

The Chaplain's Corner

My Dear Brother Knights,

A few years ago the Knights of Columbus had a major push to put Christ back into Christmas. That concept still has value today. In many ways Christmas has become so commercialized that Christ nearly disappears from the very celebration of his birth.

As Knights we have a duty to defend the core of our faith. Remember, the degrees you completed? While there are key values attributed to each degree at the very center of each of those values is the teaching of Jesus revealed through the Gospels and handed down from generation to generation as our Catholic Faith. Returning Christ to Christmas is central to maintaining the core truths of that Faith!

What I would urge each of you to consider is how you might keep the Knights of Columbus spirit of Christmas front and center in your lives? At the center of the Gospel message is an invitation to daily encounter Christ in our lives. The Last Supper Discourse in the Gospel of John spells out that invitation very clearly. What if we Knights take the command to love one another as Christ loved us seriously and work daily to welcome Jesus into our lives by doing various acts of kindness? What if we made showing compassion and kindness a priority within the various activities we do? We could become instruments of the very peace that was proclaimed at his birth.

So my brothers, let us give this a try and make acts of kindness a regular part of our daily lives as we prepare ourselves once again to welcome Jesus into our lives.

May you all have a blessed and eventful Advent

Veni Creatur Spiritu,

Fr Jom Mischler

O God,

Fill my heart with your love and joy. Help me see others as you see them. Guide every decision, response, effort and conversation i have for your glory.



Words from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Advent is now upon us. For us Kights, it can be a very busy time between taking care of our family obligations as well as our ministries to those we serve, such as ou Bike Project. In so doing, we can lose sight of our responsibilities to ourselves.



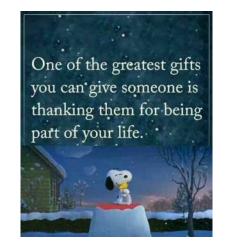
God's wonderful gift of his Son is worth celebrating. It is alsoworth taking the time to pause and reflect on God's love forus, as stated in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that hegave his only begotten Son, that who so believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

We have opportunities to reflect on that love duringAdvent. Take advantage of a reconciliation service. Take some time after Mass to pray aRosary. Or justtell God "Thank you" while you are waiting in traffic.

In giving to others this Advent, let's not forget to give to ourselves. Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus. *Ken Williams* Grand Knight

Brothers: This why it's great to be members of the Knights of Columbus:







Bruce Beck's brother Larry, and friend Larry Chopps Family, Dennis Conley, Rich Cunningham, Marty DeBattista, James Doppler and his wife Ted & Nan Fitzgerald, J.Foliar and his wife, Janet Foresman. Mike Halcarz, Fr. Joseph Kelchak family Dennis King's mother Norma, Bob Mann's widow Debbie Leo Mayhew and his wife Trish, JimMiller, Jim Murphy"s Granddaughter, Eric Olson, JoePollaro. Dave Pzonka, Brother Joe R from SEAS, John Ryczaj Fred Siminski's friend in Hebron, Fred Siminski's mother in law, Jessica Siminski and baby, Mark Siminski &his wife, & Daughter in law who's pregnate, Ed Stram, Ernie Williams, Ken Williams Mom & Dad, Glenn Wyant and Family

Jason Krampen co-worker Martin, Terry the missing man in Winfield

Please pray for all of the victims of the California wild fires.



If you know of anyone who should be added or removedfrom this list please contact: Deacon Norm Neher (219)988-5023 n.neher@comcast.net

WINNERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

50/50 winner: Fr. Tom \$9 which He donated to Gibault Attendance drawing: Bob Lukas was not present.The kitty was raised to \$70.00

10TH KofC SPONSORED TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



March for Life Washington D.C.



JANUARY, 2019 FROM 1/16/19 TO 1/19/19

OPEN TO ALL WHO BELIEVE IN LIFE

Any brother wishing to attend contact Bruice Spindler at (219) 663-2809 for specific details.

Please note: The Council will reimburse some of the expenses of the attendees.



(See back page for application)



BIKE PROJECT BIKE DRIVE WITH LOFS LIONS

Our Bike Project was started in December 2012 We have given away over 700 refurbished bikesin the past six years.

We are always in need of good used bikes that can be refurbished. On Saturday, October 20, 2018 we worked with the LOFS LIONS who were having a Health Fair at Jerry Rose School to conduct a bike drive. We advertised in church bulletins, Winfield and Hebron newspapers. We also had a lot of postings on Facebook. The drive was very successful. We collected 85 bikes. 51 were refurbishable.

At Christmas time in past years we have worked with the organization of Santa and His Elves in Lowell to give bikes to needy families that come from Illinois and Indiana. Last Christmas we donated 50 bikes. It has been decided that we will not give them any bikes this year, but give them to other organizations.

We have given 2 bikes to ST Helen for the Sojourner House Angel tree, 5 bikes to Hebron Methodist Church Angel tree and 3 bikes to Boone Grove Boy Scouts Angel tree. The Carmelite Home in East Chicago has asked for 30 bikes.

We are always in need of help in refurbishing these bikes. All the work is usually done in Mark Siminski's garage. Please give him a call to let him know when you have a few hours to work on the bikes before Christmas. Mark's phone number: 219-798-7116

> *Melin Foresma* Treasurer 219-798-4595







DEC 1 Holy Spirit Men's Group 8:00 AM DEC 5 Council Officers Meeting at SEAS - 7:00m DEC 15 Council Breakfast at TBA - 8:00am DEC 12 Council Business meeting atSEAS-7:00 pm DEC 25 Christmas Day

- JAN 1 New Year Day JAN 2 Council Officers Meeting at HS -7:00 pm JAN 5 Holy Spirit Mens Group 8:00 am JAN 5 Christmas Party at Henderlong's JAN 9 Council Business meeting at HS -7:00 pm JAN 12 Council Breakfast at TBA - 8:00 am JAN 23 Council Social Meeting TBA - 7:00 pm JAN 23 Council Social Meeting TBA FEB 2 Holy Spirit Men's Group 8:00 AM
- FEB 6 Council Officers Meeting at SEAS 7:00m
- FEN 9 Council Breakfast at TBA 8:00am
- FEB 13 Council Business meeting atSEAS-7:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: NO SOCIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

A husband and wife had been arguing all day. They pass a herd of jackasses. The wife says "relatives of yours?" Husband says, "yep in laws."



Brothers are any of you experienced in Web Site maintenance?

IF SO PLEASE HELP!

Please contact: Ken Williams (219) 510-3087



Seth Bontempo, Robert Bradtke, Thomas Coggins, Charles Conlon, Jason Krampen, Daniel Lewandowski, Steven Lockhart, Robert Marchina, John Mcnamara, Wayne Monnier, John Mullen, Steven Pavicich, Daniel Serafin, Kenneth Williams

The IRS has returned my tax return to me this year after I apparently answered one of the questions incorrectly..... In response to the question, "Do you have anyone dependent on you?" I wrote, "9.5 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack heads, 3.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons plus 650 idiots in Washington." The IRS stated the answer I gave was "unacceptable!" I then wrote back" Who did I leave out???"





"I've finally reached The Wonder Years"

Wonder where I parked the car?

Wonder where I left my phone?

Wonder where my glasses are?

Wonder what day it is?

Winds, Ball



NAME REVEALED



This handsome brother is a truly southern gentleman. **This is Jim Murphy.** He is one of the nicest and hardest working Brother. We are lucky to have him as a member.

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Wednesday, January 16 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 17 Breakfast in Maryland; 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 Pope John Paul II museum or free time. Return to hotel and crash, you'll be tired. Friday, January 18 Full Breakfast at the hotel, board bus, proceed to Rally, join March when it begins, when you're done tour the Mall, return to hotel, proceed to banquet. Saturday, January 19 Breakfast at the hotel, board buses and head home, arriving about 8 pm. COST: **\$280.00** Price includes: Round-trip & all transportation in D.C. on touring bus, Rally and March, hotel for 2 nights, Double-occupancy, 2 full breakfasts, Box Lunch for the march Fri. night banquet & celebration and a wonderful feeling having participated! \$150.00 Due Before September 1st ---\$130.00 Due November 1st (Get a down payment of some amount in as soon as possible to reserve your spot on the trip) Can't make these dates? Need more info? Give us a call, Pro Life Director 219-663-0509

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-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: **Culture of Life Director 3993 Willowood Court** Crown Point, Indiana 46307-8945 prolife@indianakofc.org mavelasco7@hotmail.com RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS **RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK, PLEASE** "PRINT ALL INFORMATION, NEATLY" If we can't read it, how will we know who you are? Council # Name Check one of the following: Knight Spouse Son or Daughter of Knight Other Zip Address City Cell Phone Need cell phone for the march (Home Phone ()) **Roommate Preference Email Address** Leaving from: Rank top 3 choices, (1st, 2nd, 3rd) Merrillville South Bend Fort Wayne Lafayette Indianapolis Seymour Lanesville **Emergency Contact:** Name Relationship Phone ()_____ Please list any medical condition/food allergies Do not write below this line.