



Knights of Columbus

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas Reed, a member for 26 years, who is now an Honorary Member. In addition, Allan Ludwig, a 28-year member, is now an Honorary Life Member.

January, 2009



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

On a cold and snowing evening in January, we had great attendance at the meeting and discussed many items of business. There are a lot of activities mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, and I would encourage everyone to take part and help where you can.

We received the Santa Maria Award from the District Deputy, which was one of only four given in the whole state of Indiana. This is a great accomplishment for our club, and we should all be proud of the efforts we make.. The year 2008 was another great one as we raised just under \$33,000, which was used to help various groups and individuals in our community.

In closing, we hope many of you will join us for the Super Bowl party. Details will come out later, but I am sure we will have a great time.

God Bless
Steve Riikonen

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

News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- Our Council had a first degree on Monday, January 19.
- The 4th degree exemplification is set for Feb. 21 & 22 in Ft. Wayne. If you are interested, see Financial Secretary Scott Chris about an application.
- Our Council has been selected as the host site for a 2nd and 3rd degree. If you are a 1st degree member and have been thinking about advancement in our Order's higher degrees, now would be the perfect time. Please reserve March 1 on your calendar.
- ADEC sent a thank you letter to the Council for the \$10,548 raised from the Tootsie Roll Drive. It is the single largest donation that ADEC receives, and our Council is the driving force behind that.
- The next Texas Hold'em tournament is set for February 3. It is open to members only.
- The Council bought a sign to advertise council events, such as fish fries and spaghetti dinners, and it will be mounted on the outside of the building in the near future.
- The Council gave \$270 as an advance on spaghetti dinner proceeds to the youth group for St. Vincent's and St. Thomas. It is to help sponsor six youths going to Washington, DC. The February spaghetti dinner will be manned by the youth group in an effort to raise additional funds.
- If you have any recruitment reward points, please consider donating them to the Council. We are in need of new officers' jewels and a new set can be obtained by submitting reward points. Please contact Scott Chris if you can help.
- Prayer cards of seminarians from our diocese were distributed at January's meeting. Please keep the seminarians in your prayers.
- The Council's Free Throw Competition is set for January 24 at St. Thomas. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the competition starts at 9 a.m.
- The winter relief fund, which was set up to help Brothers who are having financial difficulties in paying their heating bills this winter, has collected \$910 to date, including \$340 from Texas Hold'em and \$197 from the spaghetti dinner. If you know of a Brother Knight who needs help, please contact Richard Scheve.
- The food drive this year was very successful. There are thank you notes received from families posted on the bulletin board. If you know of a place we can use next year to store and sort food, please tell Jim Gallaher. We may be growing too big for the IARA hall.
- We collected \$194 for seminarians during the meeting.
- The Council will host a Super Bowl Party to start at 4 p.m. Details will be posted at the Council.
- A new wooden cabinet to hide the wall-mounted bingo boards was donated by Native Hardwoods. Thank you!
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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

January Meeting

Members at the meeting on January 13th were as follows: Steve Riikonen, Scott Chris, Dave Kozlowski, Matthew Snyder, Lee Evers, Charles Fortino, Sean Asoera, Joe Tinervia, Richard Scheve, Jr., Tom Jaskolka, Matthew Casey, Shane Blotkamp, Thomas Hutkins, Brad Billings, Jim Gallagher, Rob Hoffer, Dick Dyer, Jesus Zagal, Rick Frye, Sherm Hansen, Dan Wierzbicki, Phil Stackowicz, Phil Kile, Tom Pawlak, Scott Franko, Ron Desimone, Brent Kulp, Matt Yeakey, Jesus Mujica, Arturo Herrera, Scott Brewton, Vern Miller, Joe Eppers, Todd Nusbaum, Matthew Frye, Justin Buenger, Dick Buenger, Steve Revelli, Dave Towner, and Mark Malenda.

ATTENTION!!

2nd and 3rd Degrees

Our Council will be hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree on March 1, 2009. This will be a GREAT opportunity for all our 1st Degree members to take the 2nd and 3rd Degree at our own Council. Mark your calendars right now. We have 163 1st Degree members. It would be great to see all take their next degree. If you have any questions, talk to any officer.

Rosary

The 310th consecutive Rosary will be said on February 6th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. It would be nice to see a lot more members and their families at this event. Please mark your calendar and make a special effort to be there this month.

News Summary

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- Phil Stackowicz is now the insurance field agent for our Council. Details on how to contact him will be posted on the website.
- The District Deputy presented the Santa Maria Award to our Council during our meeting. There were only three other councils in the state that received that distinction.
- Please use the new form 100 forms for new member recruitment. The old forms will no longer be accepted.
- The attendance drawing for \$195 remains unclaimed. Be at the next meeting to be eligible.

Remember the Spaghetti Dinner February 4 from 5-7 p.m. to benefit youth groups at both parishes.

Calendar of Coming Events

January 24—Council Free Throw Competition, St. Thomas
February 3—Texas Hold'em
February 4—Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
February 6—Rosary at St. Vincent's
February 7—District Free Throw Competition
February 10—K of C Meeting, 7 p.m.
February 20—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
February 27—Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.
March 1—2 nd & 3 rd Degree at our Council

Children's Christmas Party

Thanks to the Columbian Club members who put on a terrific Christmas party for the kids. Santa visited and gave out presents to about 70 kids as carols were sung and a great time was had by all.
A special thanks goes out to Joyce and Jack Palmer for the many years of organizing this event and making it a wonderful experience for the kids of our council.
Great job, everyone!!

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, Tom Farrell, Dick Delaney, Jim Linn, Deacon Reyes, Benny Wiercioch, and Kevin O'Connor.

Birthdays for February

Date	Member	Saint
1	Michael J. Wargo	St. Brigid
2	Kenneth Fischer	St. Joan De Lestonnac
2	Michael B. Rody	St. Adalbold
3	Max L. Overton	St. Blaise
8	Anthony Miller	St. Jerome
9	Michael Bueter	St. Apollonia
9	Francis Vite	St. Alexander
10	Timothy D. Dibley	St. Scholastica
10	Herman Kruis	St. Austreberta
10	Thomas A. Misener	St. Andrew
12	Matthew Frye	St. William
14	Alex J. Nagy 3rd	St. Cyril
15	Michael I. Kloska	St. Walfrid
15	Matthew Marks	St. Faustinus

Date	Member	Saint
15	Brian Turco	St. Jordan
17	Ryan Chris	St. Alexis Falconieri
18	Lawrence J. Krazit	St. Simeon
20	John S. Uryga	St. Wulfric
20	Edward A Vahala	St. Eucherius
22	Chuck D. Bueter	St. Amata
23	James H Gallagher	St. Polycarp
24	Kevin A. Kiefer	St. Ethelbert
26	Msg. Joseph Caterino	St. Iasbel of France
26	James Mann	St. Alexander
27	Jonathan DuBois	St. Leander
27	Thomas D. Hartnett	St. Anne Line
28	Ron Desimone	St. Hilary

Catholic Men's Discussion Group

It has been suggested that we start a new casual discussion group on what it means to be a Catholic gentleman in the 21st century for interested men who are of confirmation age or older. The present thought is that it would be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in our lounge area, with the possibility of expanding it to meet every Wednesday if there was enough interest and participation. The idea is to make it a casual discussion over beverages. If you are interested, please contact Mark Malenda (574-304-0688-cell; 574-522-2132-home; or thomalendas@me.com) with any questions or suggestions.

New Year's Eve Party

Thanks to Mark and Julie Malenda for their efforts in organizing and carrying out a family New Year's Eve party at the hall. They had many other people at the local parishes who helped with all aspects of making this a successful event. There were 40 people who attended and enjoyed great food and spirits. There were board, card, and video games and videos for all to enjoy. Music was played all evening with some guests bravely demonstrating their line dancing skills! See the website for pictures and put this event on your calendar for next year.

Columbian Club

The Columbian Club is open to members and guests from Tuesday-Friday, 4-8 p.m. There is also a weekly euchre game every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Periodically, other special events are scheduled, such as the Super Bowl Party. Call or drop by the hall for information concerning these other events.

Scholarship

Applications for the K of C Insurance Scholarships are due February 1. Contact Phil Stackowicz at 574-282-1082 for details.