



Knights of Columbus

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to the new members who have joined our council! They include Charles Girtin, Alex Strati, Jr., Scott Brewton, Gregory Yant, and Alex Villalobos. If you not already acquainted with them, please take time to get to know them.

December 2008



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
May your Christmas be filled with peace and the love of Christ.
God Bless,
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 December spaghetti dinner raised \$332 for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thanks for the good showing of volunteer help! The next spaghetti dinner is set for January 7, 2009, from 5-7 p.m.
- The Knights of Columbus Texas Hold'em tournament, which was for members only, raised nearly \$300. The next members-only tournament is January 12, 2009, at 7 p.m. with a voluntary donation of \$40 to participate.
- Five new members underwent the 1st Degree before our December meeting.
- Matt Pletcher and the Grand Knight have met and started working on the very important endeavor of preparing the fiscal budget for the Council.
- Brother Matt Casey reported on the Free Throw Competition status. Posters will be up soon announcing when the tournament will be held. This is open to both boys and girls! The district competition is scheduled for February 7 at Queen of Peace for those that advance from our Council's competition.
- We collected \$205 for seminarians at the December meeting, a meeting record! Thanks for your generosity!!!
- The food drive committee reported on their efforts and asked for volunteers to help with the baskets. Delivery was scheduled for December 13. Jim Gallagher reported that Dr. King, a local dentist, offered a 20% discount for 5 cans for food that was brought into his office and then donated to our drive. We collected dozens of shopping bags filled with food from his office alone. Thank you!!
- On December 31, 2008, Brother Mark Malenda is organizing a Family New Year's Eve event sponsored by the Knights, along with the Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella. There is a \$10/person and \$35 maximum per family charge. Tickets must be purchased or reservations placed by December 28th. Please contact Mark or Julie Malenda at 522-2132 or purchase tickets after mass at church.
- Dick Dyer volunteered to help organize a blood drive in January or February. We'll keep you posted on the exact date.

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Christmas Food Baskets

Thanks to the many volunteers who raised funds, collected food, packed and delivered food baskets this year. See Sunday, December 14, Elkhart Truth for a nice article about this successful community service project, which demonstrates what we are all about. Well done!!



Rosary

The 309th consecutive Rosary will be said on January 2th 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

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- Tom Wiley reported that the Family of the Month at St. Vincent's for October was Miguel Mendoza & family; FOTM for November was Ron Cataldo & family.
- Richard Sheave reported that the winter relief fund has collected \$308 to date. Please contact him if you know of a Brother in need of financial assistance in paying heating bills.
- The latest update on Benny Wiercioch is that he has been home for about a week. Please continue to keep Benny, Virginia and their family in your prayers.
- A gift will be sent to the priests this year to show our support for them.
- Scott Olson's name was drawn for the \$195 attendance jackpot. Since he was not present at the meeting, the money will be rolled over to next month. Remember: the only way to win is to be present at the meeting when your name is drawn.

December Meeting

Members at the meeting on December 9th were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Scott Chris, Dave Kozlowski, Matthew Snyder, Lee Evers, Charles Fortino, John Tierney, Joseph Peterka, Sean Asoera, Miguel Mendoza, Joe Tinervia, Mike Reverman, Richard Scheve, Jr., Matthew Casey, Shane Blotkamp, Thomas Hutkins, Jim Noffsinger, Brad Billings, Jim Gallagher, Steven Gonsoski, Larry Scalise, Dick Dyer, Matt Pletcher, Jesus Zagal, Rick Frye, Vern Miller, Kevin O'Connor, Scott Franko, Bob Meehan, Matt Yeakey, Herman Kruis, Tom Pawlak, Dave Buzalski, Tom Wiley, Arturo Herrera, Alex Villalobos, Scott Brewton, Larry Krazit, Alex Strati, Gregory Yant, Jose Luis Rodriguez, David Calvillo, Joel Munoz, and Mark Malenda.

Calendar of Coming Events

December 19—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
December 20—Children's Christmas Party
December 31—Family New Year's Party 7-12 midnight
January 2—Rosary at St. Vincent's
January 7—Spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m.
January 12—Texas Hold'em Tourney
January 13—Kof C meeting 7 p.m.
January 16—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.

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, Benny Wiercioch, and Kevin O'Connor.

Birthdays for January

Date	Member	Saint
2	Jesus Zagal	St. Basal
3	Terrance E. Chmiel	St. Genevieve
3	Jon Fish	St. Daniel
4	Timothy Johnson	St. Hermer
4	Dan Wierzbicki	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6	John C. Sotobeer	St. John De Riebera
7	Miguel Mendoza	St. Raymond
7	Michael Reverman	St Anastasius
11	Robert S. Schmidt	St. Paulinus
12	Joseph A. Bickel	St. Marguerite
12	Daniel Mauck	St. Tatiana
13	James DuBois	St. Elian
14	Scott Brewton	St Sava
16	William A. Dolan	St. Fursey
19	Joseph O. Eppers	St. Fullian

Date	Member	Saint
19	Bernard Hartogh	St. Pontainus
20	Thomas Hutkins	St Sebastian
21	Anthony J. Iemma	St. Alban Bartholomew
22	Andrew Hicks	St. Vincent
22	Thad Naquin	St. Birthwald
23	Massimo D. Cataldo	St. John the Asclas
23	Thomas Durham	St. Bernard
23	Brent Kulp	St. Ildephonsus
24	Justin Buenger	St. Francis De Sales
25	Lee Mathew	St. Peter Thomas
27	Dave Buzalski	St. Angela
29	James M. Bowers	St. Gildas the Wise
30	Sherman W. Hansen	St. Matthias
30	Harry L. Palmer	St. Aldegundis

Texas Hold 'em Tournament

Congratulations to the following winners who participated in our Texas Hold 'em Tournament recently: 1st Mick Towner; 2nd Shawn Kohn; 3rd Ron Chris; and 4th Larry Freshour. We had 16 players who competed, and we were able to raise \$290 for the Christmas Food Basket Program. The next tournament will be January 12, 2009, beginning at 7 p.m. in the lounge. Proceeds next month will go to the Home Heating Program. This event is for K of C and Columbia Club members only.

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.