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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

Pope Francis will visit our country from Sept. 22nd through the 27th. He will meet our president; speak to a joint session of Congress and go onto address the United Nations. His visit will eventually take him to Philadelphia where he will convene a gathering for the World Meeting of the Family. I would not be surprised if he spoke about the need for societies to address the causes of poverty as a means of strengthening the family.

This month Bishop Donald Hying is asking us to gather throughout the diocese of Gary and set some time aside to read, reflect and discuss the Indiana Bishop's pastoral on poverty. The pastoral is called: *"Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church's Response to Poverty in Indiana"*.

There will be four Diocesan wide gathering to discuss the pastoral on poverty. The pastoral has only eighteen pages of text. It is easy to read and has many thought provoking questions. Bishop Hying would very much like us to attend one of the discussion groups.

Each parish received a number of copies of the pastoral. Our parish has One hundred copies of the pastoral, which you will find available in the parish lobby. I would like to encourage you to take

the time and read the pastoral before you attend one of the gatherings. I'll be attending the session at St. Pauls'.

Fr. Doug Mayer

Chaplain, K of C 7473

SOUTH LAKE

Wednesday, September 9th 7pm

At St. Thomas Moore, School Cafeteria, Munster

GARY / NORTH LAKE

Thursday, September 10th 7pm

At St. Bridget in Hobart

LAPORT / STARKE

Tuesday, September 15th 6:30pm

At Sacred Heart Activity Center in La Porte

PORTER

Thursday, September 17th 7pm

At St. Paul in Valparaiso

“Gods will is that we grow in our capacity to: welcome one another; to forgive and to love; and to resemble Jesus. This is the holiness of the Church.” – Pope Francis

A Word from our Grand Knight



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council 7473 is on the move!

In keeping with the precepts of the Knights of Columbus, set down by our founder the Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney, at the August council business meeting we were able to offer a \$720.50 check to Tracy Anderson and her son Blake who is a Special Olympics athlete on behalf of the Porter County Special Olympics. The check was presented by Brother Jonathan Fannin, our own Special Olympian and overseen by the Regional Special Olympics Couch of the Year, Cris Ellingsen. There was an equal share to presented to Margot Ann Sabato, County Coordinator for the Lake County Special Olympics at her office by Trustee Jim Quirk and GK Gerry Glatt. The Knights should be proud of the efforts they put forth by our annual Tootsie Roll Drive chaired by Brother Jim.



We finished off the month of August with a great membership drive and in doing so I would like to congratulate all our new members. It is now the duty of our veteran members to befriend our new members. Make them feel welcome, answer any questions they may have, keep them informed, invite them to our events and include them in our social functions. To the New members I encourage you to join in and make yourselves available whenever possible. Remember, you'll only get out what you put in. This is a stepping stone to the ministries of your parishes. Represent the Knights of Columbus Proudly.

The big event in the month of September will be the Hebron Block Party where our council will be hosting the Beer Tent that will be setup in front of the Hebron Community Center. This is a great chance to serve our community and do some fundraising for our charities. Come out and lend a hand, Our Worthy Chancellor, Brother Dave Pszonka is the council chairman for this event call him at 988-2235 if you can help, or at least come out and have a Beer. The Bike committee will also have a tent.

We are still trying to find a chairman to run the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge in the first half of the month of September.

Last year the LOFS Lions club held their annual bike drive in partnership with our bike program and it was a big success. Who would have ever believed that they could have topped that but through their great efforts they hit a HOME RUN and nearly doubled what they had previously done.



It has forced us to rent another storage space until we can make repairs, rebuild and move these bikes to families that need them. On the heels of that drive Eagle Scout, Alexander Kobus conducted a bike drive on Saturday, August 29 at Holy Spirit Church in Winfield, adding to our inventory. There is a fix up party planned at Brother Mark Siminski's house on Oct. 3 from 1: to 5:00pm, everyone welcome. Wear work clothes! Contact Mark for more info. 798-7116, or come to the Hebron Block Party and meet Mark.



Brother Knights,

My name is Mark Siminski, Chairman of the Bike Project. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the Knights of Columbus Council 7473 Bicycle Project. We as individuals wake up each and every day going about our personal business. In such a fast paced society in which we live every day, we tend to overlook how blessed we are to have the blessings God has given us. With this being said, I can truly say I have learned not to take life for granted. Since the bicycle project started 2 years ago, I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people that worry how they are going to feed and clothe their child each and every day. It really breaks my heart to hear their heartfelt stories and makes me work harder to help make a difference. I receive emails, phone calls, and text messages every day. It is really awful how big the demand is in our local areas. Some of the individuals rely on a bicycle for transportation to get to work or for daily exercise. We have donated over 345 bicycles to individuals all over Northwest Indiana. Here is a list of the groups we have helped.

The Carmelite Home in East Chicago, Sojourner Truth House in Gary, Boys and Girls Club in Valparaiso, Head Start in Hebron, and Valparaiso, Housing Opportunities in Valparaiso, Geminus Center in Valparaiso, New Creations Men's Center Valparaiso, Masterwork foundation at Valparaiso University, Santa and His Elves in Lowell Indiana, Saint Vincent Depaul food pantry from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, and Day Spring Woman's Center in Valparaiso. We have also helped families in Crown Point, Griffith, Hammond, Hebron, Valparaiso, Demotte, Wheatfield, and Winfield. I work with many of the town trustees to get names of families that could really use the help.

It is a wonderful feeling being able to help these families and this is where we can use your help. I work on the bicycles in my garage with a few individuals. Every single bike that we take in has to be thoroughly checked out before we can donate them. The scrubbing of the bicycles really takes up a lot of time and slows the process down with the lack of personnel. It also causes the storage shed to fill up with no other place for the finished bikes to go. One bike can take up to 3 – 4 hours depending on what's wrong with the bike. We could really use the help and would like to see more members get involved to help make this wonderful project succeed for many more years to come. You don't have to be mechanically inclined to scrub on a bicycle. I have the tools and parts necessary to fix the bikes so take some time to think on how your efforts could really help. I look forward to meeting many more members and making many more dreams come true.

We could also use your help and time on making pick-ups of used bikes and going on deliveries. The Bike Project committee members are performing these functions now and at their own expense.

Thank You

Mark Siminski
Cell 219-798-7116
Bike Project Chairman

“Each of us is responsible for honoring the trust that our members, our clients, and their families have placed in us.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

**By Dennis T. Conley
District Deputy**

The district deputy is the representative of the supreme knight and the state deputy and is responsible for the supervision, growth, expansion, general care and the well-being of the councils assigned to his district. (Section 62, “Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order”) [I am the District Deputy for District #4 which is made-up of five councils. The councils are in numerical order: (The oldest council has the lowest number.) Council 3840, Marian Council from Holy Name Parish in Cedar Lake; Council 4620, Cardinal Strich Council from St. Mary's Parish and St Matthias Parish in Crown Point, Council 7473. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Valparaiso, Holy Spirt Parish in Winfield, and St Helen's Parish in Hebron; Council 9696 from Monsignor Timothy F. Doody Council from St. Edwards Parish in Lowell; Council 12154, Queen of Angels Council from St. John the Evangelist in St. John]. The district deputy is the key to success of the order.

His responsibilities include ensuring that his councils follow the Order's laws and rules, promoting effective membership recruitment and retention programs, and monitoring the general financial and social health of the councils in his district.

The district deputy, having been nominated by the state deputy is appointed and approved by the supreme knight, and is directly reportable to the state deputy for all activities within the district and fills the very important communication link between the state and Supreme councils and local councils. The district deputy serves at the discretion of the state deputy and his term expires on June 30 of each year. **{Information from District Deputies Handbook}**

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

Vivat Jesus,
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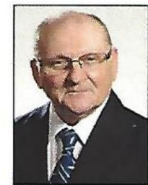


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INDIANA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ULTRASOUND PROJECT

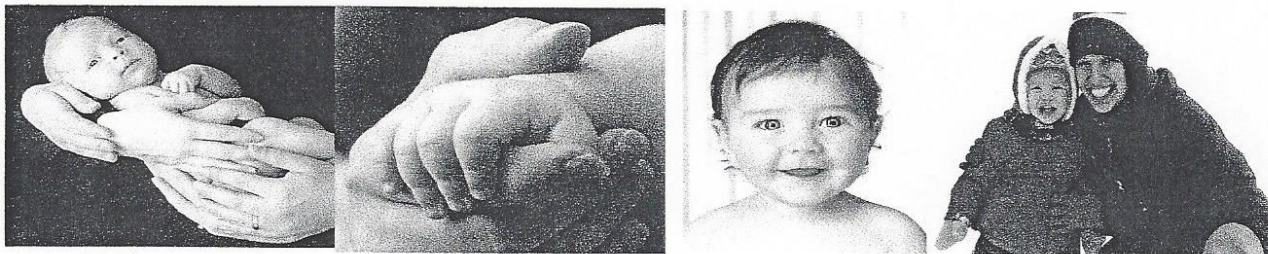
Eighty-five to ninety percent of the time, Women contemplating having an abortion will change their minds after seeing an ultrasound or hearing the heartbeat of the child that is within her body. Any expectant Mother hearing the heartbeat and/or seeing the form of that baby realizes that there is truly a human life being carried within that Woman's body.

Next to prayer, the ultrasound machine is the most powerful weapon against abortion.

The Indiana Knights of Columbus organization is raising money throughout the State and has a goal of purchasing ultrasound machines to be distributed to various Pregnant Care Centers. (We've already donated 10!) We are soliciting donations from any group or individual who believes in defeating the culture of death that has gripped our Nation.

Any person or group interested in contributing to this fund and thereby helping to save a baby's life and a Mother's life and well-being, please make a check to **"Indiana State Council"**, memo line **"Ultrasound Project"** and give your donation to any member of the Knights of Columbus or mail it to the address below.

How would you like to save a baby's life today?



Mail to: michael velasco, State Culture of Life Director
Indiana Knights of Columbus
3993 Willowood Court
Crown Point, Indiana 46307-8945

Please accept this check as a donation to the Indiana K of C Ultrasound project

Name _____

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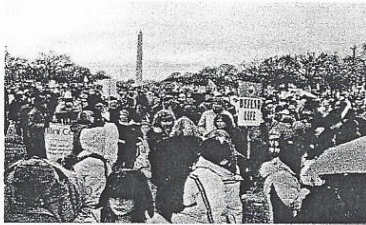
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Make checks payable to "Indiana State Council"

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7th ANNUAL INDIANA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SPONSORED MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C. January 2016



Wednesday, January 20 Depart from one of our locations throughout the State, approximately 8:00 pm. leaving on tour bus. There will be several stops along the way.

Thursday, January 21 Arrive in Washington approximately 10 am; tour the DC mall for 2 or 3 hours, proceed to hotel. Leave for the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, or Saint JP II museum or free time. Return to hotel.

Friday, January 22 Breakfast at the hotel, board bus, pick-up lunches, proceed to Rally, join the March when it begins, then return to hotel, proceed to banquet.

Saturday, January 23 Breakfast at the hotel, board buses and head home, arriving about 8 pm.

Cost: Approx. \$285.00 **Cost includes:** Round-trip on touring bus, Motel for 2 nights, Double-occupancy, 2 full breakfasts, Box Lunch, Fri. night banquet & celebration and an unbelievable feeling of satisfaction and honor having participated in this event.

\$150.00 Due September 29th \$135.00 Due November 1st

Can't make these dates? Need more info? Give us a call. Pro Life Director 219-663-0509

Keep track of your payments- Date of 1st payment _____ Check # _____ Amount _____
 Date of 2nd payment _____ Check # _____ Amount _____
 Date of last payment _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

-Do NOT send cash, Make Checks payable to: Indiana State Council Memo Line: DC March

- Send your check and the bottom of this form to: Pro Life Director
(prolife@indianakofc.org) 3993 Willowood Court
 Crown Point, Indiana 46307-8945

RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK, PLEASE "PRINT ALL INFORMATION, NEATLY"
 If we can't read it, you won't be going!

Name _____ Council # _____

Check one of the following: Knight ___ Spouse ___ Son or Daughter of Knight ___ Other ___

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone Need cell phone for the march () _____

Email Address _____ Roommate Preference _____

Leaving from: (Rank top 3 choices) Merrillville ___ South Bend ___ Fort Wayne ___ Muncie ___
 Lafayette ___ Indianapolis ___ Columbus ___ Scottsburg ___

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone () _____

Please list any medical condition that we need to know _____

Do not write below this line.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- Thur. 3** Council officers meeting at SEAS. 7pm
- Wed. 9** Council Business meeting at SEAS.7pm
- Sat. 12** Council breakfast at Baja's in Winfield at 8:am
Gibault Envoy in Terre Haute
- Mon. 14** SMV. Assm. 2712 Business Meeting at St. Francis Xavier Lake Station. 6pm
- Tue. 15** 1st deg. St. Pauls, Valpo 7pm
- Sat. 19** **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**
HEBRON BLOCK PARTY!
- Tue.22** Thru **Fri. 25th.** World Meeting of Families, Philly.
- Wed.23** Council Social TBD.
- Thur.24** 1st. deg. St. Thomas More Munster, 7:30pm
- TBD** KofC council Soccer Challenge

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| September 9 | SEAS. |
| October 14 | Holy Spirit |
| November 11 | Hebron |
| December 9 | SEAS. |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3** Bike fixup day at Marks
- Oct. 4** Pancake breakfast HS.
2nd &3rd deg. Highland
- Oct. 8** Council officers meeting
- Oct. 10** Council Breakfast
- Oct. 12** Assy. Meeting at. SJTW
- Oct. 14** Council Business meeting
- Oct. 15** 1st.deg. Portage and Griffith
- Oct. 17** 4th deg. in Evensville
- Oct. 28** Council social
- Nov. 5** Council officers meeting.
- Nov. 9** Assy. Dinner Meeting
W/Wives at Hobart
- Nov.10** Memorial Service at HS.
- Nov.11** Council Business meeting
- Nov.14** Council Breakfast
- Nov.17** 1st. Deg. Valpo
- Nov.25** Council Social
- Dec.3** Council Officers Meeting
- Dec.9** Council Business Meeting
1st deg. Whiting
- Dec.12** Council Breakfast
- Dec.17** 1st. Deg. Portage

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