



**December 2016 Newsletter**  
**Knights of Columbus, Muncie, Indiana**  
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**The K of C Council for 2016-2017:**

Chaplain: Fr David Hellmann

**Third Degree Officers:**

- Grand Knight: Kevin Durbin
- Deputy Grand Knight: Nick Bartkoski
- Financial Secretary: Dan Waechter
- Recorder: Mike Brown
- Chancellor: Neal Hazen
- Treasurer: Leroy Rhea
- Advocate: Phil Nix
- Warden: Jack Sharp
- Inside Guard: Jerry Bricker
- Outside Guard: Marvin Sue
- Lecturer: Jack Holland
- Board of Trustees:
  - 3 years: Jim Carnes
  - 2 years: Jack Young
  - 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
- Finance: Jeff Huff
- Gibault: Michael Brown
- Newsletter: Tom McComish and Pete Murk
- Retention: Jim Cheslik
- Scholarship: Jim Cheslik
- Webmaster: Tom McComish  
[Kofc560website@aol.com](mailto:Kofc560website@aol.com)

**Philanthropies:**

**Core Charities:**

- Gibault, Harvest Soup Kitchen,
- St Vincent De Paul, Muncie Parishes:
- St. Francis, St. Lawrence, St. Mary

**Business/Building Manager:**

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

**K of C Insurance contact:** Richard Lively,  
 Gen Agent, K of C Insurance,  
 Brownsburg, IN (317) 714-7021

**Schedule of Events at the Family Center**

Knights of Columbus:

- Dec 6: Annual Council Christmas Dinner – 6:00 pm Tues (No meeting)**
- Dec 13: Assembly 243, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues
- Dec 20: Council 560, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues

Friday Dinners:

None in December

Hall Rentals:

- Private events: Dec 3, 4, 10, 17, 18, 21
- Exchange Club: Thursdays on Dec 1, 8, 15, 23, 29
- Sunrise Rotary: Fridays on Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**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.

**Christmas Party Invitation**

**The K of C Annual Christmas Party with Santa Claus will be held at the Family Center and you and Your Family are invited:**

**When: Tuesday December 6th**  
**Where: K of C Family Center on Purdue Ave**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm with cocktails and light snacks.**  
**Buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm includes: entree, hot dogs, potato, vegetable, roll, salad, dessert and drinks**

**All guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for parish food pantries.**

**Children's activities and a special visit from.....Santa Claus!!!!**

**Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend**





**Knights of Columbus**  
**3600 West Purdue Ave**  
**Muncie, IN 47304**

## Sir Knight, Leroy Rhea, Participates in Honor Flight Recognition

By Barb Rhea

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, Leroy Rhea had the honor and privilege of travelling to Washington, DC as a part of the Indianapolis Honor Flight Program. His granddaughter, Angela Boyle, was instrumental in making arrangements to accompany her grandfather as his guardian for this memorable event. They were members of a group of over 170 other veterans that were part of the flight. They began their day very early and were greeted at the DC airport by a large welcoming group there to applaud them and shake their hands for their service to our country. Leroy and the others spent the day touring several sites including the WW II Monument and Arlington Cemetery where they witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Leroy was amazed at the thousands of visitors from all over the country that were there as a part of the event. After a long day of touring and sharing stories with fellow WWII veterans, they boarded the plane for the flight home. On the return flight, each honoree was given a packet of "Welcome Home Letters" to read. Leroy's packet was filled with letters and cards from his family members as well as many written for the veterans by elementary school students. The Welcome Home Celebration wrapped up at Plainfield High School late in the evening with a gymnasium full of family, friends and hundreds from the community. They were there to honor the veterans for their service with cheers and a great deal of fanfare! What a truly special honor for Leroy to experience since he had just celebrated his 90th birthday two weeks prior!

Note: The members of the Council and Assembly congratulate Leroy for his special recognition. We consider him as our patriarch "In Residence." Thanks, Leroy, for all your contributions as a proud and productive knight.



Plainfield, IN Welcome Home reception with family

## A Great Need for Your Support: Please Help\*\*

Father Paul K. Hurley, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army recently made this plea: “These young soldiers’ (at the front lines) hungry desire for God and Holy Communion was stronger than the dangers they faced.” He made the comment at the Army front line near Mosul in Iraq where he heard the soldier’s confessions and celebrated Mass. A recent article in the “Columbian Knights of Columbus magazine” focused on the need for chaplains in the military.

**The need is great!** There is a great need for chaplains in recent years due to their decline in numbers mainly because of costs and available funding to support their training. The need is great, as a recent article: “The Hunger for God on the Front Line” has emphasized in the November 2016 Columbian issue. “The U.S. Military Archdiocese (AMS) estimates that it needs 800 priests to serve the need and currently they can supply only 280.” What is needed? Financial support for the Archdiocese that will provide its share of expenses for AMS scholarships in funding the scholarship program of \$15,000 to \$18,000 for each seminarian. “Once ordained, candidates work as diocesan priests before serving as active duty chaplains for five years or longer.”

As you can see the AMS program needs financial support to help with preparing and placing more chaplains where the need is great. The K of C Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Program was established in 2011 to help with the cost of AMS scholarships. **Here is how you can help:**

**TO DONATE to the K of C Father McGivney Chaplain Scholarship program, visit [kofc.org/military chaplains](http://kofc.org/military_chaplains) and then donate with a check to Knights of Columbus Charities, One Columbus Plaza, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven CT 06509. In the memo field of your check write “Military Chaplain Scholarship.”**

\*\* Source of this article’s information was Knights of Columbia magazine, pages 12-15, November 2016.



**Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!**