cutting down on printing and mailing expenses. Please take a moment to register your email address via the link on the website. Thank you.

### Rosary for Unborn Children

The Saint Michael the Archangel Organization is attempting to organize one million people in the United States to pray the Rosary for unborn babies on Saturday, May 3. Organizers of the prayer event, called One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies, are asking participants to pray during the same 60-minute time span, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. Patrick Benedict, President of the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, said, "The primary way to stop the killing of unborn babies is not by way of politics and is not by way of education." "The person battling the 'Culture of Death' is primarily in a spiritual battle and needs to use spiritual weaponry," he continued. "The Rosary is a powerful spiritual weapon, and I hope there will be at least one million people in the United States taking hold of their Rosaries on May 3."

The organization is asking Pope Benedict XVI to re-establish the practice of offering prayers such as the Hail Mary and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after Mass. The organization also asks that these prayers be offered for the intention of ending the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies.

Participants can register for the event at [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org)