



March 2018 Newsletter
 Knights of Columbus, Muncie, Indiana
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The K of C Council for 2017-2018:

Chaplain: Fr David Hellmann

Third Degree Officers:

Grand Knight: Kevin Durbin
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 Board of Trustees:
 3 years: Jim Carnes
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 1 year: Tom McComish

Service Committee Directors:

Church: Jeff Huff
 Round Table: St Francis – Bill Moore
 St Lawrence-Jim Carnes
 St Mary-Jack Young

Community: open
 Council: open
 Family: Greg Smith
 Membership: open
 Programs: Robert Talbott
 Pro-Life Couple: John and Kathy Kindt
 Youth: Brad Robertson

Standing Committees:

Bingo: Kelly Young and Jim Cheslik
 Building Assoc: Jeff Huff
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 Gibault: Michael Brown
 Newsletter: Tom McComish and Pete Murk
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Philanthropies:

Core Charities:
 Gibault, Soup Kitchen of Muncie,
 St Vincent De Paul, Muncie Parishes:
 St. Francis, St. Lawrence, St. Mary

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March Schedule of Events at the Family Center

Knights of Columbus:

Mar 6: Council 560, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues
 Mar 13: Assembly 243, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues
 Mar 20: Council 560, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues
 Mar 30: Put candy in eggs to prep for Easter Egg Hunt – 7 pm Fri

Friday Dinners:

Mar 2: St Mary 8th Grade Class – 6 pm
 Mar 16: BSU Prism Project - 6 pm

Hall Rentals:

Business Network International: 7, 14, 21, 28
 Exchange Club: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Sunrise Rotary: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Private Events: 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 19, 25

Special Events:

Soup Kitchen of Muncie Banquet and Fund Raiser: Mar 24, 6 pm
Annual K of C Easter Egg Hunt: Sat Mar 31 at 10 am K of C grounds

Bingo

Play every Mon, Wed, and Fri. Early Bird play at 5:30 pm followed by Regular play at 7 pm. Our Muncie Bingo Hall is located at 4833 N Wheeling.

Awards Recognition Banquet:

Plan to Attend April 7th

Knights and a guest are invited to attend this annual event. It will once again recognize contributions achieved with Appreciation Awards. Suggested attire will be business casual and festivities will begin at 5:30 pm at the Family Center. Sign up at the next business meeting or call Event Chair Mike Brown at 765-729-9788 or email at Michael.P.Brown.BSU@gmail.com.

Reservations required. Please sign up soon

Sack Lunch Program News

Service Committee Director, Greg Smith announced that the January 2018 recipient of the Council 560 Family Award was the Sack Lunch Crew. This award acknowledges the long standing effort of the group that makes sack lunches each month for the Muncie Soup Kitchen. The photo below shows knights that have worked on the project over the years that were present to receive the award.



Knights L to R back row: Jack Holland, Bill Moore, John Reynolds, Kevin Durbin, Art Wessel, and John McDonsald. Front row L to R: Jerry Bricker, Mike Brown, Jack Sharp, Project chair Tom McComish (holding Citation Award), Pete Murk and Ron Kratz.

January and February 2018 Teams that assembled sack lunches are pictured below:



January 10th team



February 14th team

Council Supports 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Council 560 Knights of Columbus Family Center was once again the site of the Annual Chili Cook-Off held to raise funds by the Haiti Library Foundation for their Haiti related activities. By any measure the event was a huge success with over 250 attendees. To quote one person who attended, "It was by far the best cook-off we have ever attended."

The Knights of Columbus Council 560 has been a big part of the annual event since its inception. Co-chairs Mike Clohessey and wife Carole have built the event into the success it is today. Mike is a council knight since 2009. He and Carole work very hard each year to produce a quality and fun event. Several knights sponsore booths each year and many others enjoy the festivities. One such booth of supportive knights is the "Muntuckian Chili Consortium" organized by Knights Gary Demaree (L) and Jim Cheslik (R) in this photograph:



The competition between the 12 booths was "intense" but the fund raiser goal is worth the effort. The Council congratulates everyone involved in the event for a job well done.

Assembly Attends Masses to Acknowledge Fallen Knights

Each of the three Muncie Parishes (St Francis, St Lawrence, and St Mary) has been the location of Muncie Knights to attend a recent Mass to pray for local fallen knights. This special Mass attendance and prayer vigil intention has now been completed at each parish.



Knights gathered on Jan 14th for Mass with Fr Dave Hellmann at St Lawrence.

Sir Knight James Lombardi Passes

Knight James Lombardi passed away on February 6th after a long illness. Jim, age 82, was active in our Council 560 and Assembly 243 activities after K of C reentry in 2012. He served as Assembly Faithful Comptroller for several years, a position he really enjoyed until he had to give it up due to health considerations.

Services were held with a Mass on February 10th at St Mary where he had ushered for some 40 years. An Honor Guard composed of 4th Degree fellow knights from Assembly 243 stood guard at the viewing at the Elm Ridge Memorial Park Funeral Home in Muncie.

Jim will be missed by his fellow knights. He believed in the knights and supported them and their programs even as he was passing away. God speed to our special fellow Knight: Jim Lombardi. May he Rest in Peace!



James Lombardi 1935-2018



Muncie Assembly 243 Sir Knights that did the Honor Guard for Jim Lombardi at the viewing included (back row L to R): Dan Lee, Robert Talbott, John Reynolds, Art Wessel, Joe McPherson and (front row L to R): Tom McComish, Jerry Bricker, Randy Stout, and Joe Reinhard.

Retirement Announcement

By Tom McComish,
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

As they say: "There comes a time..." It seems like yesterday that I took over your newsletter. Actually it was in the fall of 2009 that Regis Geisler (Newsletter Editor at that time) and Tom Eulitt asked me to take it over. At that time it was generated as one or two page copy with no computer involvement. In November of 2009 our first all computer generated copy of the newsletter using Word was completed. It was a paper issue that was mailed to everyone. The need for a Council 560 and Assembly 243 webpage was evident. I was asked to move ahead with webpage development and in March of 2011 the first monthly all electronic issue of our newsletter was generated and posted on the world wide web for all to access. Our new web page has remained at the same address to the present: www.kofcmuncieindiana.com. Since then, with the help of many, and especially Pete Murk, there have been articles and news posted, usually monthly, for all to access on the web.

Lots of changes have taken place in our lives over the years for all of us knights and in the council and assembly. It is now time for me to "retire" as your Web Master and Newsletter Editor. I have scheduled my last newsletter to be posted to the web as the June, 2018 issue. Over those years of fun, a lot of news has passed by but the time to move on is here. I thank everyone for their help, support and confidence over the years. I plan to help the new "volunteer" K of C Webmaster and Newsletter Editor so there is a smooth transition. Once again, thank you to all of you knights as I "retire."



2018 Annual Dinner & Auction: Saturday, March 24

**Join us for a delicious meal
at the K of C Family Center to support
the Soup Kitchen of Muncie**

**Live Auction of Art + More
Cake Auction
Cheer Raffle**

Help us continue serving all who are hungry, with dignity and respect.

Dinner and Auction Individual Tickets: \$30 limited availability

For More Information: <https://soupkitchenofmuncie.org/2018-annual-dinner-auction/>