



**Knights of Columbus, Council 560
St Paul the Apostle
Muncie, IN 47304**

Upcoming Events at the K of C Family Center

February Events at the K of C Family Center

February 2012 Newsletter

The K of C Council for 2011-2012

Chaplain: Father Joseph W. Grace

Third Degree Officers:

Grand Knight: Tom Eulitt

Deputy Grand Knight:

Tom McComish

Financial Secretary: Dan Waechter

Recorder: Ed Kseniak

Chancellor: Rex Stanley

Treasurer: Kevin Durbin

Lecturer: To be appointed

Advocate: Phil Nix

Warden: Tom McGraw

Inside Guard: Jack Holland

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Trustees: 3rd year Jim Cheslik

2nd year Neal Hazen

1st year Ed Schowe

Directors:

Church and Membership:

Mike Clohessy

Programs: Tom McComish

Family: Fred Mathews

Community and Youth:

Brad Robertson

Scholarship: Jim Cheslik

Building Committee: Tom Eulitt

Communications:

Newsletter: Tom McComish

and Pete Murk

Webmaster: Tom McComish

Bingo: Kelly Young

Retention: Jim Cheslik

Philanthropies

Core Charities: Gibault, Harvest Soup

Kitchen, St Vincent De Paul, Christian

Ministries, Fr Andre's Orphanage

Complex in Cap-Haitian, Haiti

Muncie Catholic Parishes

St. Francis, St. Lawrence, St. Mary

Business/Building Manager Kelly

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- Feb – 4 (Sat) St. Mary's Main Event
- Feb – 5 (Sun) Fourth Degree Breakfast at the K of C Hall 8 – Noon
- Feb – 5 (Sun) – Super Bowl Party / Bring a dish to pass/Game Time
- Feb – 7 (Tues) – Council 560 Meeting – 7 PM
- Feb – 14 (Tues) 4th Degree Assembly Meeting Scheduled - 7PM
- Feb – 21 (Tues) Council 560 Meeting – 7 PM

Friday / Saturday Dinners Scheduled

- Feb – 3 and 10 – No Dinners Scheduled
- Feb – 11 (Sat) Chili Cook -Off Competition at 2 PM – Dinner starts at 5 PM
- Feb – 17 (Fri) Fr. Andre Dinner
- Feb – 24 (Fri) St. Mary's Cub Scout and Girl Scout Dinner

Bingo: Every Mon, Wed, Fri at 5:30 pm - Early Bird; 7 PM Regular; at the K of C Bingo Hall; 4833 N Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

Donations from Bingo Summary

Mr. Kelly Young, our Business Manager, reports that the Bingo Donations were over \$ 251,000 in the past year. Of that amount, \$ 179,000 went to the three Muncie parishes. Eight \$ 1,000 Scholarships were also awarded.

Second Annual Chili Cook-Off Scheduled for February 11th

The Haiti Library Foundation will be hosting our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off Competition at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, February 11th

- **The Chili Cook – Off Competition** begins at 2:00 PM
 - **The Delicious Chili Dinner** - Begins at 5:00 PM
 - **Dinner Tickets** – Adults \$ 7.00 Students \$ 5.00
- “Friends of the Chef” Preview Party will be at 4:00 PM**
and advance tickets are required

Proceeds to benefit the Haiti Library Foundation and St. Michael's School of Plaisance, Haiti

Contact Mike Clohessy @ 765 744 - 8864 for additional details

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Grand Knight's Annual Report

The Year, 2011, was similar to previous years but also different in some respects. With the inception of the County Wide Smoking Ban and the national economic downturn, our K of C Bingo Operation suffered a slight dip in attendance. While we were still able to meet all of our charitable obligations, we were forced to decrease the value(s) for a while. However, in recent weeks we are now seeing an upturn in attendance and receipts. Hopefully, the Bingo attendance will soon return to normal.

We continue to actively solicit new members. The December Council 560 Status Report shows that we have initiated nine (9) new members for the current operating year. This is 56 percent of the Membership Quota of sixteen (16) which Supreme has set for our council. We have a First Degree Exemplification Ceremony scheduled for February 21, 2012 and know of two (2) candidates.

In April four (4) Knights attended the annual state K of C Convention in Indianapolis. During the luncheon ceremonies our Council 560 was once again awarded a plaque for being the top contributor to Gibault and saluted for upholding that tradition. In December, four (4) of us accompanied Gibault Envoy, Bob Heintzelman, to the Gibault Facilities and delivered a check for \$1,000 for their Christmas Programs. We also toured the campus, and ate lunch with some staff and students. It was a very meaningful experience for all of us.

Throughout the year we continued our many social and fund raising activities. These included the Easter Egg Hunt, Mothers Day Dinner, Chicken Roast at the three Parishes, Christmas Party, etc. The highlight of the year's social activities was our Bus Trip to Beef and Boards for their Christmas Program. Knights and their wives who attended gave high marks for the trip, dinner, and show.

Bishop William Arnold Assembly 243 for the Fourth Degree welcomed four (4) new members into their Assembly. These men from our Council 560 participated in the Exemplification Ceremonies held last fall in Huntington, IN.

In December we were still able to donate some gift cards to members of the three parishes who were in special need. For those knights from the Council who delivered these gift cards, we were told it was a truly emotional experience.

This report is intended to briefly highlight the things and special events our St. Paul the Apostle, K of C Council 560 engages in throughout the year. It does not list everything we do or the many donations we make to deserving people or the organizations we serve. Our Council is composed of very dedicated men who are always willing to help and to contribute their time and talents in order to perpetuate the goals of the Knights of Columbus. God Bless one and all!

Thomas P. Eulitt, Grand Knight

The Chaplain's Report - Lay Catholics Making Positive Impacts

Since Vatican Council II, The Catholic Church has encouraged our faithful laity to step forward using their special gifts to make a difference in living and sharing their Catholic Faith. Permit me to single out ten individuals who have so impacted their brothers' and sisters' lives. Some are still with us engaging in active pursuits while others have left an appealing legacy before moving beyond the human scene.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was known as the "Philosopher of Common Sense" and has left us a wealth of inspiring intellectual and spiritual treatises. Noted convert that he was and defender of the Faith, he authored such intriguing saintly biographies of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas Aquinas. Read on with exceptional subjects as: "The Everlasting Man" and "Orthodoxy" that Chesterton wrote. Frank Sheed, noted publisher, evangelizer, and a superb lay theologian, he wrote such works as: "To Know Christ Jesus" and/or "Theology and Sanity". Dorothy Day, who was a convert and she joined Peter Maurin to promote Christian Social Justice while living in the midst of Harlem, NY's distressful poverty. William F. Buckley, Jr. coming out of Connecticut as a champion for Catholic thought from a committed conservative position. Much of his influence came from extended TV and printed works as: "God and Man at Yale" and "Nearer, My God". William Bennett, a public servant and former Secretary of Education and presently a talk show host with his main thrust now with his published works as: "The Book of Virtues" or some insightful and meaningful historical research.

George Weigel, always a solid perception of "Things Catholic" had the privilege of being chosen by Blessed John Paul II to produce two extensive biographical gems: "Witness to Hope" and "The End and The Beginning". Judi Brown, a pervasive leader for the Culture of Life serving as President of the American Life League. Thomas Dooley, following his military naval duty dared to return to the Far East countries of Thailand and Vietnam where he had witnessed untold persecutions. With hands - on relief efforts so generous with food and medical supplies arising from his M.D. title, Tom at the time of his mid-thirties death captured well the phrase: "in serving the least of my brethren". Dale Francis, perhaps the least known on my list of influentials; he contributed regularly on a variety of human interest items in "Our Sunday Visitor". Following his conversion as an active Methodist Pastor, we cherish his revelation to his former parishioners with the famous heading: "Dear Friends, I've become a Catholic." Dale provides a selection of his subjects in his book: "Kneeling in the Bean Patch".

Do I need to add any commentary to my selection of Carl Anderson our Supreme Knight of Columbus? My tenth name is Brian Lamb. For years he has performed well as the Chairman for the TV – ESPN productions. Without reference to his Catholic input, it should be of interest to note that he came out of Lafayette Central Catholic High School and Purdue University. Let us behold it is good to recognize local people who surfaced out of our common roots.

This simple exercise to throw out ten personalities for some thoughtful consideration may help us to strive to have a positive impact on others with our lives. How to achieve such? Put the virtue of charity into practice which is to promote the good of others.

Fr. Joseph W. Grace, K of C Chaplain

Knights of Columbus Council 560
Minutes from Round Table Meeting on January 17, 2012

In Attendance: Fr. Dudzinski, Fr. Weldon, Lynn Ranieri, Tom Eulitt, Bill Moore, Dan Waechter, Regis Geisler, Pete Murk, Jim Carnes, and Mike Clohessy

Fr. Dudzinski started the meeting with the opening prayer.

Requests for K of C Fourth Degree Honor Guards:

- 1/31 10:30am St. Mary Mass – Catholic School’s Week
- 4/17 Evening St. Mary Tri-Parish Confirmation
- 5/05 TBD St. Mary 1st Holy Communion
- 6/10 11:15 St. Francis Corpus Christi Processional

A Tri-Parish Concert will be held at St. Francis on 2/19 at 2:30. It was suggested that the Knights could have a presence at this event (not as an honor guard, but in our casual attire).

Fr. Dudzinski thanked the Council for its past support of their annual golf fundraiser, and asked for our support again this year. Fr. Dudzinski also offered the use of St. Mary’s gm for the annual K of C Youth Free Throw Contest.

Fr. Weldon noted that the BSU K of C Student Council is looking for large service projects. Fr. Dudzinski might have some options around St. Mary’s.

St. Francis is in need of some high-chairs, but they may have another donor for this need. Dan Waechter, representing St. Lawrence Advisory Council, is exploring the possibility of bringing Mathew Kelley back to Muncie. All parishes expressed an interest and possibly making it a Tri-Parish event with support from our Council. A suggested timeframe was Catholic Schools Week in 2013. Dan Waechter will continue to pursue this item.

There was discussion on the needs of flag poles and flags at various facilities:

- St. Francis would like a 2nd flag pole installed in order to fly the Vatican flag. Jill Pitcher is working on this project for St. Francis.
- St. Lawrence School would like to have two new flag poles. Currently they have one flag pole, which is not operational.
- St. Francis and St. Lawrence School requested new U.S. flags.
- St. Lawrence also requested flags for each of their seven classrooms.
- Tom Eulitt offered to contact Lee School Supply to develop budget numbers.
- Knights of Columbus offered to properly dispose of flags, as needed.
- Fr. Weldon led the closing prayer.

The Next K of C Round Table Meeting is scheduled for 08/07/2012 at 6:00p