



**Knights of Columbus
St Paul the Apostle
Muncie, IN 47304**

The K of C Council for 2013-2014:

Chaplain: Father Joseph W. Grace

Third Degree Officers:

Grand Knight: Tom McComish
Deputy Grand Knight: Jim Carnes
Financial Secretary: Dan Waechter
Recorder: Jim Cheslik
Chancellor: Open
Treasurer: Leroy Rhea
Advocate: Phil Nix
Warden: Jack Young
Inside Guard: Jack Holland
Outside Guard: Jack Gardella
Board of 3 years: Tom Eulitt
Trustees 2 years: Bill Moore
1 year: Neal Hazen

Service Committee Directors with Associate(s):

Church: Mike Clohessy, Jeff Huff
Community: Jack Young, Tom Eulitt
Council: Jeff Huff, Nick Bartkoski
Family: Greg Smith, Ed Kseniak
Membership: Jim Carnes, Leroy Rhea, Tom McComish
Programs: Tom McComish, Pete Murk
Pro-Life Couple: John & Kathy Kindt
Youth: Brad Robertson

Standing Committees:

Bingo: Kelly Young
Building: Tom Eulitt
Finance: Jeff Huff
Gibault: Bob Heintzelman
Newsletter: Tom McComish and Pete Murk
Retention: Tom McComish, Jim Carnes, Trustees
Scholarship: Jim Cheslik
Insurance: Martin O'Flynn
Webmaster: Tom McComish
Kofc560website@aol.com

Philanthropies:

Core Charities: Gibault, Harvest Soup Kitchen, St Vincent De Paul, Fr Andre's Orphanage Complex in Cap-Haitian, Haiti

Muncie Catholic Parishes

St. Francis, St. Lawrence, St. Mary

Business/Building Manager

Kelly Young (Cell: 749-5285;
Hall: 282-8280)

April 2014 Newsletter

This newsletter is on the web at: www.kofcmuncieindiana.com

Scheduled Events at the K of C Family Center in March:

Tues Knights Meetings:

Apr 1: No Council Business Meeting (First Annual Recognition Banquet - 7 pm)
Apr 8: Assembly 243 Business Meeting - 7 pm
Apr 15: 1st Degree Exemplification 7 pm and Council 560 Business Meeting following

Friday Dinners and Event/Special Notices:

Apr 1: 1st Annual Council & Assembly Recognition Banquet – Lounge 6:15 pm, Dinner 7pm
Apr 4: Muncie Central High School Tennis Friday Fish Fry Dinner
Apr 11: 4th Degree K of C Assembly Friday Fish Fry Dinner
Apr 18: Preparation of eggs for Easter Egg Hunt 7 pm
Apr 19: Put out eggs at 9 am, Annual Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10 am
Apr 25: Annual Harvest Soup Kitchen Italian Dinner and Art Auction (Advance ticket sales. Please see information in this newsletter) Silent Auction 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm

Rentals:

Private function – Apr 5, 7, 12, 18, 28, 29, 30
Exchange Club – Apr 3, 10, 17, 24
Sunrise Rotary – Apr 4, 11, 18, 25

Bingo:

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

Recruitment: We Need Your Help for Our Vision of Finding New Members for Our Council

A new effort to sign up member knights is planned for the near future at the three parishes we serve: St Francis, St Lawrence, and St Mary. Tentative dates for the "surge" are Saturday and Sunday Masses on April 26-27 and May 3-4. Form 100's will be made available as needed to sign up new candidates.

We need your active help with this effort. Think of men you know in your parishes; Catholics that are friends or colleagues at work, or any Catholic man who you know that is qualified for knighthood . Be bold in seeking them out for a discussion about becoming a knight.

We have a group of 30-40 active knights. The remainder, numbering over 200 + members, have chosen to be inactive. When individuals cannot be active due to a variety of situations, we understand and continue to value them as members. But the work, achievements, and successes of our Council are limited by the number of active knights in our local group. Yes, it is clear that we need more active knights and it follows that we need your help in identifying them. **The bottom line for us is that we need more knights, period!** New knights may choose to be active or inactive but our challenge is to sign them up as new members and work to get them active and involved.

More information follows in this newsletter that you need to keep in mind when talking to local Catholic men about our special Muncie Knights of Columbus . Focus on who we are, what we continue to do, and what we offer. Ours is a great organization that does incredible things locally for our parishes, the Muncie community, and others elsewhere as far away as Haiti. In order to continue to serve effectively, we must remain healthy and viable as a local active membership. **It is critical that we work to sign up new members now!** Thank you in advance for your efforts, Tom McComish, Grand Knight



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* Information about the Knights of Columbus

Note: You can copy this page and use it to hand to possible new Knights for discussion

A Knight of Columbus is a practical Catholic man:

A condition of membership in the Knights of Columbus is that the applicant or member be a practical (that is, practicing) Catholic man in union with the Holy See. This means that he accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Why You Should Be A Knight of Columbus Member:

1. As an integral part of the world's largest and most dynamic Catholic fraternal organization, you will be united with more than 1.8 million brother knights and their families in over 14,000 local councils in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Phillipines, Poland, Central America, and the Caribbean. Keep in mind that your council is composed of people like you; neighbors, fellow parishioners, and Catholic friends. Social interaction with these men of like religion makes friendships that will last a lifetime.



2. Your personal involvement as a Knight will provide opportunities, in charity and fraternity, for service to the Church at the local, diocesan, and universal levels; to our community, and the less fortunate in our midst.

3. Your active participation in council affairs; spiritual, fraternal, family, social, civic oriented, athletic, and recreational – will serve as group leadership and enable you to develop qualities that enhance your strengths and abilities.

4. You will enjoy a sense of “belonging” in an organization that shares your religious beliefs, brings together like-minded men joined in a common cause. It offers the opportunity to develop and cement friendships for years to come.

5. Your concerns for your family and for your retirement may lead to participation in the Order's low cost and highly rated insurance program. It is a Knight to Knight insurance that assures security and honesty for your peace of mind. For as little as \$100 for an annuity, new Knights qualify for a \$300 annuity for a short time that is funded by the Order. It is the deal of a lifetime.

6. You will share a sense of pride all Knights feel in knowing that their Order is second to none in support of our Holy Father, our bishops and priests; in working for our fellow man, especially those in most need. It will bind together and preserve traditional values in the face of attacks against the family and innocent human life.

*Modified from Form 100 of the Knights of Columbus Membership Document.



Italian Dinner AND Art Auction TO BENEFIT

Homemade Italian Lasagna (meat and vegetarian available)
complete with Caesar salad, artisan focaccia bread, and
hand-crafted desserts, including chocolate truffles. Cash bar.



ARTWORKS TO BE AUCTIONED CREATED BY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL ARTISTS:
Jim Davis · Eric Ernstberger · Jim Faulkner · Brian Gordy · Sarojini Johnson
Shonet Lambert Martin · Paul Laseau · Jan McCune · Alan Patrick · Margie Prim
Carol Strock Wasson · Lynette K. Waters-Whitesell

April 25, 2014

ART AUCTION PREVIEW & SILENT ART AUCTION: 5pm

DINNER & CELEBRITY CAKE SALE: 6pm

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Tickets \$15 and are available at Gordy Fine Art & Framing during the Art Walks on Mar 6 & April 3
or call John McKillip, 765-722-0974 · Lois Altman, 765-286-0897

Advance Ticket Sales \$15

Call John McKillip (722-0974) or Lois Altman (286-0897) for tickets and information

Art Preview and Silent Auction at 5 pm with Cash Bar. Dinner and Live Auction of Celeb Cakes starts at 6 pm

Council Knights Make Sack Lunches for the Harvest Soup Kitchen

The sack lunch project for needy clients of the Harvest Soup Kitchen continues to be a major contribution of our Council. On Tuesday, March 24th the schedule of events was as follows: Preparation for shopping started early in the morning by pouring through grocery advertisements to find needed items many of which we hoped would be on sale. Next it was off with the grocery list to shop for items and deliver them to the hall for assembly later in the day. The final preparation was picking up free transport boxes for the lunches at local liquor stores. The meeting to assemble the lunches started with 10 active and eager Knights at 7 pm at the hall. Everyone was busy; K of C labels on lunch sacks, making sandwiches, counting carrots and cookies, and portioning potato chips in plastic bags. A total of 100 brown paper lunch sacks were filled with the items and stored in transport boxes in the cooler. The next morning the boxes with lunches were picked up around 8 am and taken to the Harvest Soup Kitchen. The volunteers there were, as always, very glad to see us with the lunches because it lightens their work load and of course it helps with expenses. At mid-morning the kitchen's hot meals are served and every client gets a sack lunch for a snack later in the day. Once again, the Knights of Columbus helped out with a great community need. We offer our thanks to every knight among the many that have helped in some way on this most worthy project each month. The photographs below help to visualize the process:



Knights assemble in the kitchen of the Family Center to begin the evening making sack lunches. Knights L to R: Tom McGraw, Jerry Bricker, Art Wessel, Pete Murk and Tom Eulitt (not pictured Tom McComish).



Knight Jerry Bricker busy checking sacks to be sure all is in order. It takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete 100 sack lunches with six working on the task.



Putting the finishing touches on the lunches by bagging cookies for each sack.



Lunches are transported to the Harvest Soup Kitchen where eager clients help transport the boxes inside.



Brad Robertson, our long-standing Youth Service Committee Chair, Announces:

The Annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt

Where: At the K of C Family Center, 3600 W Purdue Ave in Muncie

When: Saturday, April 19th at 10 am sharp

Bring your kids and grandkids to this annual spring event

From our Poet and Fellow Knight Comes Another Poem: “Endless Snows and Winter Time”

By Peter J. Murk

Snow, icy snow, glistening snow, oh just too much snow,
Even more snow this year than the Blizzard of 1978, you know.
Stop the howling winds and mountains of snow. When will it all end?
But it's just a rare winter cycle, a climate change, so many folks said.

Is the winter weather really an example of global warning?
Don't know about that, but it's really cold this morning.
A memorable year of snow and ice and freezing temperatures
Most cumulative snow on record; weather forecasters said.

Shoveling snow, blowing snow, then they came up with an answer
A pickup truck and a plow, helped cleared it away just then
Got stuck in my own driveway - plow 'er out good, eh!
Don't need another heart attack this winter, for sure.

Yes, the Good Old Lord put 'er there in November and December
But He reminds us winter happens in January and February; too, remember.
But, dear Lord, it is the middle of March, can you please take a spring break
Everyone else is; on the white, sunny Florida beaches and in the warm Arizona deserts.

I think it is almost spring, on the kitchen calendar on the fridge, it says it is . . .
But, that darn Pennsylvania ground hog really did see his furry shadow
Adding six more weeks of endless winter, to our March Madness
Combatively displayed in the North, the Midwest, and even Out East.

Let's end these cold winter nights and below zero mornings
Please stop the heavy snows and the freezing cycles,
No more Alberta Clippers and Arctic Blasts - Turn off the Winter Snow Machine!
Please, Sir, turn on the warm and sunshine dial of Spring, We're sure ready,
Let's go, O K, God, well then, Sir, please start! Yes, and many thanks!

Written in the Shivering Cold, Free Verse! Winter, 2014

