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“Keep dreaming big and be ready to Evangelize Through Our Works..”

-State Deputy Scott Schutte

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"NFL's Harrison Butker Finds Catholic Faith, Friendship"

State Deputy, Scott Schutte

My Worthy Bother Knights,

As we end January, I am focused on Life. We just had the 50th March for Life in DC and a March for Life in Indianapolis. The Indiana Knights sent a bus load of marchers to DC. This is down from the past, but I am happy that we were a standout from the region that we are part of. Numbers are down. We believe it is because people think that with Dobbs, that abortion has been defeated. Unfortunately that is not the case. Instead, we must continue the fight now at fifty different locations. It is now a State issue. As such we need to be prepared to push on in the battle.

As you know Supreme implemented the ASAP program to help us fund pregnancy care centers. I have implemented the Women's Care Center Endowment. Both of these programs go to providing for young families and sharing with them ultrasounds, parental training, and help through the first 5 years of a child's life. These are great programs and I ask that you support them as you can. The endowment is a long term solution to an issue that will likely never go away.

COR / Faith Formation

Has your Council considered initiating this new meeting for its membership? If you already have a program, I need to know about it. If you are implementing a program let me know as well. As a pilot program we need to have the information to review what is being accomplished and what is a misstep. This information will help the Order in improving the program and making it easier for both us and everyone in the Order to have the incredible new initiative.

Women's Care Center Endowment

The Endowment for the Women's Care Center has been created and payments have been made. Our goal is \$10,000,000 in 10 years. We interviewed the director of the WCC Foundation and shared this in our special life episode of Knight Vision in January. Find the podcast to listen in and find out more.

License Plates

We worked hard in December to meet the goal set by the State of Indiana. I say thank you for those that stepped up. We will know this month if we met the goal and are off probation. If not the State of Indiana will revoke our license plates. **Be proud to be a Knight** and help us to keep the Knights of Columbus license plate. It hardly costs more than a regular plate and it makes a huge difference to those we assist. If we lose it, we will not get another chance.

Marches for Life

We are happy with the attendance, but we will want to improve next year. Let's plan to have every Council sponsor a marcher next year. The price can't be beat, and we need to let our political representative know that abortion is not a solution.

Life is a gift from God. We must work to safeguard life in our State. Please join us in the marches in Indiana and to make a stand for Life. Let's also stand for Families. Society is pushing to crush the family and to replace us as husbands and fathers. If they win these battles, what else will they come for?

Free Throw

You should have completed your council events by now. District events are over the next two weeks and then we will have Diocesan events.. I am looking forward to meeting our competitors at the State event in March.

Quarterly Meeting

The Next Quarterly meeting will be on April 1, **NO FOOLING**. Where will we be at in membership; What will we have achieved in programs. We will again showcase some more Councils that are doing well and answer any questions that you may have. It will be a quick two-hour event that will provide a great forum for discussion.

State Convention

We are working to make this an enjoyable event. We are making some changes this year so please review the documents that you receive. It is important that you arrive on Friday or very early on Saturday as the Indy 500 Mini-Marathon will be happening on Saturday morning. We are improving the Friday schedule to include break-out sessions to help your Councils thrive. We are also working on a Vocations dinner on Friday night so invite your priest and anyone considering become a religious member. This replaces our regular Chaplains dinner. I am looking for Councils to sponsor the priest and guests for this event. If your Council can help with this need, please reach out to me. We will of course recognize all our Sponsors.

We are planning to bring the food packing back to the convention. Sponsorship of this charity project will be needed to make it a success. Last year this event was well received, and we anticipate that it will be a great time again. We are looking to find some additional service projects at this time, but logistics seems to be an issue. Send me an idea if you have one. This should be a new Convention format that is interesting and informative.

I will warn you that pricing is up. Both location, downtown Indy, and inflation have driven the costs up. The State continues to subsidize all the meals. We are doing all we can to limit your expense, but I did want to give you a heads up.

Closing Thoughts

I have a couple quick items to wrap this up. First, I have a Polar Plunge fundraising site. You can search my name or the Indiana State Council to find it on the SOI Polar Plunge website. I have a goal of \$5000. If I exceed that goal it will be a trigger for me to switch to an actual plunge instead of virtual plunger. I am scheduled for the February 14th plunge in Greenwood, but as long as I exceed to the amount, I will take the time to **go jump in the cold water** I am up for the challenge are you.

We need to bring in over 100 new members a month to meet our goal from Supreme. As I write this it looks like January will be close. This is an easy goal in that it is only half a member per Council per month. That said, wouldn't it be great to have all Councils bring in at least one member a month and for us to meet our goals early. Please reach out to the membership team if you need assistance.

Lastly, I have just wrapped up a tour of Indiana to encourage Hispanic involvement. This can be Hispanic Councils, Roundtables or if you have a bi-lingual member inclusiveness in having Hispanic members in your Council. Two key items to keep in mind is that our Hispanic brothers are very focused on Faith development and Family. Let's increase our Councils' efforts on faith formation and please remember to make your events family friendly. We want to be good husbands and fathers, which means being part of the family. Bring your family with you to our events.

More to come over the next few months. Keep dreaming big and be ready to Evangelize Through Our Works.

Vivat Jesus

Scott Schutte

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Vivat Jesus

Membership Director Frank Joseph

Brothers all,

Wow, we are approaching the end of the 3rd Quarter. We made the halfway mark that we wanted to do, 50%.

For the end of the 3rd Quarter we have a bit higher mark to hit. I made a bold prediction. I said that you all could hit our years end goal by the end of April (not the end of June). Wellllllll lets do this!!!

I am asking that every Council have a membership drive(note I did not say Church Drive) in the Month of March. In Year's past we have always done this and made a big membership push right before the better weather. A drive can be a call campaign to members asking each for their 1 one invited for the year, can be a call campaign asking if your members gave the gift of Membership to family/friends yet, can be a Church roster call campaign asking them to join, can be a pulpit announcement, can be a blurb in the Parish bulletin, can be anything you feel will invite

new members to join us.

Remember to use the Join us site for a much easier way for them to sign up.

Send me an email with your planned date(s). If it will be more than one Council working together, then both send an email with same date(s)

Thank you for all you do, have done and am about to do.

God Bless

SK Frank Joseph

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Indiana State Council - Knights of Columbus

RECRUIT --> ENGAGE --> RETAIN

Program Director David Negrete

Dear Brothers,

I hope you had a great start to 2023! It always feels like this time of year is when we all start to suffer from cabin fever to some degree. If you and your brothers at the council find yourselves feeling like that, maybe this would be a great time to shake it up a little bit and come up with a program event. It doesn't have to be anything big. Maybe call all the brothers to the parish on a Thursday night for a Holy Hour or gather together for some fellowship.

As we start February all councils should have completed their 1728 annual fraternal survey and all free throw competitions should be done now. Now the district and regional competitions should be next. District Deputies will be in charge of setting up a district competition and the regional and state finals have already been scheduled. If you have any questions about your district competition, talk with your DD and for the other events, please contact our state events coordinator, Eric Struewing at events@indianakofc.org.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, so we don't have much time to prepare for Lent. As such, I would like for all of us to start prepping for our membership/Delta drives. If you need a Delta drive kit, you should order one now so it will arrive in time. March is the ideal time to hold your event so use this month to line up the things you need in order to make your drive as successful as possible. Remember, every activity event that you have with the public is always a great time to invite new members to join. The most successful recruiting strategy is one on one engagement so familiarize yourself with the materials in the drive kit.

On February 28th, the following award applications are due: the outstanding catholic youth award, the outstanding catholic layman award, the family of the year award, and the Fr. McGivney Vocations Award. These are state awards and you can find the application forms on our state website: www.indianakofc.org/forms. The cutoff to submit a state service program award (STSP) and the Blessed Michael McGivney Chaplain Award is also February 28th. These awards are for us in Indiana but you must GO TO THE SUPREME website to find the form. The reason is that once we decide a winner here in Indiana, that winner will go on to represent the jurisdiction at the international level at the Supreme Convention, so the program is governed by the Supreme Council

and not us. The STSP form can be found here: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf. The Blessed McGivney award form can be found here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state-blessed-michael-mcgivney-award.pdf>.

Keep up the good work brothers and if you need any assistance, please remember that John, Jim, Larry, Evan, and the rest of the team along with I are here to help out in any way.

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Vivat Jesus

NOTICES & TRAINING

2021-2022 Program Guide [HERE](#)

State Bowling Info [HERE](#)

Free Throw Info [HERE](#)

You can click on [THIS LINK](#) to get a PDF regarding guidelines for conducting virtual business/social meetings.

SOS eCards for printing [HERE](#)

Tootsie Roll Letter [HERE](#)

Print [FORM](#) eMail [FORM](#)

Resources are readily available on our State [Training Page](#) and also in the shared Drive **IF you are logged in** using your [@indianakofc.org](#) account. You can also get info from the State [Calendar](#) and many more apps (once you are logged in).

Read past issues of the e-news [HERE](#)

Life Director

Larry Kunkel

Faith in Action Faith - Programs [HERE](#) -
Resources [HERE](#)

Veterans Affair

Chairman

Greetings!

As of this writing, the injunction that pauses Indiana's ban on abortion, is under review by the Indiana Supreme Court. If the injunction is overturned, we still need to be vigilant over the next few years that Indiana does not slide backwards, instead makes even more gains. And our work is just beginning...helping Moms and families in crisis pregnancies takes on even greater importance. One way is to begin supporting, if you haven't yet, the pregnancy resource centers in your area. Also, more centers may be needed/opened, and our support in starting those is needed. Each council should appoint a center liaison to be sure we take an active role in helping the Moms, their babies. Supreme has introduced the Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) that will provide a \$100 match for each \$500 donated to the center. See kofc.org/life. Also, our State Deputy introduced an endowment of \$10 million for the Women's Care Center. Yes, much work is needed, but we are the Knights of Columbus...the men of this country that can unite to ensure the support and love is there. Yes, God's work is ahead of us and I am[Read More](#)

Steve Lutz

Brother Knights!

The 'New Year' has already burned through its first month!!!! Reminds me of a K of C slogan that starts with, "Time flies..."

4 Chaplains: As is well known by many Knights, February 3 is "Four Chaplains Day" in the USA. This day commemorates the events of February 3, 1943, when the troop ship USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-Boat and sank in the North Atlantic. On board were 4 Military Chaplains of different Faiths, and about 900 others (military soldiers/ civilian crew) as a part of convoy of three ships heading to Greenland. These four Chaplains made the ultimate sacrifice to help save the lives of many of their fellow soldiers in need – truly one of World War II's most enduring stories of Faith & Heorism. Father (1LT) John P. Washington was the Catholic Priest/ Military Chaplain on board – ordained as a Priest in 1935 in New Jersey, and joining the Army in May 1942. There have been many, many tributes to these 4 Military Chaplains in the years since they perished heroically with the USAT Dorchester – including this 1948 US postage stamp. ...[more](#)

Membership

Engagement

Ed Waldschmidt

Worthy Brother Knights,

It is the New Year and half of the fraternal year is gone. Have you all done all you can for your Council, the State, and Supreme? Think about it.

Vocations Chairman

Donnie Miller

The Fr. McGivney State Vocations Award recognizes the one council program or event that is considered the best in supporting and or promoting religious vocations.. Councils should use the form IN-FMV1 to submit only one entry to the State Vocations Chairman and a copy to the State Faith Director by Feb. 28th.

We are all Knights who are a Knight, who happens to live in Indiana, who happens to belong to a council. It is important to keep this in perspective..

On Emembership, the form asks for an email address of the prospect. If you do not see the prospect please ask them if they have received a confirmation email.

Knights are not alone in this. The state cannot track it down. Promote emembership.

Remember it is always said just ask. ...[more](#)

Support Our Seminarians by donating \$1 per member. Please pray for our Seminarians
Thank you for your support of our future priest...[more](#)

Faith Director

James Prasopoulos

Worthy Brother Knights,

We are getting to the busy time of the fraternal year in regards to our state and supreme activity expectations. There is a lot to consider with activities and due dates. Hopefully you have taken advantage of our **Indiana Knights of Columbus State Council Program Guide** and our **Indiana Knights of Columbus State Council Fraternal Planner**. Both of these are excellent resources and should be with you at all times, especially if you are an officer in your council.

ATTENTION --Spiritual Reflection Retreat coming soon!! MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!!

Our Cross Catholic Outreach Spiritual Retreat is.....[more](#)

Community Director

John Sandwell

Brothers, we have two projects that collectively, we can make a huge difference in peoples lives.

Helpful Links:[Fraternal Planner](#)[Faith in Action Guidebook](#)[Leadership Resources](#)[Star Council Poster](#)[Star District Poster](#)[Method of Conducting Council Meetings](#)[Officers Online Infographic](#)[Eucharistic Procession Guidebook](#)[Responding to Requests to Provide](#)[Security Services](#)

The first is a follow up to an earlier request to help provide a gift card to each Gibault staff member for Christmas. It's come to my attention that the request came to many councils too late in December to act on it at your meeting. Therefore, we are going to give you a chance to still participate. We will be giving the gift cards as Valentines Day gifts to the staff. If your council or assembly did not have an opportunity to give or chose not to give, you still have time. Please send your donation to

Robert Zielinski, State Treasurer
2306 E Colfax Avenue.....[more](#)

Culture of Life**Chairman****Mike Velasco**

Brothers,

Chemical, surgical, vacuum, live birth abortions are all ways of murdering God's great gift of life while still in the Mother's womb. They are barbaric! We now see the drug manufacturers and corporate America pushing for abortion pills to be distributed at our 2 largest pharmacies in America, namely CVS and Walgreens! Please read and heed the attachment. No human being can stay silent while the horror of abortion is allowed!

Your Pro-Life Chairman.....[more](#)

Disaster Response**Bill McDonald**

Indiana Knights of Columbus

Council Disaster Response Program Plan:

Part One: The Grand Knight is to take his council area of service including schools and parishes along with public schools as many have Catholic students in them.

Review all possible facilities that can be used for shelters or distribution points.

Grand Knight, break your area up into 4 workable sections. If you have a vast area to cover then break your area into 6 sections. Select 4-6 Council members, they do not have to be officers, recommend retired members who can be around area all day, be able to make phone calls, or drive out[more](#)

“TEMPUS FUGIT, MEMENTO MORI”

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CALENDAR

February 15 Family of the Month
 February 21 Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity



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charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects.

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Pittsboro, IN 46167.**

Donations can also be made online through "Network for Good."

Use this link: <https://www.nfggive.com/guidestar/02-0718931>

Amazon purchases can also contribute to this fund. Sign in to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and designate "Indiana State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund Inc" as your current charity.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

The Indiana State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund Inc. does not have a paid staff or board, so operating expenses are minimal.

All donations are used to help people in urgent need situations to the maximum extent possible.



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Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

For LIVE Exemplification see [Calendar](#)

3rd Tuesday in Google Meet - [FORM](#)

Attend the online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity,
which is now available ON-DEMAND.

Send these invitations to your [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [French](#) prospects today.

By clicking the link below, you will be able to register for and watch the ceremony,
which takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

After viewing the ceremony, you will be a Third Degree Knight!

When completing your registration form, you will be asked for your Council Number.

[View On-Demand](#)

Fourth Degree

Up Next - See Sir Master Ryan Borden @ master@indianakofc.org

Exemplification that will be in Jasper, IN - Postponed!

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