



Knights of Columbus

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to our new members, Matthew Kuzmicz, John Klawiter, Douglas Harris, and Todd Kankel, who took their 1st degree on October 6, and Nathaniel Sandefur, who took his 1st degree on October 31. Also, Rigoberto Perez, Joseph Peterka, Charles Fortino, Mark Malenda, and Tom Hutkins took their 2nd and 3rd degrees on October 19. In addition, we would like to welcome William Pobocik who recently transferred to our Council.

November 2008



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

We need to make one last push for food and donations for our Christmas basket program. This year with the economy as it is, there will be a great need in our community for help and that represents the first order of the Knights. Being a Knight is about helping others in need. If you have extra, please consider helping by donating non-perishable food items, cash, or your time in putting together and/or delivering the baskets. If you can help assemble or deliver the baskets, please call Jim Gallagher and let him know. I would like to thank everyone who has already made a commitment to help with this program as we have had great results thus far. We have a long way to go, but we are headed in the right direction.

The children's Christmas party is approaching. If you want your child or grandchild to be a participant, you must sign them up in the lounge ASAP. We are expecting a great turnout and want to make this very special for the children. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
Steve Riikonen

Meetings Second Tuesday
of Each Month
7:00 p.m.

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: Rob Hoffer
Recorder: Shane Blotkamp
Lecturer: Benny Wiercioch
Warden: Aaron Schade
Inside Guard: Mitch Wirt
Outside Guard: Arturo Herrera
Trustee: Shawn Kohn
Trustee: Mick Towner
Trustee: T.J. Repaich
District Deputy: Dave Kozlowski

News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- The November spaghetti dinner grossed \$531, and its net proceeds will go to our Christmas food basket program.
- Dues statements will go out December 15-18th. Please make an effort to pay your dues quickly!
- The Texas Hold'em Tournament is set for December 1st at 7 p.m. This event is for members only! Proceeds will go toward the Christmas food baskets.
- Have you had a change of USPS or e-mail address? Please let Joe Tinervia know so you do not miss the newsletter.
- A Basketball Free Throw Competition is currently being planned at St. Thomas this next year. Boys and girls are welcome to participate. The age limit for participation is 10-14 as of January 1, 2009.
- Thanks to Jim Gallagher who organized a phone-a-thon on November 3 that raised pledges for the Christmas Food Basket program.
- The deadline for signing up children for the Children's Christmas party is December 6th. Sign up sheets are in the lounge at the hall. Children and grandchildren of Knights are eligible to participate at the December 20th party.
- There is a fish fry at the hall on Friday, November 21.
- The name drawn for the \$195 attendance jackpot in November was Joe Foy. Since he was not present at the meeting, the money will remain in the pot, and another name will be drawn during the December meeting.
- The Grand Knight is working on putting together a budget by the next meeting.
- \$134 was collected at the November meeting for the seminarian fund.
- Packing of the Christmas food baskets will take place on Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at the IARA.

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November Meeting

Members at the meeting on November 11 were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Scott Chris, Dave Kozlowski, Matthew Snyder, Lee Evers, Charles Fortino, John Tierney, Joseph Peterka, Jim Noffsinger, Sean Asoera, Miguel Mendoza, Joe Tinervia, Mike Reverman, Richard Scheve, Jr., Tom Jaskolka, Matthew Casey, Shane Blotkamp, Thomas Hutkins, Rigoberto Perez, Jose Rodriguez, Brad Billings, Jim Gallagher, Jim Donnell, Mike Froelich, and Steven Gonsoski, Larry Scalise, Rob Hoffer, Phil Stillson, Dick Dyer, Jon Donnell, Fr. Kevin Bauman, Matt Pletcher, Jesus Zagal, Rick Frye, Doug Ryback, Mike O'Bryant, and Mark Malenda.

Rosary

The 308th consecutive Rosary will be said on December 5th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. Keep in mind the special graces we receive when praying for the sick. We would like to see you come to our next Holy Rosary. Bring your family. It will be a blessing for you and for them as well.
Benny

Calendar of Coming Events

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| November 21—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |
| December 3—Spaghetti Dinner |
| December 5—Rosary at St. Vincent's |
| December 9—K of C Meeting |
| December 12—Pack baskets |
| December 13—Deliver baskets |
| December 19—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. |

Column 1 continued:

- The Christmas food baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 13, starting at 8 a.m.
- A committee was formed for the Winter Relief Fund. They are currently selling candles as a means of generating funds for the effort.

Axis and Allies Game Board Night

There will be an Axis and Allies game board night on Friday, December 5 at the hall at 7 p.m. It will include a discussion on the catechism's just war theory in relation to the war in Iraq and discussions on the current state of our country. Even if you do not want to play the game, you can join in on the discussion. If you have any questions, you may contact Mark Malenda at 304-0688 © or 522-2132 (H) or jatmsong@mac.com.

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, Fr. Phil DeVolder, Harold Black, Fred Thomson, Mike Bozzacco, Tim Johnson, Shorty Murphy, Sherm Poole, Tom Farrell, Dick Delaney, Jim Linn, Deacon Reyes, and Kevin O'Connor.

Birthdays for December

| Dec. | Member | Saint |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Jeffrey Kruis | St. Florence |
| 3 | Richard D. Mackey | St. Francis Xavier |
| 3 | Nelson J. Nix | St. John |
| 6 | Daniel A. Holtz | St. Dionysia |
| 7 | Edward J. Chomer | St. Victor |
| 7 | Richard E. Frye | St. Servus |
| 8 | Gregory Lakner | St. Romaric |
| 9 | Roger Garrett | St. Juan Diego |
| 10 | Matthew T. Grubb | St. Gregory III |
| 11 | Joseph H. Stevens | St. Barsabas |
| 12 | Dr. Gerald Broderick | St. Alexander |
| 12 | Anthony Fiorentino | St. Jane Frances |
| 13 | Kevin M. O Connor | St. Lucy |
| 13 | Donald J. Quinn | St. Jodic |
| 14 | Allan J. Ludwig | St. John of the Cross |

| Dec. | Member | Saint |
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| 15 | Michael A. Bozzacco | St. Mary Diosa |
| 15 | Arturo Herrera | St. Adalberto |
| 18 | Ronald Cataldo | St. Victurus |
| 18 | Anthony Cunnane | St. Rufus |
| 21 | Todd Nusbaum | S. Adrian |
| 21 | Tad M. Rheinheimer | St. Peter Canisius |
| 22 | Mark C. Casey | St. Chaeremon |
| 23 | Luke A. Sandefur | St. John of Kanti |
| 23 | Terry Stewart | St. Vintila |
| 27 | Thomas Dusthimer | St. Theodore |
| 28 | Carl J. Nabicht | St. Anthony of Lerins |
| 28 | John Klawiter | St. Troadius |
| 29 | Robert R. Meehan | St. Thomas Becket |
| 30 | Lewis M. Arnold | St. Anysius |
| 30 | Max A. Yeakey | St. Egwin |

Family New Year's Eve Celebration

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus and the Altar & Rosary Society

When: December 31, 2008, 7 p.m. until 2009

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

Cost: \$10 per person; \$35 maximum per family. This includes pizza, snacks, desserts, and pop. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase alcohol.

Tables will be set up for card and board games. In addition, there will be music to listen and dance to, a child care area with activities and videos. Have kids bring their sleeping bags and pillows to crash on. Feel free to bring decorations to decorate your table.

Tickets will be available after masses in December or by contacting Mark or Julie Malenda at 522-2132 or by e-mailing jatmsong@mac.com.

Tickets must be purchased or reservations made by December 28th in order to get an accurate food count.