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St. Joseph Parish Lebanon, Indiana



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT

My Brother Knights,

Time flies, where have we heard that before? Well it sure has for me; I can't believe it has already been six months since I became The Grand Knight. So many wonderful things have taken place in our council over the past six months. One of the greatest joys came when Fr. Emmanuel took his first degree on January 4th and became a member of our council, and the first thing we did was to present him with a check that he could use to help take care of his family back in Rwanda.

It was also wonderful to receive such a large sum of money from the Green estate, and to have our fellow brothers step up and form a committee to study all our options to do was is best with this money. We also had another group of brothers form a committee to plan ways to fund the purchase of a flag pole and monument to the unborn. Still others planned a hog roast party at John's Spitznogle's to show support for our pastor. We celebrated a Memorial Mass to pay our respect to deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus and have begun to have social events so that all of the members of our council are given an opportunity to meet and get to know other members.

Before you know it we will be sponsoring a free throw contest for the children of Lebanon and then begin serving fish every Friday during Lent. We will have another Blood Drive and the list will continue to grow.

I look forward to all the challenges of the next six months and with all of your support and the dedication of so many men, I am sure that our council will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.

Vivat Jesus!
Jesus Lives,

Mark Scheller
Grand Knight

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Knights Assist Caring Center

Four Brother Knights completed the fall tilling of 11 community gardens located at Central Christian and the Caring Center. All of the gardens benefit the Caring Center. Special Thanks to the tiller gang.

Special thanks to Squires, Knights, and family members who helped pack 300 Thanksgiving baskets for the Caring Center. This food packing relieved the Caring Center from having to solicit volunteers for the event. Below is a Thank You Note we received from Theresa at the Caring Center:

Knights of Columbus,

Thank you so much for your help packing the meals for Thanksgiving. We helped 273 families this year. Your help made this project a breeze.

Theresa
Caring Center

Thanksgiving Turkey Event



With 10 deep fryers and plenty of volunteers hard at work, 2009 marked our Council's 3rd Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Thanks to all our Brother Knights who helped with this event and thanks to everyone who purchased a turkey to help support our Council.

Knights Assist Salvation Army

On December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 8am to 8pm Knights were posted at Marsh Supermarket in Lebanon collecting donations for the Salvation Army. Our efforts and the community's generous donations netted the Salvation Army approximately \$1,500 which represented 20% of the overall income collected. Many thanks to all the Knights, Squires, and family members that helped.

St. Joseph's Blood Drive Results for November

On November 22nd, St. Joseph's parishioners donated 27 units of blood to the Indiana Blood Center. Thank you to all who participated. The next scheduled date for the blood mobile to visit St. Joseph's will be January 17th. Hope to see you there.

Memorial Mass For Our Departed Brothers



On Sunday, November 22nd, Knights gathered for a Memorial Mass at St. Joseph Parish. The names of 36 deceased Knights were submitted by council members and parishioners. Three of the deceased had been members of St. Joseph The Carpenter Council #13968. Father Tim celebrated the Mass, with Deacon Pat assisting. Thanks to the Knights who attended and served, and thanks to the Fourth-degree members from Lebanon and Frankfort for participating. Below is an excerpt from a November letter received from Knights of Columbus State Chaplin, Rev. Michael J. Yadron regarding our departed brothers:

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace."

Knights Insurance Is Here For You

Advertisements and advice regarding life insurance can be found in numerous sources of media. Television, radio, books, newspapers, magazines, and other sources carry the opinions of people wanting to influence your decisions. Many of these messages regarding life insurance leave out important information and may not take your actual needs and goals into account. Advertisements promoting low insurance premiums may not explain enough about the policy or the company that offers the policy for you to make an informed decision. In addition, financial information from spokespeople regarding which type of life insurance to choose may not be the best advice for you and your family. Many times these people are focusing on other areas of your finances (i.e. debts or investments), and life insurance may not get the attention it deserves to help protect your family. Often, they base their plan for you with assumptions about the future. When in reality, they cannot predict the uncertainties of tomorrow.

To help you with these matters, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus you have access to, and the benefit of, one of the top rated life insurance companies. By taking advantage of this resource, you can get the information, products, and services you need to develop and maintain your family's protection plan.

St. Joseph The Carpenter Council is fortunate to have as our local insurance agent, Joe Leising. Joe is available to assist you and your family in answering questions, listening to your needs, providing options, and helping you implement and monitor your family's plan. Please contact him at 765-483-1601 to discuss the KofC life insurance benefits available to you.

Year of the Priest Celebration for Father Tim



In our Council's efforts to thank Father Tim for saying "Yes" to God, and helping us on our journey, we had a social gathering last fall to show our appreciation. Thanks to all the Knights, Squires, and family members who attended, helped set up, and clean up after the event. Special Thanks to John Spitznogle for inviting us to his home and for the hayrides. Next to the hayride picture is Father Tim holding the certificate we presented him and below is Father Tim's Thank You Note we received which is also a good summary of the evening:

My Dear Brother Knights of St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #13968,

Thank you so much for hosting a hog roast in my honor on October 24th at John Spitznogle's farm. Also, thank you for the plaque recognizing me during this *Year of the Priest* and for the certificate of appreciation for my service to the Church as an Ordained Priest. I was truly humbled by your generous acts of support and thanks. It was a great evening of delicious food, great wine, a warm bonfire, a bumping hay ride, and most of all, the great fellowship shared with the Knights and their families. I was thinking of all the great memories the children would have of that evening! The plaque you gave me sums up what it means to be a Knight of Columbus:

"No man is an island,
no one stands alone.
We all need our brothers to
help each other home."

Thank you again for your support and your prayers!

God Bless,

Fr. Tim Kroeger

Thursday Knight Football



The Knights of Columbus ended the year by starting a new tradition. Several Knights, approximately 35, and other men from the parish enjoyed the first social event at the Parish Hall.

Sam Myers and Lou Perras cooked deep fried wings and Al Hodgen deep fried a pork loin. Proving once again, men really do know how to cook. Everyone brought several wonderful dishes. We ate, drank, and cheered on the Colts (although we are not sure which we did more of!). It was a very nice evening socializing with other Knights and hopefully some potential new Knights (hint, hint Andrew Wood...).

The Knights plan on hosting a social event once a month. This will allow everyone to get to know each other on a more personal basis. If you were unable to attend the last social event, we hope to see you at the next one. Pending approval of Father Tim, we are looking into possibly hosting a Colts AFC Championship party on January 24, 2010. So, tentatively mark your calendars!

Peace, Randy Bruder

Knights Lifeline (A People of Life and for Life)

St. Joseph Council #13968 has taken the Pro-Life stance as the singular most important issue of our time today. No society which kills its children in the womb can believe for one minute the justification that this will make a better lifestyle for all of the people. This is pure and simple murder not only of the child but of God's very creation.

Council #13968 St. Joseph The Carpenter is forging ahead with programs which will embrace the Culture of Life. We plan to develop charity programs directed for Pro-life within our Parish, City, and County. There is a motto "No Child Left Behind." Our motto should be "No Child Die In The Womb By Abortion."

We now participate in sidewalk counseling and praying at Abortion Mills in Indianapolis. We welcome anyone who is willing and able to join us. There are different times at the four locations in Indianapolis, and I will be giving an update on time and location.

Knights of Columbus has a Gabriel Program which offers assistance to expectant mothers who are in need of help and support.

As we move through this month, January the 22nd is the anniversary of "Roe vs. Wade" with the March For Life in Washington, D.C., prayers, and the Rosary of Our Lady requested throughout the day.

March 25th is the Knights of Columbus Day Of The Unborn Child. There will be a Mass and a program that evening. More information to follow.

Fraternally In Christ, Marvin Jackson

Membership News

On January 4th, Father Emmanuel became our newest member, in a special 1st Degree Ceremony held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Congratulations Father Emmanuel on becoming a Knight of Columbus; Council #13968 St. Joseph The Carpenter welcomes you.



Pictured above, from left to right, is Grand Knight Mark Scheller, Father Tim Kroeger, Father Emmanuel, and District Deputy Bob Konkel.

St. Joseph Knights Support Father Emmanuel

During our January meeting, Council #13968, unanimously voted to help support Father Emmanuel as he journeys back to Germany. Pictured below is Financial Secretary Jim O'Brien presenting Father Emmanuel with a \$1,000.00 check donated by our St. Joseph The Carpenter Council.

