

Winter
2020

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COUNCIL 1221 NEWS

WGK Sean Missi presented a check for \$650 to Mark Casper of St. Elizabeth's Charities in honor of Chalfant Industries Inc. at our October Council Meeting.

This is a portion of the funds raised by Knights during the Harvest Homecoming. Matt Chalfant graciously allowed us to utilize vacant property to park cars at no charge to The Council. If you see Matt around town, offer him thanks for his generosity.



There was a good turn out to deliver food to those families in our area that are less fortunate than us. Knights and family members were greeted with coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. The food boxes were prepared and then a prayer was said. DGK Mike Carter's wife, Shannon, did a great job of compiling and sorting the list of names into geographical areas, then printing cards with all of the delivery information. Thanks to all who gave of their time.

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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.

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MINIMALISM

One nugget of wisdom imparted to me by an upperclassman during my freshman year in college still echoes in my mind. He put forth the following, *“If the minimum weren’t good enough, it wouldn’t be called the minimum.”* Sound advice? Sure.

Why not just skate by or no wasted effort. Or, better yet, it is someone else’s problem now. Who wants to bet me that upperclassman is now a Fortune 500 CEO or a Chief of Staff of the Air Force? I doubt it.

As 2020 begins, make a vow to not accept any justification or excuse for half-hearted attempts in your daily affairs. As Knights of Columbus, we have a special obligation to live our lives in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Our Savior gave ALL

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Two exciting upcoming events:

The Polar Plunge 2020 on Saturday, February 15 is at Deam Lake. Thus far brothers participating are, Eric Hunter, Sean Missi, Charlie Archer and Steve Byerley. Reach out to them with a pledge. Last year over \$1,000 was raised to support Special Olympics. <https://soindiana.org/polar-plunge/> Bro. Ron Webber is organizing our council’s Free Throw Shooting Contest for 9 to 14 year old boys and girls. The date in January is not yet set, so watch for an email with details.



As a boy, I did what many boys did before the advent of technology. I would play sword fight. In my dad’s workshop, my brothers and I would build our weapons, which would later be used for epic battles in the woods behind our home. Our games of ‘capture the flag’ often included full contact duels with wooden swords and shields to defend the flag or ‘die’ trying. These are fond memories of fun and valor. In them, I learned the value of a strong weapon and the need for the courage to fight. I learned a battle is won not solely by one’s doing, but the concerted effort of one’s brothers-in-arms. I learned how to get my hands dirty and try again tomorrow. I learned the need for sacrificial strategy. Life skills, certainly; but even more so, Eternal Life skills I’ve returned to time and again.

Upon completion of a Knight of Columbus’ First Degree Installation, each new Knight receives a rosary. I dare say, that in that simple handing over, the Knight is given one of the most powerful weapons for spiritual battle ever envisioned. And as grown men – husbands, fathers, disciples – ours is no longer playing at ‘capture the flag,’ but the real battle of ‘capturing of souls.’ And duels, battles, and struggle are most certainly still a part. As Catholic Christian men and as Knights, we are challenged to be ever ready to lay down our lives for those under our care. As passive and meek as it might sound, prayer – engaged, earnest, invigorating prayer of the Rosary – is a needed and effective weapon to win the daily battles.

The Rosary, which holds pride of place among the many and varied Catholic Christian devotions, invites us to meditate upon the full life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus through the eyes of His Beloved Mother Mary. The weapon of the Rosary assists us in fending off temptations, exercising ourselves for spiritual strength, and formation in the perfect sacrificial, courageous, valor of Christ in His truly Epic Battle for Souls. The Rosary is our weapon, the Cross is our banner.

As we move into a new year and soon into the season of Lent, let me challenge you. If your rosary has found its way to the back of a drawer or become some buried treasure, it is time to take it up again. Any sword left too long will begin to rust and the skills needed to wield it forgotten. In the midst of battle is no time to pull out the whetting stone or to try to remember. Then is the time for muscle and spiritual memory to take over. Then is the time to stand shoulder to shoulder with your brothers. The world needs Knights at the ready, for the battle is already raging. Take up your weapon. Sharpen it. Become skilled with it. Pray it for yourself, for your family, for the council, for the community, for the Church, for the fallen away and for those who’ve fallen in earnest battle. And one day, when we brothers-in-arms are gathered in the glorious Kingdom of our King and Lord, we too will have fond memories of fun and valor, of battles won for Christ and His Holy Church. To Arms!

Fr. Jeremy Gries

IN SERVICE TO ONE... IN SERVICE TO ALL...

Participate at your council and your parishes

Council Calendar

Wednesday, January 1		Solemnity of Mary
Friday, January 3	4:30pm	1st Friday Fish Fry
Wednesday, January 8	6:30pm	House Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 9	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 16	4:00pm	Knight Reception set up
Saturday, January 18	2:00pm	Knight Reception
Monday, January 20	6:30pm	4th Degree Rosary
	7:00pm	4th Degree Mtg.
Saturday, January 25		OLPH Knights' Church Drive
Sunday, January 26		OLPH Knights' Church Drive
Friday, February 7	4:30pm	1st Friday Fish Fry
Monday February 10	8:00am	Lifeline Screening
Wednesday, February 12	6:30pm	House Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 13	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, February 15	11:00am	Polar Plunge
Monday, February 17	6:30pm	4th Degree Rosary
	7:00pm	4th Degree Mtg.
Wednesday, February 19	6:00pm	Past Grand Knights Dinner
Saturday, February 22	8:30am	Work Day Lent FF Prep
Wednesday February 26		Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 28	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Friday, March 6	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Wednesday, March 11	6:30pm	House Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 12	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Friday, March 13	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Monday, March 16	6:30pm	4th Degree Rosary
	7:00pm	4th Degree Mtg.
Friday, March 20	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Saturday March 21	2:00pm	Lawrence Wedding Reception
Friday, March 27	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Friday, April 3	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
Friday, April 10	4:30pm	Lent Fish Fry
April 9 -12		Triduum Liturgy
Wednesday, April 15	6:30pm	House Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 16	7:00pm	Council Meeting
April 17—19		Indiana K of C State Convention
Monday, April 20	6:30pm	4th Degree Rosary
	7:00pm	4th Degree Mtg. - Officer Nominations
Wednesday, May 13	6:30pm	House Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 14	7:00pm	Council Meeting - Officer Nominations

Dates and times are subject to change. Updates will be reflected on the online calendar at: <http://www.kofc1221.org/calendar.html>

News Briefs

Emails

We've been utilizing emails to get info out to members. If you want to be added to the email list or update your existing address, please go to http://www.kofc.org/en/contact/address_contact.html or contact our Financial Secretary, Matt Lincoln, at p.matt.lincoln@gmail.com or Ph. 502 641-7392



Please consider lending a hand at events and participating in club activities.

Help is needed to set up for events, clean up before and after events, tending bar, etc. See events on the calendar to the left. Call Brother Mike Carter to be added to the list of men that he can call on for help.

Mike Carter—502-548-2968

LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 4:00 to close

SAT.-SUN.: Normally Closed

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for our salvation. Let us focus on the QUALITY of our efforts to be better men, husbands, fathers — in a word, better Knights.

Venerable Father Michael McGivney pray for us.

Mike Carter

DGK

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Text "knight" to 30500
Receive weekly Indiana K of C text
message alerts, updates, and
reminders!



WGK Sean Missi and DGK Mike Carter surprised the family of our late Brother, Mike Broderick by dedicating the Annual Christmas Day Breakfast for the homeless in Mike's honor.

Mike and his wife, Toni, were instrumental in keeping this annual event going. Mike was a shining example of what it means to be a Knight. We can't thank Mike enough for this legacy that gives us an opportunity to continue **In Service To One—In Service to All.**



Chaplain's Challenge



Council 1221 Calendar



Archdiocese Holy Days



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