

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT – ED GILL

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT



*Don't Forget* - If you have not already, Please provide us with your wife's name, Your anniversary date, children's and grandchildren's names and ages. This information is necessary for Council programs, such as Family of the Month, and 25/50 Wedding Jubilee Mass and reception with Bishop Rhoades in South Bend.

Council:

Since this is my last newsletter I wanted to take the time to tell all of you how much I appreciate all of the hard work everyone has done while I have been Grand Knight. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we have, what I feel, is one of the best Councils around. When I took the position I was not sure what I was getting into and even wondered if I was doing the right thing but because of all of the great Knights we have and the help I got from Dick Kemble and Shane Blotkamp, our District Deputy, I think most things went pretty smooth. I am thankful now that I did do it because I got to know a number of you probably better than I would have otherwise and also learned more about the Knights in general. There are more things that I could have done and wish I had the time and energy to do but I feel that Norm has already started working on some of those and will see them through. Again THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

If you see Rick Copenhaver, his wife Irene or their daughter Teresa, please congratulate them because Teresa won the Essay Contest for Queen of Peace 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and then became the first ever 8<sup>th</sup> Grade State winner from Queen of Peace. Her Essay now will go on to International competition. This year's topic was **The Importance of Religious Freedom**.

Thank you to all that assisted at the Father's Fields Dedication and the women's retreat May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our June meeting is the one that we vote for the 2014-2015 Fraternal year officers.

Thank you to all that have been supporting our Food Pantry, please keep up the great work and thank you for the great attendance we have been having at the meetings.

We normally meet the second Tuesday of the month in the rectory basement **AND START PROMPTLY** at 7:00 P.M.. The business portion of the meeting should be completed by 8:30. Our social meeting begins after our business is concluded. It has been requested that you bring a snack to share at the meeting. Also, as we discussed at a past meeting, we want to help our food pantry so I am asking each of you to bring at least one non-perishable food item to each meeting. We will collect these and have them weighed every so often so I can keep track of the total we donate.



Teresa and Grand Knight Ed Gill

Membership:

**RECRUITMENT** - If you have a friend or relative who is Catholic and would make a good member of our council, please contact me. A potential member could be a long-time member or new member of Queen of Peace parish. He could have children who attend Queen of Peace School. You could have asked him a number of times to look at our council. Please advise us of any potential, qualified individual.

**TRANSFERS –  
NEW MEMBERS –**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER  
Please contact me, or any Council Officer, if you know of a Knight, family member, friend or Queen of Peace parishioner who needs our prayers during our meetings.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2013/2014

Business meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month in the rectory basement starting at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.		
Tuesday	6/10	Meeting 7pm @ Rectory Election of 2014/2015 Officers. <b>This is the last meeting until September.</b>
Wednesday	6/18	Officer Installation 6:15 at Church
Tuesday	6/24	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony @ 7pm Rm 15 in the School (if we have any candidates)

# K OF C INSURANCE FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

## Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

### June:

James Lukaszewski 2<sup>nd</sup>  
John Hupp 6<sup>th</sup>  
Larry Huemmer 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anthony Niespodziany 11<sup>th</sup>  
Gilbert Martin 15<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Cataldo 17<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Morter 21<sup>st</sup>  
Eric Bennett 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tony Letcher 27<sup>th</sup>  
John Leap 28<sup>th</sup>

### July:

Brian Artusi 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce Miller 6<sup>th</sup>  
Craig Anthony 6<sup>th</sup>  
Karl Karch 7<sup>th</sup>  
Roger Greene 8<sup>th</sup>  
Theron Roberts 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fr John Eze 12<sup>th</sup>  
John Niespodziany 13<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick Thorsen 17<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Portolese 24<sup>th</sup>

### August:

Ed Gill 1<sup>st</sup>  
Michael Trippel 1<sup>st</sup>  
David Niemier 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thomas Ross 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Douglas Burggraf Sr 7<sup>th</sup>  
David Okrzestik 12<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher Martens 13<sup>th</sup>  
Melvin Padgett 15<sup>th</sup>  
Carmello Blanda 17<sup>th</sup>  
Kenneth Soice 19<sup>th</sup>  
William Wright 21<sup>st</sup>  
Edward Prusinski Jr 22<sup>nd</sup>  
William Sorocco 29<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### June:

Michael & Rebecca Fitzmaurice 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Paul & Melissa Rosswurm 15<sup>th</sup>  
Josh & Rosary Comeau 19<sup>th</sup>  
Edward & Carol Gill 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kenneth & Jennifer Engdahl 26<sup>th</sup>  
David & Debra Snyder 28<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas & Peggy Burggraf Sr 30<sup>th</sup>

### July:

Jeremiah & Shannon Williams 5<sup>th</sup>  
John & Judi LaViolette 8<sup>th</sup>  
Philip & Sam Gleissner 11<sup>th</sup>  
Brent Laura Dennison 11<sup>th</sup>  
Joe & Teresa Grimm 12<sup>th</sup>  
Terry & Jayne Ross 17<sup>th</sup>  
Edward & JoAnn Klodzinski 27<sup>th</sup>  
James & Madeline Gaughan 31<sup>st</sup>

### August:

Randy & Pamela Keyser 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Brian & Aryusi Artusi 5<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher & Kim Tordi 17<sup>th</sup>  
Stephen & Tina Murphy 28<sup>th</sup>  
Ron & Crystal Halfman 28<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph & Tina Dover 31<sup>st</sup>

## 2013/2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. John Eze	255-9674
Grand Knight	Ed Gill	261-0992
Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director	Norm Burggraf	674-1548
Chancellor	Vic Kasznia	255-1158
Financial Secretary	Joe Grimm	293-8475
Recorder	Phil Gleissner	255-9383
Church Director	Craig Meuninck	674-6772
Warden	John Niespodziany	329-5374
Treasure	Craig Anthony	674-8979
Lecturer	Gil Martin	276-5027
Trustee – 1 Year	Bob Kania	532-5965
Trustee – 2 Years	Dick Kemble	255-7494
Trustee – 3 Years	Jim Mitchell	674-6159
Advocate	Tony Letcher	651-3618
Inside Guard	George Shupe	259-4788
Outside Guard	Craig Meuninck	674-6772
Vocation Program	Mike Portolese	532-5965
Youth Director	Dick Kemble	255-7494
Gibault Envoy	Chip O'Neil	273-9295
Membership Director	Eric Szajko	257-8313
Family Director	Dave Okrzestik	247-0069

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