



**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
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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)

May 2014 Newsletter

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

Scheduled Events at the K of C Family Center:

Tues Knights Meetings:

May 6: No Council Business Meeting
May 6: Assembly 243 Business Meeting at Bingo Hall - 7 pm
May 13: No Assembly Business Meeting
May 20: Council 560 Business Meeting – 7 pm

Friday Dinners and Event/Special Notices:

May 2: St Lawrence Friday Dinner
May 13: Mother's Appreciation Dinner – 6 pm

Rentals:

Private function – May 6, 16, 18, 29, 30, 31
Exchange Club – May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Sunrise Rotary – May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

Special Olympics Indiana Style

The Indiana Special Olympics 2014 Summer Games will be June 6-8 this year. The Indiana Knights of Columbus has had an increasing role in supporting this event and growing as a partner with Special Olympics. The games will be at Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute.

The goal of the Indiana Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. It offers them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, as well as interaction with other Olympics athletes and the community. Lives of the athletes will be forever changed. New friendships will be made, while old friendships will be rekindled. Hope will triumph into victory. The spirit of champions will be unveiled.

The sports competition will include: Aquatics, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Horseshoes, Powerlifting, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

Check out a video of the Indiana K of C Special Olympics about the athletes combine: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W8WeHBXW4s&feature=youtu.be>

Important Announcement:

Mother's Day Appreciation Dinner - Mark Your Calendars

Knight Jeff Huff has announced that the annual Mother's Day Dinner this year will be May 13 at 7 pm. Scheduling for the event was difficult this year and we are a few days late but all family members are invited as we say thanks to our mothers. The dinner menu will include: tossed salad, grilled chicken breast, hot dogs, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, desert and drink. Please note the date and time on your calendars. **Hope you can attend.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
From
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



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First Annual Awards Recognition Banquet a Huge Success

Over 80 knights, wives, and guests attended the First Recognition Banquet on the evening of April 1. The dinner was a gala special event with a first-class dinner served by Val Alexander of VKA Kitchen and Catering. It started with Fr Joseph Grace, our Council Chaplain leading grace and then the buffet line where chicken cordon bleu was served with all the trimmings. After dessert, Pete Murk read one of his original poems:

K of C – April First Recognition Night

The Calendar indicates: Tonight is First of April, 2014 – But this is a No April Foolin' Party
This is a Recognition Night to celebrate our good knights many contributions
throughout the Year – through the Council, The Assembly and even the State of Indiana
Raise your glasses high and give the Knights of Columbus, Council 560 a good salute! Three Cheers!

Our Grand Knight, Tom McComish often said: hey, once a knight is not enough!
So now we have two knights as co-chairs to govern the Council's service committees.
Something new, we are now packing; meals and lunches for the Harvest Soup Kitchen
It's a very worthy cause, to help the real hungry folks of Muncie, Indiana.

Yes, new knights have been added to the Council, through the Exemplification Process:
First Degree, Second, and Third Degree; even a few added to the Fourth Degree Assembly.
Many new knights have been recruited, exemplified, retained, and now became involved.
But, still more knights are needed to carry on the work of our outreach and exemplary projects.

A new Right to Life Committee has been established by Knight John and his Lady, Kathy Kindt.
Some traveled to our National Capital last year, for the March on Washington – Right to Life
Several of the knights, civically protested and participated in the 40 Days for Life Vigil,
As examples of the New Evangelization Process – advocated by our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Grace.

Deputy Grand Knight and another knight and their ladies traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana
to attend the Church Service and liturgy at St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church,
Participated in the Holy Mass and enjoyed the delicious breakfast and festivities afterwards,
These are good examples of knights practicing the Year of Faith and it's Holy mandate.

We as knights, with our spouses and families' attended and celebrated
The Mother's Appreciation Dinner, the Saturday morning Easter Egg Hunt
The Christmas Party with our two special visitors from the North Pole
The Friday Night Spaghetti, Mexican, Chicken and Lenten Fish Fry, Dinners, Bon Appetit!

Then there is the Annual Clohessy Family led Chili Cook-off Dinner
Which has grown into The special February event with good chili and prizes,
Known through-out Muncie and East Central, Indiana and very dedicated
As a fund raiser for the church and library for the people of Pleasance, Haiti.

Who could not forget the Assembly's 243 Sunday Morning Breakfasts
And the lively bids taken for The October Silent and Regular Auctions held.
Great fund raisers all for our Core Charities, important causes, and Special Events.
Patriotism, hallmark of the 4th Degree – remembers the Wounded Warriors & Old Glory.

Important information about the Knights are conveyed through the Tuesday Business Meetings
Through the socials with "brews and the brown stuff" and convivial fellowship afterwards
Hey, how about those monthly K of C Newsletters with the stories, pictorial essays, and a
calendar of events; even a prayer, a poem, and prose offered, to inform our good knights.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Nights are Special Muncie Bingo Nights
Held at the K of C Bingo Hall on North Wheeling Avenue
Doors open at 3 O'clock, Early Bird at 5:30 and Regular Bingo starts at 7:00 PM
Big jackpots are won, pull tabs prizes, and nightly drawings held – everyone welcome!

Three former Knights died last year – memorialized by their names inscribed on a blessed chalice
Remember the Knights Honor Guard standing vigil for the evening memorial service
and participating in the following day's funeral mass, for Fr. James Keene at St. Mary's Church, yes
Confirmations, First Holy Communion and the Feast of Corpus Christi Processions, Sir Knights did.

Muncie K of C Council 560 honored as a financial leader and advocate for Gibault Children's Home Council 560 saluted as a leading center for Family Participation at the State Knights Conference Through excellent leadership, great knights participation, and a clear expression of our principles Muncie Council 560 and Assembly 243 can be very proud of our work for 2013 and 2014.

Grateful thanks to our Grand Knight, Tom McComish, and Deputy Grand Knight Jim Carnes, District Deputy Tom Eulitt, our beloved K of C Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Grace, and to Our Fourth Degree Assembly 243, Faithful Navigator Bill Moore, and Faithful Friar, Fr. Dennis Goth To Our Business Manager and Sir Knight, Kelly Young and all the Special Committees of Knights They are truly regarded as champions for the charitable church and community causes we advocate! Good night, good Knights and many thanks! We truly appreciate you and your fine work! Amen!

An original contribution by Peter Murk

Following Pete's poem, the audience was treated to an outstanding presentation by Knight Jim Cheslik entitled "About Bingo." The focus of Jim's talk was our Knights of Columbus Bingo operation "what, when, and how" with many important statistics.

Awards came next with recipients receiving engraved plaques for their achievements:

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service.....Fr Joseph Grace

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service.....Fr Dennis Goth

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service.....Knight James Cheslik

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service.....Knight Michael Kelly Young

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service.....Knight Leroy E. Rhea

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service..... Knight Edward M. Kseniak

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service..... Knight Regis P Geisler

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service..... Knight Frederick L. Mathews

Special Recognition for Distinguished and Unselfish Service..... Knight Stanley R. (Jack) Gardella

Special Recognition for the Family of the Year Award.....Knight James Carnes and wife Jeanette Carnes

Special Recognition for the Knight of the Year Award.....Grand Knight Thomas S McComish

The Council congratulates and acknowledges all the award recipients for a job well done that is much appreciated! The event closed with a decade of the Rosary led by Fr Dennis Goth and followed by a group picture of award recipients.

Pictures of the evening were provided by Knights Tom Eulitt, Pete Murk, and Tom McComish. Some of the many taken during the evening are displayed here:



Receiving awards were L to R - Ed Kseniak, Tom McComish, Jim Cheslik, Leroy Rhea, Regis Geisler, Tom Eulitt, Kelly Young, and Jim Carnes (not shown Jack Gardella and Fred Mathews).



Master of Ceremonies, Grand Knight Tom McComish, welcomed knights and wives or guests to the event.



Fr Joseph Grace led by praying Grace to start the banquet. Later he received an award for his many years as Chaplain. Thank you!



Val Alexander (center) catered the dinner. Val's VKA Kitchen Catering helpers did a great job.



Fr Dennis Goth, Assembly Faithful Friar (R), received his award from Faithful Navigator, Bill Moore (L). Thanks, Fr Goth!



Pete Murk reads his poem to the group



Jim Cheslik talks to the group about bingo



Regis Geisler (L) happy with his award



Leroy Rhea ponders his award



Jim Carnes (R) & Jeanette Family of the Year



Tom McComish (R) is Knight of the Year



Knight Tom Eulitt (center) receives award



Jim and Lois Lombardi enjoying



New transfer Robert Talbott and Helen



Neal and Becky Hazen at dinner



Ron and Dorothy Kratz ready for dessert



Sir Knight David Farver with Mom

The Muncie Knights of Columbus 2014 Membership Drive: We Seek New Regular Catholic Men as Members

The recruitment drive to sign up new member knights is underway at this time in the three Muncie parishes our council serves. We are seeking active help from all current members with this effort. Knights of the council get involved and find a possible new member. Wives of knights, ask a friend if they would consider becoming a knight. Please think of men you know who might consider local knights membership; a friend or colleague at work, or any man who you know that is qualified for knighthood as a regular practicing Catholic. Seek them out for a discussion about becoming a knight. Highlight information you all know about our council. 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. Remember to refer them to our web page (kofcmuncieindiana.com). It has years of what we are and what we do in the newsletters. 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 an active group of local membership. Please help us work to sign up new members now!

A few of our recent accomplishments or contributions might choose to include in discussion: operation of K of C Bingo that allows significant donations to our three parishes, donations to each of our Catholic schools and help with support of their voucher programs, donations to Harvest Soup Kitchen including providing sack lunches each month, donations to St Vincent de Paul's operations, donations to Gibault Children's Services, donations to the Seminarians, Friday night dinner opportunities for various organizations, support of knights in need, holiday gift packages, and on and on... You know what we do so help spread the word.

Thank You for Your Help Finding New Knights!

