



**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: Rex Stanley  
Treasurer: Leroy Rhea  
Advocate: Phil Nix  
Warden: Jack Young  
Inside Guard: Jack Holland  
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Board of 3 years: Tom Eulitt  
Trustees 2 years: Bill Moore  
1 year: Neal Hazen

**Service Committee Directors:**

Church and Membership:  
Mike Clohessy  
Community: Corey Robertson  
Council: Jeff Huff  
Family: Greg Smith  
Programs: Jim Carnes  
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Vocations: Rex Stanley  
Youth: Brad Robertson  
**Standing Committees:**  
Bingo: Kelly Young  
Building: Tom Eulitt  
Communications:  
Newsletter: Tom McComish  
and Pete Murk  
Webmaster: Tom McComish  
Finance: Jeff Huff  
Gibault: Bob Heintzelman  
Recruitment & Retention: Trustees  
and Tom McComish (chair)  
Scholarship: 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 Young (Cell: 749-5285;  
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**July 2013 Newsletter**

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*Upcoming Events at the K of C Family Center:*

**Tues Knights Meetings:**

July 2: Council 560 Meeting -7pm  
July 9: Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting – 7 pm  
July 16: Council 560 Meeting – 7 pm

**Dinners and Special Notices:**

July: none scheduled

**Rentals:**

Private function – July 5, 13, 20, 21, 27  
Exchange Club – July 11,18, 25  
Sunrise Rotary – July 12, 19, 26

**Bingo:**

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

**Frequent Utterances Bringing Spiritual Dividends**

At this 60<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood juncture, permit me to share some of the prayerful sayings which I have laid claim to in promotion of spiritual growth.

This 'Awakening Prayer' gets me started at the dawn of each day. "Oh My God, My only God, the Author of my being and last end, I give thee my heart. I will rise from my bed of sleep to adore my God and labor for the salvation of my soul. May I rise on that last day unto life everlasting. Amen."

Throughout the day, especially when glancing heaven ward, these pious words burst forth: "Oh Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit everywhere, all over and within, praise, honor, and glory now and forever. Amen."

To have formulated a weekly seven day priority list helps to offer fruits that will last. So these are the specific intentions: Sunday for persecution, Monday for evangelization, Tuesday for peace, Wednesday for conversion of hard sinners, Thursday for those especially in need of help, Friday in reparation for sin, and Saturday for return of inactive Catholics.

Some crisp key mindset concerns can draw positive impact as these are set forth: The greatest loss to end out of place for eternity. The greatest mistake is not to have chosen to be a saint. The greatest oversight not to realize we must work for our salvation by fulfilling requirements of our freely chosen vocation. Three key doctrines: Holy Trinity – Jesus comes in human nature – our divine adoption.

We need to fully embrace the spiritual journey whereby we move from sinner to penitent to saint.

Avoid being a piker by satisfaction in mediocrity instead of the potential that children of God are expected to achieve through God's graces and gifts.

Is it impractical to seriously consider the spiritual value of a simple lifestyle that is based in Gospel values? Did not Jesus offer His wisdom: "Shoulder my yoke and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Mt. 11:29

Just a few thoughts to pass along. Peace! God Bless!

A Message from Your Chaplain, Fr Joseph Grace



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## Special Awards Presented to Tom Eulitt and Mike Clohessy

The Knight of the Year and Family of the Year Awards were made at the June 4<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Greg Smith, chair of the Family Service Committee announced the honored recipients. Tom Eulitt received the Knight of the Year Award and Mike Clohessy the Family of the Year Award. Both Knights were surprised and delighted with the honor. We thank them for their many contributions and hard work this year and in the past. Pictures follow below:



District 20 Deputy Tom Eulitt with the Knight of the Year Award.



Knight Mike Clohessy with the Family of the Year Award.



## Exemplification for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree A Huge Success

Council 560 was a very busy place on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, when 58 knights were awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees of Knighthood. The conferring teams arrived in late morning after a two hour drive from northern Indiana. After preparations were complete the exemplifications took place.

All First Degree knights in our council were invited to attend the event. Those knights from our council choosing to receive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees were: Jerry Bricker, Gene Burton, Doug Hunter, John Kindt, Jody Kress, and Tom Leonard. The ceremonies included knights and candidates from 17 different councils from as far away as Ft Wayne and Indianapolis. Fr Grace and two other visiting priests were also in attendance. It was a terrific turnout by all participants and supporters with the total exceeding 120 knights.

After the ceremonies, a wonderful luncheon of pork tenderloin sandwiches, slaw, and fries was served by a hard working kitchen crew from our council.

The council is appreciative of the help of many Muncie Council 560 Knights that helped with the affair. Our District 20 Deputy worked hard on the event and Grand Knight Tom McComish assisted as well. It was a grand affair and all in attendance enjoyed. Congratulations and thanks are extended to everyone involved, especially the visiting Ceremonials Teams.

Some photos taken after the event during lunch follow on the next page:



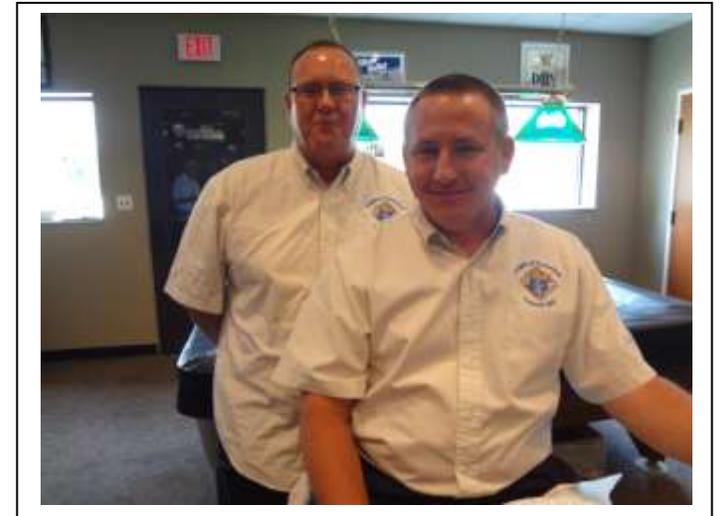
L to R: Knights Mike Clohessy, Financial Secretary Dan Waechter, and District Deputy Tom Eulitt



L to R: Long-time member Knight Marvin Sue and new K of C Field Insurance Agent for our area Martin O'Flynn



Knights Jack Holland (L) with Jack Young enjoying lunch



Two of the lunch committee: Knights Kelly Young (L) and Mike Clohessy



Anyone for 50:50? Knight Jack Gardella on the job...

## An Important Event Taking Place June 21st to July 4<sup>th</sup>: Fortnight for Freedom

The following article we present here contains much material originally printed in the K of C Chaplains Report for June 2013. The author is the Most Rev. William E Lori:

### “The Fortnight Continues”

“The Fortnight for Freedom is a 14 day period of prayer, reflection, and action to promote a greater understanding of religious liberty. During the period, the Church celebrates the feast days of two saints who are champions of religious freedom: St Thomas More and St John Fisher. This year dioceses across the US will organize the Fortnight with Masses, prayer gatherings, study groups, rallies and many other activities.”

Fr Lori says the Fortnight, chairman of the U S Bishops’ Ad-Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, presents the Fortnight as dealing with the following major focus points: **Social Experimentation, Reflecting on Freedom, Truth and Dignity, and United in Prayer.**

**Social Experimentation:** Here the focus is on the Family. Fr Lori notes that “As of this writing, we are awaiting decisions from the Supreme Court that, one way or another, will affect the future of marriage. Already, so called same-sex marriage has become legal in a number of states. We should be rightfully worried, lest the high court opens the door to legalizing same-sex marriage throughout the country, a move that will accelerate the movement for same-sex marriage around the world. To do so is to engage in massive social experimentation and restructuring, with little thought about the effect of these decisions on present and future generations.”

“It turns out that Mother’s Day and Fathers Day are more than gifts and gatherings. These holidays remind us to recommit ourselves to the vocation of marriage and family. May we the Knights of Columbus, remain at the forefront in defending and promoting this beautiful and challenging vocation.”

**Reflecting on Freedom:** Why the Fortnight for Freedom? There are many reasons; some short-term and some long-term. “The contraceptive mandate of the U S Dept of Health and Human Services goes into effect on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that religious organizations regardless of teachings and beliefs must include coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception in their health care plans. Proposed “accommodations” by the government may make it worse.”

In addition, if the Supreme Court redefines marriage, they could cause serious religious freedom issues for Church-run adoption agencies. Such rulings could also raise concerns about immigration and humanitarian services the Catholic Church offers.

The Fortnight highlights these issues and offers a time for us all to see how religious freedom has been eroded and to ask for God’s help in protecting religious freedom.

**Truth and Dignity:** Vatican II produced a special document on religious freedom. It emphasizes that religious freedom is rooted in the dignity of the human person who is “endowed with free will and therefore privileged to bear personal responsibility. “ This principle allows human persons to fulfill their obligation to seek God. Therefore, religious freedom is a civil or constitutional right based on the truth about the human person.

Since the principle of Truth and Dignity applies to all, our Catholic Bishops supports religious organizations in court to fight for preservation of freedom of church from government interference and private employers in their fight to run their businesses according to Christian principles

**United in Prayer:** Many in society see religious liberty as freedom of worship. It is not. Religious freedom includes right to worship but also the freedom for private individuals to determine their faith in the workplace and to publicly advocate truths and values based on their faith. In other words, it also includes churches and their schools and to be able to run their schools, services, and activities in step with their teachings and beliefs.

The Bishops emphasize we must come together in prayer. “We need to pray in our K of C council meetings and the family of the K of C needs to support the Fortnight for Freedom.” “May we unite in protecting our cherished freedom: religious liberty!”

**Bonus Exclusive For Web Page Only: Photos of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights  
Participating in St Mary Corpus Christi Activities on June 2nd**

