



Knights of Columbus

St. Jude Council 1043
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News Summary By Joe Tinervia

- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at our Council on Thursday, February 4, 2010, from 1-6 p.m. Joe will need a few volunteers to help with set up at 11 a.m. Most importantly, we need blood donors. We ought to easily be able to have more than our average of 20 donors.
- There will be a membership blitz for the weekend of January 30. There is an organizational meeting for planning on December 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- The December spaghetti dinner raised approximately \$851 for St. Vincent's School. Proceeds from the January 6th dinner will go Elkhart County Right to Life to help sponsor pro-life commercials. The spaghetti dinner for February 3rd will be for St. Thomas School.
- Our annual Christmas food basket distribution took place this past weekend, launched from IARA and St. Vincent's pastoral center. 500 families received baskets!
- This is a reminder that dues letters go out this week. Please pay your dues promptly as they are a major source of revenue for our Council. Our Council has to pay a "per capita" for each member, both to Supreme and to the State Council, whether a member pays his dues or not. Since we need every dollar possible to go to Council programs and overhead, please pay dues so the Council does not get stuck making up the "per capita" difference.
- If you want to contribute to a fund to help pay the dues of Brother Knights needing financial help, there is a section in the dues letter to indicate your interest in assisting.
- This is a reminder that our next fish fry is this Friday, December 18. See you there!
- Steve Erwin reported that the trivia night for Kid Care International raised \$11,265 in one evening!
- We collected \$130 for the vocation fund at our December meeting.
- Wilbur Peak's name was drawn for the \$195 attendance jackpot. Since he was not present, the \$195 jackpot will again be available for the random drawing at our January meeting.

Rosary By Benny

The 321st consecutive Rosary will be said on January 1st at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. What a joy it was to see many more people than usual at the First Friday Rosary in December. Let's make our first resolution of the new year to regularly attend our monthly Rosary. It would seem that with over 400 members in the K of C that we ought to be able to get 50 or more members to pray together for sick and homebound at least once a month. We look forward to seeing you and your family.

December, 2009



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

It is a great time of year. Even though I am running behind on typing my thoughts for the newsletter due to being busy with food baskets, meetings, and other things, I am still able to see the true blessing that it is to be healthy enough to help others this time of year. I am starting to wonder if Christmas was set at the beginning of the winter to get us in the mood to help the needy throughout this cold season.

Remember: we were given talents to share with others. I am still challenging all Knights to serve their community. If every Brother Knight would volunteer two hours a week at church, a food bank, or some other charity, we could make a significant difference in our community.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way to the food basket drive this year. In addition, a special thanks goes to those who served on the committee to organize the drive. It took a lot of effort on the part of many Brother Knights over the last two and a half months to find donors and bring in the food and money needed to make the drive a huge success. These Brother Knights exemplify what it means to be a true Knight.

It was a blessing to see the youth packing boxes last Sunday with Fr. Bill setting a good example by pitching right in to help. These are the kinds of activities that are good for our Catholic identity and provide good examples of caring for our community. (I even saw a smile on Benny's face Friday night while Fr. Glen was blessing the food :)

I know Scott is working hard to get the dues statements out this month. Accounting for all of our dues and paying the money to the State and Supreme is a challenging job, so I encourage everyone to pay their dues as soon as possible. He will also be trying to help Brother Knights in need with paying dues so if you can help others or need help yourself, let Scott know. Thank you in advance for paying your dues in a timely manner.

I do look forward to seeing all of you this Friday at the fish fry. This is my monthly date with my daughter and is a great place to bring the family for dinner. It would also be a good time for you dads to give mom a couple of hours of quiet time to wrap presents by bringing the rest of the family to the fish fry. (You should obviously offer to bring her a carryout meal, too!) We all need to help promote our fish fries since that is how we support the hall, giving us a place to meet and do all the good work that we do.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Your brother in Christ,
Shane Blotkamp

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

Roster of Officers

Grand Knight: Shane Blotkamp
Chaplains: Fr. Bill Sullivan; Fr. Kevin Bauman
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Jaskolka
Chancellor: Giuseppe (Joe) Tinervia
Financial Secretary: Scott Chris
Treasurer: Larry Scalise
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Recorder: Rick Frye
Lecturer: Benny Wiercioch
Warden: Joseph Peterka
Inside Guard: Mitch Wirt
Outside Guard: Sean Asoera
Trustee: Shawn Kohn
Trustee: Steve Riikonen
Trustee: T.J. Repaich
District Deputy: Dave Kozlowski

December Meeting

Members at the meeting on December 8 were as follows: Scott Chris, Joe Tinervia, Jim Gallagher, Thomas Hutkins, Rick Frye, Lee Evers, Steve Gonsoski, Larry Scalise, Shane Blotkamp, Jim Noffsinger, John Tierney, Richard Scheve, Mitch Nihart, Joe Peterka, Steve Riikonen, Andrew Plaia, Miguel Mendoza, Richard Dyer, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Sean Asoera, Phil Kile, Fred Thomson, Chuck Fortino, Mike Reverman, Dan Wierzbicki, Rob Jackson, David Calvillo, Dave Kozlowski, Matt Yeakey, Steve Erwin, Brad Billings, Brent Culp, Scott Franko, Nick Bayer, Gerry Kruzal, Bernard Hartogh, Robert Lowman, Chuck Girtin, Benny Wiercioch, and Fr. Glenn Kohrman.



Fish Fry

Be sure to join us for the next fish fry on the third Friday of the month from 5-7 p.m. Bring your family and friends for this popular event!

Calendar of Coming Events

January 1—Rosary at St. Vincent's
January 6—Spaghetti Dinner
January 12—K of C Meeting 7 p.m.
January 15—Fish Fry
January 30—Membership Blitz

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: Fr. Phil DeVolder, Fred Thomson, Mike Bozzacco, Tom Farrell, Dick Delaney, Jim Linn, Gabriel Hernandez, Benny Wiercioch, Nick Russo, Herman Kruijs, Dave Kozlowski, Harry Palmer, Andre Bahena, Ed Wenzel, the Mark Malenda family, Joe Peterka, Sherm Poole, the Franko family, Matt Casey family, and Shorty Murphy.

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
9	Robert Lowman	St. Adrian
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

Date	Member	Saint
17	Mariano Cortez	St. Anthony
19	Joseph O. Eppers	St. Fullian
19	Bernard Hartogh	St. Pontainus
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
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

Bible Quiz —By Benny

1. What couples' infant son died as punishment for their adultery?
2. What did King Solomon propose doing to a baby in order to settle a dispute between two women who both claimed to be the child's mother?
3. What did Jesus do to Jairus' daughter ?
4. Who was Rhoda, Mary's servant girl, so excited to see that she forgot to open the door to let him in?
5. According to Jesus, what will children do to their parents at the end of the age?

Answers below

Answers: 1. David and Bathsheba; 2. cut it in two; 3. raised her from the dead; 4. Peter; 5. they will rebel against them and have them killed



A Savior is Born!