

**TO
ALL OUR
KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES
AS WE EXPERIENCE
THE GLORY OF
ADVENT:**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



December 2017
Knights of Columbus Newsletter
Council 560 and Assembly 243 in 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: Norm Gayda
- Advocate: Phil Nix
- Warden: Rick Mayo
- Inside Guard: Jerry Bricker
- Outside Guard: Rich Clidence
- 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
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Philanthropies:

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

Business/Building Manager:

- Kelly Young- Cell: 749-5285;
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- Mobile: 317-850-4515, Email:
- joe.welage@kofc.org

Schedule of Events at the Family Center

Knights of Columbus:

Dec 5: No Council Business Meeting

Special Event: Council Christmas Party – 6 pm Tues

Dec 12: Assembly 243, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues

Dec 19: Council 560, Business Meeting – 7 pm Tues

Friday Dinners:

Dec 1: Boy and Girl Scouts sponsored – 5:30 pm

Hall Rentals:

Business Network International: Wednesdays Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

Exchange Club: Thursdays Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

Sunrise Rotary: Fridays Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Private: Dec 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22

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.



**Knights of Columbus
Advent Dinner
Party**

When: Tuesday December 5th

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

Doors open at 6:00 with cocktails and light Hors D'oeuvres and buffet dinner served at 6:30.

Menu 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.

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas and enjoy Christmas trivia, children's activities and a special visit from.....Santa Claus!!!!

St Vincent DePaul Needs Items for Pantry

Dear Knights,

As noted recently, a tote for the St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) food pantries is in place under the pool table in the lounge. Please be generous and bring needed items so we can get them to SVDP. Again, below is a list of the items most recently needed, and a link to the SVDP web site. **Bring your donated items to our usual Tuesday meeting and I will take them to SVDP. Thank you.**

Kevin Durbin
Grand Knight

Pantry Needs:

- pancake mix
- cereal
- jiffy mix
- jelly

items are included in every delivery:

- spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, soup

The November Sack Lunch Crew

Over 150 sack lunches were assembled on November 15th by the Knights shown below. It was another gathering to help out the Muncie Soup Kitchen so they can devote more time to other needs once each month. Everyone enjoys this monthly activity.

Pictured below are (L to R): Knights Dan Lee, Jerry Bricker, Bill Moore, Pete Murk, Robert Talbott, Randy Stout, Ron Kratz, and Jack Holland. Tom McComish took the picture.



Ordering the new 4th Degree Uniform*

*Article taken from K of C Supreme Website



Demand for the new Fourth Degree uniform has far outpaced inventory and production capability of our manufacturer. To date more than 8,000 uniforms have been sold.

We welcome you to place your order now, knowing that most likely we will not be able to ship your uniform until 2018. Your order will ship as soon as it is available.

The **KnightsGear.org** website has been updated to allow users to choose the following options. If you would like us to notify you when your sizes are in, please click this link : “Notify Me” and provide us with your information so we can reach out to you when inventory is available.

If you would like to cancel your order and get a refund, please email knightsgear@kofc.org with your name and order number and the request to cancel. We will refund your money as soon as possible.

For more information on the new Fourth Degree Uniform please take a look at this article from Columbia.

Council Assistance at Christmas

To Council 560 Knights,

As you may already know, our council sets aside funds in each Christmas season to help out some 20 families from our local parishes.

My charge as committee chairperson of this special charity is to request the names, addresses and telephone numbers of selected families from St. Mary, St. Lawrence and St. Francis parishes. Then we deliver Meijer gift cards to each of the families to use as they determine to make Christmas all it can be for them.

At this writing, family names have already been requested from the parishes. Fellow knights that make up the committee will start making the deliveries very soon in December. What a rewarding experience it is for both recipients and our knights making the deliveries. Families receiving the gift cards are always so very appreciative for the extra help at Christmas.

Lots of thanks and appreciation go to Ed Kseniak who chaired this program for many years and to his faithful workers, Marvin Sue and Bob Heintzelman. In addition, Rob Frey, Principal of St. Lawrence School and a recent First Degree Knight, assists with getting some of the names and also with delivering the cards to St. Lawrence families. We can always use help distributing gift cards, so if you are inclined to assist, please give me a call.

Brother
Art Wessel



Mass for Departed K of C Brothers

Knights from Assembly 243 and Council 560 gathered at St Francis Church for a Mass on November 26th to pray for their Departed Brother Knights. Faithful Navigator Joe McPherson (far right in back row) organized the special gathering.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Be sure to greet everyone during this special season in the manner it deserves, by **Keeping Christ in Christmas**. It is after all “Merry Christmas” as a greeting and thought. Practice it deliberately by saying the greeting of the season: **Merry Christmas** and not just “Happy Holidays.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES! *

* Taken in part from Knights of Columbus Supreme webpage.