



COUNCIL 1221 NEWS

The latest news for members & friends of the Knights of Columbus



Brother Knights and their families delivered 65 baskets of food on November 20 to our less fortunate neighbors.

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As 2021 wraps up, reach behind your lower neck, and pat yourself on the back. Well done ye good and faithful men. We will highlight some of these successes in this newsletter. But as the calendar year ends, let's push reset as the fraternal year takes a halftime breather. Where will the next six months take us? That will be up to each one of you. Many come to me with great ideas for our Council. Know that you will have 1221's resources to implement your plans if they promote Father McGivney's vision of charity, unity, and fraternity. Our financial footing is sound. Membership has grown despite attrition. And the facility has never looked better.

The blueprint for my final six months as your Grand Knight is not complex. We must get the ball rolling on the façade as we use the Caesar's Foundation Grant Award wisely to improve the curb appeal. We must get into the churches and welcome more Catholic men into our ranks (January 29/30 at Saint Mary Knobs for starters). And finally, we must exhort ALL our Brother Knights that membership in our fraternity consists of more than just paying your annual dues. Again, congratulations on a phenomenal 2021. Here's to a healthy and prosperous new year for you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!
Mike



Chaplain's Encouragement

Go to Mass. I know this column is titled the "Chaplain's Encouragement" and that statement sounds more like an order, a command, a mandate. But it is entirely meant as an encouragement. Nothing in the whole world, nothing you will do, nothing you will read, nothing you could spend 60-minutes of your week engaged in will provide more encouragement when approached, participated in, and prayed wholeheartedly, than going to Mass. In the Mass, you will encounter the Living God in Scripture and Sacrament. You will receive Grace. You will receive instruction and guidance. You will be fed and nourished mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. You will be reminded that you are not alone, that you do not exist for isolation but for community and relationships. You will be challenged and comforted, consoled and commanded to go forth into the world to 'make disciples.'

You will be encouraged. Encouraged to be the man the Living God created you to be; not the man your base nature, personal sinfulness, or selfish apathy would keep you. God has plans for you, great plans, important plans, necessary and vital plans for YOU. Go to Mass and be encouraged in His plan for you, and your family, and your parish, and your community, and our council.

No more excuses! Go to Mass. Is there a routine, a ritual, a repetitiveness to going to Mass? Yes, certainly. It is that repeated exposure to the Living God that provides its encouraging, transforming, life changing impact. Few of the things in life that really bring deep lasting change and improvement are one-and-done experiences. Even while a singular event can change one's course, it is the sustained lived experience that keeps that new course for good or ill. Most of our lives have a routine and ritual. We need habit – good habits – to get through a day, a life.

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WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!



Behind everything a Knight does is the vision of our founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney, and the mission he left us as Catholic men united in faith. We ask for his intercession, pray for his canonization, and live out in our own lives the principles he left us as Knights.



Chaplain's Encouragement (cont'd)

The familiarity of ritual is what provides the general space to settle in and go deeper, to not be distracted by the new and novel, to open your mind and soul to deeper things. In fact, our Savior said “Do this in memory of me.” That too is a command, but also an encouragement to encounter Him again and again and again. So Go to Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church spells out this reality: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.’ The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. the faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God’s holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit” (CCC #2180-2182, emphasis added).

When we pause to think of all the wonderful, saintly efforts of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, nothing was as important as his offering of the Mass and leading the faithful in heartfelt participation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He was a man of great charity, service, concern for others, but first and foremost he was a man of the Mass, of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, of encounter through Scripture and Sacrament. Even his founding of our venerable and important institution of the Knights of Columbus pales in comparison to his offering of a single Mass. Going to Mass is a way to be united with this most august endeavor.

The Knights of Columbus is a wonderful organization mobilizing men for service to neighbors in acts of charity. It fosters fraternity, which we all need. It encourages a healthy love for our country through patriotism. It provides unity around a common mission – the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church. Yet, the four principles of the Knights of Columbus cannot be lived in an authentic manner, as intended by our blessed founder, if we are not first and foremost Catholic men – living, practicing, professing our faith in word and deed. And there is no simpler, more necessary, and yet more profound, way to do this than to Go to Mass. There we encounter the Lord truly, really, Sacramentally present. There we are enriched with the wisdom and Grace of God. There we are welcomed by Christ and we are sent to engage the community as Christ.

I don’t say this just as a priest, a parish pastor, or even your council chaplain. I say this as a brother Knight wanting you to live the fullness of the Knights of Columbus as Blessed Father Michael McGivney envisioned. And that, is as men recognizing and experiencing Christ in the Breaking of the Bread (Lk 24:30-31). Catholics, especially Catholic Men are largely not going to Mass. Perhaps, the men who are active in the Knights of Columbus, men, like you, who are willing to actually read the newsletter, beat the average – I hope and pray! But I know, that even among the Knights there are Catholic men not going to Mass. In these days, it has become important to encourage and to affirm even the most obvious, fundamental, and essential of Truths. The vital necessity of attending Mass each Sunday is among them. Listen to this encouragement, Go to Mass. Literally for the “Love of God”, Go to Mass.

~ Rev. Jeremy M. Gries, Chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Council #1221



EVENTS at KofC Council 1221

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NEW YEARS DAY
2	3 BLOOD DRIVE	4 PICKLEBALL	5 PRIEST LUNCHEON WOC	6 PICKLEBALL OFFICERS MTG	7 FISH FRY	8
9	10 NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	11 PICKLEBALL	12 WOC	13 PICKLEBALL MONTHLY MTG	14	15 IUS PARTY
16	17 BLOOD DRIVE	18 PICKLEBALL	19 WOC	20 PICKLEBALL	21 OLPH ATHLETICS FISH FRY	22
23 FREE THROW COMPETITION @ OLPH	24 PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER	25 PICKLEBALL	26 WOC	27 PICKLEBALL	28	29 SMK CHURCH DRIVE
30 SMK CHURCH DRIVE	31 BLOOD DRIVE					

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PICKLEBALL	2 WOC CARD SHOW	3 PICKLEBALL OFFICERS MTG	4 FISH FRY	5
6	7	8 PICKLEBALL	9 WOC	10 PICKLEBALL MONTHLY MTG	11	12 SPECIAL OLYM. BENEFIT DANCE
13 SUPER BOWL	14 BLOOD DRIVE	15 PICKLEBALL	16 WOC CARD SHOW	17 PICKLEBALL	18	19 POLAR PLUNGE
20	21 4 TH DEGREE	22 PICKLEBALL	23 WOC	24 PICKLEBALL	25 CRBR FISH FRY	26 COUNCIL WORK DAY
27 BLOOD DRIVE	28					



JANUARY/FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE DATES

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
MONDAY, JANUARY 17
MONDAY, JANUARY 31

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

redcrossblood.org

**ALL BLOOD DRIVES ARE
IN MCGIVNEY HALL FROM
1:00 PM TO 6PM. RESERVATIONS ARE
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**



Please come down and look at our remodeled Council Room. Under the guidance of Tom Waters, along with PGK Bob House and John Blocker, new life was breathed into the space. A future upgrade will include a redesign of the west wall (outdoor mural).



On December 1, 2021 Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 was awarded a check for \$25,000 from the Caesar's Foundation of Southern Indiana. The award will be earmarked to upgrade the vinyl siding façade of the building.

Pictured L to R are Charlie Archer, Trustee and Grant Writer, Mike Carter, Grand Knight and Dr. Josh Kornberg, Executive Director of the Caesar's Foundation of Southern Indiana.



Knights of Columbus MEMORIALS

Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 Our Brothers in Christ

2021-22 *We Remember our Deceased Knight of Columbus Members*

Carl Wayne Cullins

September 7, 1947 November 29, 2021

Paul J. Bacher

August 1, 1934 December 9, 2021



Rev. Louis M. Manna

September 16, 1945 December 23, 2021



*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
May God hold you
in the hollow of His hand.*



Picture of the rail being strung by Frank McPhillips and Patrick Webber.





From our Deputy Grand Knight

Happy New Year, I for one am glad last year is in the books. COVID-19 and all the variants just won't let go. Everyone needs to do whatever is in their hearts to stay safe.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS!!!



Receiving the Eucharist at Mass and going to Confession are a part of our normal routine. We have the opportunity for these and the other five Sacraments only because there are priests to administer them. Do your part to help provide for the needs of our future priests.

The minimum requested donation is \$1 per member, but do you really only want the minimum number of clergy available to help get you the Graces you need? Add some (or a lot) extra with your dues payment or get it to your Financial Secretary separately, but let him know that it is for SOS. Pray for Vocations!

**PRIESTS,
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Reising Ballroom renovation is a work in progress. The cable rail was installed in December which has allowed us to open the track to the public. The new barn doors will arrive this week and painting will begin. Hopefully they will be hung and another project can be crossed off soon.

Our Red Cross Blood Drives hit the 1000 mark at the December 6th drive. The total units donated at the end of 2021 stands at 1064! There are four open slots to give at the first drive of 2022, sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org>.

Wheel of Cash had a big winner November 10th. The winner walked away with \$19,851.00 before taxes. The current jackpot is \$6,516. The crowd has tapered off from the 60 plus we had before the jackpot was hit. What are you waiting for \$6,000 is nothing to sneeze at. Hope to see you at the Council, we are open for business.

Ron Webber
DGK

No*0381761			No*0381762			INDIANA STATE K OF C RAFFLE Benefitting Gibault Children's Services Grand Prize: \$5000.00 2nd Prize: \$1000.00 3rd Prize: \$750.00 4th Prize: \$500.00 5th Prize: \$500.00 6th thru 10th Prizes: \$250.00 Each Drawing at State Convention April 30th, 2022 Suggested Donation \$5.00 for 6 tickets License #001642
Name:	Address:	Phone:	Name:	Address:	Phone:	

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(top left) Vehicles to pick up our patrons for the Mike B's Christmas Breakfast were donate by Holy Family Catholic Church and Carriage Ford.

- (bottom left) All ready for the Christmas Morning Breakfast. Notice the cable installed in the railing. Thanks to Ron and Patrick Webber and Frank McPhillips for their amazing work. We can now officially open the upstairs track

- (bottom right) Two of the cooks at the Christmas Morning breakfast.



Brother Knights enjoy breakfast with Seminarian Tyler Huber. Tyler will be ordained a deacon this April as he continues his priestly formation at Saint Meinrad. The Council presented Tyler with a check to help cover the cost of his cleric wardrobe.



God Bless you all as we enter 2022 and look towards the future.

Below are a few facts to help remind you where your funds go once you have paid them. I am emailing out the 2022 statements for those that have not already paid on January 14th as well as the cards to non-dues paying members. (Due bills are currently at the council through the 1st January council meeting. We would appreciate any Knight to stop by and pay in person before then to avoid mailing charges.) Remember that we suggest a donation to the SOS seminarian fund with your dues payment along with the opportunity to buy Gibault Raffle tickets, which will be mailed out with this first mailing. Gibault tickets are also available at the council.

Most Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 members are responsible for paying \$40.00 per year in dues.

Exceptions below:

- Honorary Membership - Knights who have attained the age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years shall be designated as honorary members. Dues fee \$10.00.
- Honorary life Membership - Knights who have attained the age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, shall be designated as honorary life members. Exempt from dues.
- Priests and Religious Brothers who have taken their final or perpetual vows - are automatically designated as Honorary life members upon participating in their first ceremonial. However, this status is not awarded to permanent deacons or seminarians unless they meet the requirements based on age and years of service.

Exempt Relief from Payment — Those brother Knights who are unable to engage in any occupation for a period of at least six months or who contact an officer due to special financial circumstances may apply for waiver of dues.

Withdrawal - If a member withdraws from membership and is an insurance member, he will be recorded as an inactive member and will remain in that status on the council roster as long as his insurance is in force. The council continues to be responsible for Supreme and state council assessments on inactive members. However, a \$9 credit is applied to the council's account the month following the anniversary date of the member's insurance policy to offset such assessments.

Types of Members

- Associate Member - A member who is NOT enrolled in K of C Insurance.
- Insurance Member - A member who IS enrolled in K of C Insurance.

Financial Secretary - Question & Answer: How are my Dues helping my council?

We as a council are responsible to pay both the Indiana State Council and the Supreme (National) Council on a per capita (member) Basis. (figures are based on 2019 membership for example purposes)

State Per Capita - Regular Member State Per Capita - Regular Member (Section 29)

340 X \$8.00=\$2,720.00

Gibault Per Capita - Regular Member

Gibault, Reg Mmbr, IN K of C By Laws Section 29

340 X \$5.00=\$1,700.00

State Per Capita - Inactive Insurance Members State, Inact Ins Mmbr, IN K of C By Laws Section 29

33 X \$4.50=\$148.50

State Per Capita - Honorary Members State, Hon Mmbr, IN K of C By Laws Section 29

43 X \$2.70=\$116.10

Total Charged By the State Council = \$4,684.60

***Councils are assessed \$1.75 for per capita, \$.50 for Catholic advertising each Jan. 1 and July 1 on the total membership in the council, including inactive and honorary members. Honorary life and members on disability are excluded from the assessment.

***Councils are assessed \$1.00 for the Culture of Life fund each Jan. 1 and July 1. Honorary, honorary life, inactive members and members on disability are excluded from this assessment.

Supreme Per Capita

373 X \$1.75 in January = \$652.75

373 x 1.75 in July = \$652.75

Catholic advertising

373 X \$0.50 in January = \$186.50

373 X \$0.50 in July = \$186.50

Culture of Life fund

373 X \$1.00 in January = \$373.00

373 x 1.75 in July = \$373.00

Total charged by the Supreme Council = \$2,424.50

Vivat Jesus,
Matt Lincoln
Financial Secretary - 1221

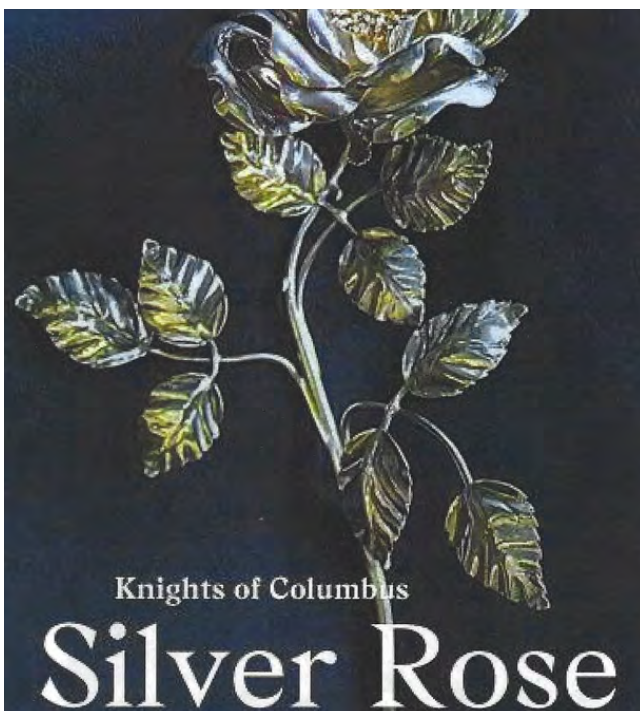


HIGHLIGHTS of 2021

January through March



May through August





HIGHLIGHTS of 2021

September through December





Worthy Grand Knight,

Please read this letter to your council at your next business meeting.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles has approved our Indiana Knights of Columbus Charity Fund Inc. Special Group Recognition License Plate application!



Everyone will be able to order the Indiana Knights of Columbus plate for their car, light truck, RV, or motorcycle starting on January 1, 2020. This plate can be ordered through IN.gov/BMV, at BMV branches, at BMV Connect kiosks, or BMV partial service providers. The plates will cost \$30 in addition to applicable taxes and registration fees. A \$15 supplemental fee and a \$15 group fee is due for each Knights of Columbus plate that is purchased. This plate may be personalized for an additional \$45. The BMV will return the \$15 group fee for each license plate sold to the IN K of C Charity Fund Inc.

The IN K of C Charity Fund Inc is our 501(c)(3) established to help people in urgent need situations. This fund has provided grants for disaster relief, coats for kids, food for families, ultrasound machines, and other similar needs. A few years ago, the father of a Priest passed away. The Priest could not afford to bury his father, so a grant from the IN K of C Charity Fund Inc helped to pay those final expenses. Tax deductible donations can be sent directly to this fund. Make checks payable to "Indiana State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc" and mail them to the Fund Treasurer, PSD Bob Lynch (3215 St. Jude Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227). Use [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) when you shop and a portion of each purchase will also be contributed to this fund.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

