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**Next business meeting is Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend**

## Grand Knight, SK Edwin Barron

It's hard to believe we've already reached the midpoint of our fraternal year. For our Council, it's been a very busy 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Thanks to all of you, we've enjoyed many successful events and activities. In addition to the recurring activities - Café Rosario benefiting the Ultrasound Machine Initiative, Holy Family Shelter food drives/volunteering and First Friday Adoration – we've also run our Essay Contest, Voter Registration Drives, 40 Days for Life, Altar Server Recognition, Women's Evening of Reflection, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Memorial Mass/Dinner, and our third annual Knight in New Orleans Pro-Life fundraising dinner. Thank you all for your involvement!



This year's "A Knight in New Orleans", always a hit, was our best one yet. Not only were we better organized and staffed, but our donations to Pro-Life were more than 2.5 times last year's total!! Deo gratias!

As we look ahead to the New Year, please make an effort to "storm heaven" with prayers for our country and her leaders. This is especially important concerning the HHS Mandate, which is itself an affront to our religious liberty and may "open the door" to future encroachments. While we must "live in the world" and do our best to effect change through the proper temporal means, we should not lose sight of our most effective means: prayer.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## A Knight in New Orleans

On Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we held "A Knight in New Orleans" dinner and silent auction for the benefit of the Pro-Life movement, our council charities, and of course our guests. The event was a huge success, and the results far surpassed our expectations.



This year's event raised \$4,581.38, which blew last year's total of \$1,819.07 out of the water. Of this total, \$2,882.52 has been donated to the Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Ministry, \$720.63 to the Holy Rosary Pro-Life Council, and the rest to fund other council charities. A hardy thank you to the many volunteers that worked together to make this such a great success.



## Chancellor, Brian Murrey

Not only did the Council get off to a very busy start, but the activities continue. Here is a sample of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activities:



- Eucharistic Rosary Rally
- A Knight in New Orleans
- Altar Server Recognition Day
- Assembly Dinner
- Memorial Mass
- Voter Registration
- Women's Knight of Reflection
- 40 Days for Life
- Essay Contest

The 70th Annual State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament will be held in Ft. Wayne February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Singles and doubles events will be bowled at Georgetown Lanes, 6770 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815, (260)749-9610. Team events will be bowled at Lakeside Lanes, 746 N Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, (260)422-6625.

The tournament is a handicap/scratch tournament and is open to all types of bowlers from the beginner to the experienced bowler. The prize fund will be 90% to handicap and 10% to scratch. You will be paid on only one side and that will be the highest dollar amount. Come join your Brother Knights for a weekend of fun.

The bowling entry fees are \$64.00 per team; Doubles/Singles \$18.00 per bowler, per event; and \$3.00 All Events. Please make checks payable to the K of C Bowling Tournament. No partial fees accepted. Mail To: K of C State Bowling Tournament, 729 Stratton Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. If you have any questions, please contact John Henry at (260)466-0646, or [jjhenry@jhspecialty.com](mailto:jjhenry@jhspecialty.com).

Mass will be held at the council at 8:00 AM Sunday with breakfast available after Mass.

As always, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the volunteers that have provided needed service to those less fortunate, and the parish of Holy Rosary. I know we cannot all be involved in every activity of the Council, and no one is expected to be. I invite all members to choose an activity or two, and proudly serve in whatever capacity you are able.

## Membership Director, SK Don L. Murphy



As we approach the Christmas Season and the halfway point in the fraternal year it gives me great pleasure to announce that we are at 90 members. We brought in five new members through our third, first degree ceremony and had one transfer. Please join me in welcoming our new brothers Michael Danielewicz, Timothy Fox, Ned Hummel, Luke Reese, David Van Cleave and Joseph LeMark (recent transfer). Although our council continues to grow it is important to realize that it isn't just about numbers. It is about attracting Catholic gentleman to our Order that like us strive to live out our Catholic faith. Below are some frequently asked questions concerning membership in our Order. Use them as a guide when talking to others about membership.

Q) I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?

A) As a Knight you can choose the projects you wish to be involved within your own community. What is more, the Order is dedicated to family life and the many benefits it offers.

From insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs, all are open to the whole family. Come see just what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life by viewing the segment, "Why Join?"

Q) What are the requirements?

A) Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

Q) What is a practical Catholic?

A) A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Q) Explain what Degrees are.

A) There are four degrees within the Knights of Columbus. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on the Order's core virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Q) Do I have to purchase Insurance to become a member?

A) No, unlike many fraternal organizations one does not become a member by purchasing insurance. In the Knights of Columbus a man has to be a member before he may avail himself of the insurance benefit. Purchasing insurance is optional, however; the life insurance and long-term care insurance products offered by the Order are not only competitively priced, they are among the most solid and highly rated products available anywhere. Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, the leading independent agencies that rate insurance companies, give K of C insurance their highest ratings.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mike Danielewicz and Tim Fox for recently receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees.

All the best to you and your family this Christmas.

### **Church Chairman, Gary Willen**



On December 1<sup>st</sup> the Knights of Columbus hosted an "Evening of Reflection for Women" in this Advent Season. The evening began with a light meal in Priori Hall before proceeding upstairs to the church. The reflection began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and was followed by a short talk given by Fr Marshall titled "The Spirituality of Advent." Adoration continued during which confessions were heard and the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet were recited. Assisting with confessions were Fr. Magiera, Fr. Marshall, and Fr. Byrd.

The reflection time ended with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary sung by Anne Lewis. Our own council chaplain administered Benediction. About 40 women attended the meal and 50 women attended the reflection.

## Family Chairman, Jose Ocampo Mora



### Family of the Quarter

Our Family of the Quarter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the fraternal year is the Oliver family! Mary and Frank have been married 34 years, are both one of nine children, cradle Catholics, and proud members of Holy Rosary Parish since the Extraordinary Form of the Mass began being celebrated there.

Frank is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and a charter member of our Council. He has served as Grand Knight, Trustee, Membership Director, and is currently Lecturer. Frank has consistently been involved in many of our Council events. He might even be a bit proud of his Irish heritage. Frank's wife, Mary was inspired by Our Blessed Mother to organize a Rosary Rally. Frank took steps to get the Knights of Columbus involved, which resulted in two rallies.

The Oliver's oldest child Jason M. Oliver, 33, and daughter-in-law Susan reside in Indianapolis. Beginning 12/20/2012 Jason will be working for Marian University as Gifts and Systems Administrator. Susan works for ExactTarget. Daughter Colleen, 26 and son-in-law Alex Lowe reside in Independence, KY. Colleen is a RN in Pediatric ICU at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH, and Alex is an Engineer at Procter & Gamble. Nathan, 14 is the youngest Oliver child. He is a freshman at Lumen Christi High School, and an altar server for both the Extraordinary and Ordinary liturgies.

Frank and Mary have both been very supportive of Knights and families in distress (financial, medical, etc.). Please celebrate and congratulate our Family of the Quarter!

### Café Rosario

Keep stepping up to the challenge! The Mass schedule change has proven to be good for Cafe Rosario producing a significant increase in participation. The Knights have been responding well to the call for volunteers, and others outside the Knights are beginning to volunteer as well. This is a win for building community and bringing families closer together at Holy Rosary.

## Council Chairman, SK Don Benson



On Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Memorial Mass for both the Bishop Chatard Assembly and Santo Rosario Council at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church. This was a Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form and the catafalque was present to represent Knights who have passed away. The choir sang and the men's schola chanted the Propers of the Mass.

Prior to the Mass 35 Knights and guests enjoyed a light meal. I would like to thank Don L. Murphy, Charlie Stevens, Michael Huffman and many others for helping us make the dinner a success by taking care of all the cooking, set-up and clean-up.

This year's Mass held special significance for our council. On December 8, 2011 our first council member passed away, Harry Neuendorf. Harry will always be remembered for his unwavering devotion to Mary, good humor, feisty personality and love of music. Requiescat in pace.



## Community Chairman Jerald Friederick



### Holy Family Shelter

Our Knights and families continue to serve meals once or twice per month at the Holy Family Shelter. The shelter and residents are very appreciative. This is a great place for families/children to volunteer, and I encourage all Knights to sign up by contacting me, or calling the shelter for extra times. Donations of food, hygiene products and clothing are also accepted, and you may volunteer for many other services (e.g. teaching, babysitting, reading, etc.). This past month when our family and Tim Fox volunteered, we delivered the donated goods from the third weekend monthly collections. These along with our personal family donations filled the back of our extended full size van. Thank you for your support!

### Holy Family Shelter

[www.holyfamilyshelter.net](http://www.holyfamilyshelter.net)

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Telephone (317)635-7830, ext. 19 "Beta"

Santo Rosario Serving Schedule: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 4:00-6:00pm

### Pro-Life Signs

Our family along with other donations financed several Pro-Life signs that have been or will be installed in the near future. The largest sign installed is a 14'x48' billboard on Brookville Rd. The rental for this sign is \$750 per month. This contract has expired, and the sign may come down soon. We may buy another sign (8'x12') to install at Washington St and Mount Comfort Rd on an existing sign platform. This will be a permanent location provided by a pro-life land owner. The cost for this new vinyl wrap sign is \$325.

This is an expensive but worthwhile endeavor. If you know of someone interested in joining us to promote this cause, send them my way.

For LIFE, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness!



14'x48' on Brookville Rd and about Post Rd

## Youth Chairman, Bob Evanich



### Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

As you may recall, we held our council Soccer Challenge at the Parish Picnic in September and had six winners. All of the winners from our council were declared winners of the District level since there were no other contestants. The Regional and State Soccer Challenges were held on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sir Knight Kevin Richard's daughter, Tamara, won First Place in the Regional competition and was the runner up for the State Challenge. Congratulations Tamara!



### **Knights of Columbus Essay Contest**

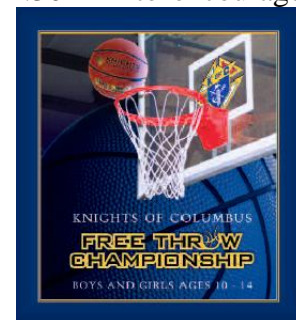
We are excited to announce that we had 15 contestants for the K of C Essay contest. The theme for this year's contest was **The Importance of Religious Freedom**. The contest was open to all Catholic students in grades 8-12. The following were declared winners of our council competition.

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>8th Grade</b>	Nicholas Hofmeister		
<b>9th Grade</b>	Thomas Zeunik	Andrea Stanley	Sam Rosko & John Paul Plummer
<b>10th Grade</b>	Joshua Brown	Kyle Fricker	Allie Barnes
<b>11th Grade</b>	Matt LaMar	Rebecca Friederick	
<b>12th Grade</b>	Jessica Plummer	Mellissa Jaeger	

The first place essays have been forwarded on to the State Level Competition.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

We will be holding our K of C Free Throw Championship on Friday, January 11, 2013 in the CYO Gymnasium. We will conduct two challenges, one beginning at 2:30 PM to encourage participation from Lumen Christi School students, and another one beginning at 7:00 PM for students who attend other schools, including homeschooled students. The contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 10-14 as of January 1, 2013. Even though we will hold two competitions, there will be one boy and one girl winner from each age group. Volunteers are needed for both competitions. Contact Bob Evanich at (317)614-5744 or [bob.evanich@kofcsantorosario.org](mailto:bob.evanich@kofcsantorosario.org) if you can help out at either or both of the competitions.



## Pro-Life Chairman, Jerry Mattingly

Brother Knights, during this Advent Season we have two important liturgical celebrations in honor of Our Lady! We honor our Lady as the Immaculate Conception on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, and on December 12<sup>th</sup> we honor her as Our Lady of Guadalupe. These two celebrations are closely related. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared for the first time to St. Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. At that time, the Feast of Immaculate Conception was celebrated by the Spanish Empire. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Immaculate Conception.



Let us all continue to celebrate throughout our lives, the incredible message these feasts represent and grow in awareness of the salvific connection these feasts represent: first, Mary's Immaculate Conception ushers in the New Testament from which we begin to understand Mary as the "second Eve", remaining ever virgin, as the Church is ever Virgin; and second, Blessed Mary is recognized under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, her black sash signaling her pregnancy with our Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, Who is the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

Throughout the world we can read today of the tremendous pressure being applied against the Catholic Church and Christianity in general by the forces of evil. Brothers, try as we may, we cannot do anything against this evil by our actions apart from God; **all** our efforts must originate with prayerful consideration of the Omnipotence of our Creator. It is time to be "on our knees!"

Humbly direct your prayers to Jesus through Mary using her as our intercessor not only for our intentions, but that she may utilize our humble prayers as she wants to use them. Who do we know who knows where to use our prayers better than our Mother, the Mother of our Savior?

A message from our Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/life-marriage-liberty.cfm>. It's a new day Brothers and the Bishops are trying to show the way. Please take the time and utilize their suggestions as you can.

### Dates and Reminders

- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: St Michael the Archangel Church; Pro Life Mass at 8:30 followed by the Rosary and adoration in the Church, or the Rosary outside the W 16<sup>th</sup> St abortion mill, returning to the Church to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and repose the Blessed Sacrament (2 hours total).
- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Faithful Citizen Rosary Procession after the noon Mass from St. John the Evangelist Church (1.5 miles total).
- March for Life in Washington D.C. January 25, 2013. See [www.kofc.org/](http://www.kofc.org/) for details.
- Local Observance of Roe v Wade in Indianapolis, IN. Check the Archdiocese website, Office of Pro Life Ministry for information (**please notify Jerry Mattingly or the Pro Life office at (317)236-1569 to volunteer**).
- 40 DaysForLife begins in February.
- TBA: Josh Cole – February presentation on the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae).
- TBA: Mark & Michelle Overholt - summer presentation on Humanae Vitae.
- Please pray the Rosary for world peace!

## Lecturer, SK Frank Oliver



So far during this 2013 Fraternal year, our activity chairmen have been so busy organizing various activities that there hasn't been much time or need for me to organize council socials or "For the good of the order" events. However, we did have a very nice gathering after our last Business Meeting where we wished Sir Knight and Brother Carlos Rivas well as he prepares to go off to sea with his brother on a Navy Carrier. Carlos and his lovely wife Maria are moving to Norfolk, VA and Carlos will be spending the next five years on various tours of duty at sea and on land. We certainly appreciate his service to his country and what he, his brother and all of our servicemen and women do to keep our country safe and free.

We also owe Carlos a debt of gratitude for the fine work he has done as our treasurer the past several years. Also how can we forget Carlos and Maria's efforts in making our "A Knight in New Orleans" fundraiser so successful the past three years?

On a personal note, my family and I will miss Carlos and Maria, as friends, and we look forward to their return to Indianapolis in the future.

Now let's talk about upcoming activities. At the last officer's meeting and the business meeting, I discussed having a couples St. Valentine dinner/dance. We have reserved Priori Hall for Saturday February 9, 2013. At the business meeting I asked for input and assistance in putting together a nice evening. We have wanted to do something for spouses and couples for some time. I would appreciate it if several couples would volunteer to assist Mary and me. The more involvement and input we have, I think will lead to a well panned and enjoyable evening plus distribute the time and work. If some of you haven't been involved in an activity, hopefully you will feel called to help with this. Please give this some thought and prayer and contact me as soon as possible. The best way to reach me is (317)946-4280 or at [foliver@travelers.com](mailto:foliver@travelers.com).

I have one more item to mention. I don't know why this didn't occur to me before the officer and business meetings but, January 20, 2013 marks our fifth anniversary of our Council Charter. Brothers, in my view, this is and should be an important milestone. We should do something meaningful to celebrate and to be thankful for our council. I am formulating various ideas on what we can do and here again I welcome your ideas, input and assistance. January 20<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday so I am inquiring with Fr. Marshall and Fr. Magiera about the possibility of including special involvement of the Knights in at least one of the Sunday Masses. With Christmas and New Year's, time is short to plan this so more will follow shortly via the normal Knight's email as well as at January's business meeting. Again I ask for your involvement and support. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

## Gibault Envoy, SK Steve Watt

### Annual Knights Christmas Party

The Terre Haute Knights, Council #541, is hosting the Gibault Christmas party for the kids Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at noon on the Terre Haute Campus.

Invited guests include all students who could not go home for Christmas and all Knights and their families. Pizza will be provided at lunchtime for





everyone. We will also have recreation time with the kids, and present each child with a special gift and treats. Please call Zach Pies at (812)298-3120 or toll free at (800)264-1156 if you or members of your council can attend.

The Terre Haute Council needs your support for this event. Please direct your gifts to Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Council #541, PO Box 7062, Terre Haute, IN 47802. All gifts to this event count towards the "We Care Awards" and overall Gibault support.

### **Notre Dame Ticket Raffle Winner**

Congratulations to Kelly Thompson of Brownsburg for winning the annual Notre Dame Ticket Raffle. This year \$6,200 was raised for the kids. Since this raffle has begun Gibault has raised over \$30,000 thanks to your support. Thank you for supporting this raffle and I hope you will help again next year as Gibault continues to make life better for those in their care!

### **Fall Appeal**

The Gibault Fall Appeal has been mailed. Gibault is seeking support to help with program costs for:

- Education: They work hard to help students catch up in school and even graduate if they are eligible.
- Therapy: Their clinical therapists work diligently to help children understand the challenges they face.
- Social Interactions: Learning how to deal with life's stresses in a positive way is another life-changing opportunity your support helps provide the kids.
- Happiness: Being happy is often the first step toward success the kids have. Being able to trust and feel safe lead to feelings of happiness.

As a donor your support helps Gibault provide a quality home-like environment that helps their kids become trusting and open up to new ideas and positive ways of living. Please support this effort. You can find this appeal on the K of C state web site at [www.indianakofc.org](http://www.indianakofc.org). You can also call Zach Pies at (800)264-1156, ext 3120 to learn more about this opportunity to help the kids!



### **Ask Father Magiera**

Q) The election is behind us. What insights do you have for us regarding an issue or two we should focus our effort and prayer going forward?



A) I'll start out by quoting a commentary by Tom Nash in the National Catholic Register: "Because we as Catholics are and will remain deeply rooted in Christ and his Church, and not in ephemeral, temporal affairs, we should not be deflated by the election results. Rather, we should be strengthened in our mission, ever more resolute to proclaim the Gospel to a nation and world that are greatly in need of our witness."

What we have to remember is that, though the election can be legitimately seen as a disaster for the causes of Pro-Life, Religious Liberty and "The Preservation of Intelligence in the USA" we have to realize that, even though I'm sure all K of C brethren did their part, as did many other Catholics, God is still the One in charge.

From more than one person, I have heard that this election may very well be the catalyst for a spiritual upheaval of sorts in the US. Bishops will finally no longer be able to bury their mitres

in the sand and misguided pew occupants will finally be faced with the fact that "Social Justice" is not a cause, but an effect. Total faith in and dependence upon the One Who is Life itself, the Pro-Life Cause par excellence is the only way to ensure the ultimate in social justice - the preservation of life and religious liberty. We must renew our commitment to God Almighty and His Church. Clinging for dear life to the barque of Peter is our only way out of this mess.

## Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy, FICF



### Four parts of retirement: Phase Four

Okay, if you've been following along in my articles, you've read about the first phases that lead to retirement. Protection and accumulation of savings are the first time, followed by de-accumulation of those funds while making them last.

The final phase is care. At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age), you will need to slow down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility.

As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face-to-face meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might not be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little.

The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company.

The Knights of Columbus – the organization you trust – is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere as you prepare for the four phases!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting. I'm at (317)532-7330 or [don.murphy@kofc.org](mailto:don.murphy@kofc.org).

### Council Officers

Grand Knight	Edwin Baron
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Chancellor	Brian Murrey
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Treasurer	Charles Stevens
Advocate	Gerry Schlundt
Warden	Fred Feld
Inside Guard	Paul Neuendorf
Outside Guard	Michael Huffman
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2 Year Trustee	Don L. Murphy
1 Year Trustee	Don Benson
Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley
Lecturer	Frank Oliver

### Committee Chairs

Program Director	Brian Murrey
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Community Director	Jerry Friederick
Council Director	Don Benson
Family Director	Jose Ocampo Mora
Youth Director	Bob Evanich
Pro-Life Director	Jerry Mattingly
Membership Director	Don L. Murphy
Gibault Envoy	Steve Watt

## Notre Dame Knights Score Touchdown for Charity

Chances are, if you know football, you know the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

For years, the likes of Knute Rockne, the Four Horseman, the Gipper, and Rudy have contributed to the legend of the Irish, making Notre Dame one of the country's most storied and most celebrated college football programs.

The program has earned renewed prominence this year, earning the top spot in college football for the first time in nineteen years.

But football is not Notre Dame's only program with a rich history and a winning record.

For nearly 50 years Notre Dame Knights of Columbus have been satisfying the appetites of hungry Irish fans and feeding the needs of dozens of charities at the same time.

### A Program Begins

Almost 60 years after becoming the first college council of the Knights of Columbus, Notre Dame Council #1477 celebrated the opening of their campus hall in 1968. That year, looking for ways to serve their community, a few enterprising Knights saw a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of Notre Dame's football fame.

For years, students at Notre Dame had prepared for the Saturday gridiron contests by tailgating with friends outside of Notre Dame Stadium. One of their foods of choice was steak sandwiches. They had become popular with the regular tailgaters, and the new Knights knew that they had a winner on their hands.

So, the Notre Dame council began selling steak sandwiches prior to all home football games. The goal was to raise enough money to provide some support to the nearby Corvillia Home – a home for people with intellectual disabilities. That year, the Knights sold steak, chips, and a beverage for two dollars. Utilizing a specialized grill with a six by eight foot cooking surface, the council sold a few hundred steaks per game and raised several thousand dollars for Corvillia.

### A Tradition Develops

As the smells and fame of their sandwiches spread, Notre Dame Knights saw their sales more than double from 500 steaks per game in 1970 to over 1,200 in 1974. Profits also increased as the council netted around \$1,000 per game. Quickly, the steak became a part of Irish fan's Saturday tradition – with many waiting in line for an hour just to get their hands on the football fare.

As sales continued to grow, the council began assisting more charities. The council used steak sales proceeds to join the Indiana State Council of the Knight of Columbus in supporting Gibault, a home for wayward children. More charities continued to be added as profits increased through the years.

And as the popularity and profits increased, so did the work.

Today, it takes no less than 30 Knights and 200 hours each week to continue the tradition.



Preparation begins on Friday as Knights organize inventory and prepare the grills for the next morning. Council members arrive at 8:00 a.m., well before most college students wish to be up on a Saturday, to light grills and begin preparing the steak with their secret blend of seasoning. Others set up tents, tables, and serving lines for their customers.

At around 10:30 a.m., the lines begin to form as hungry Fighting Irish fans start to smell the first batch of steaks coming off the grill. In the early afternoon, the demand peaks as lines of

devoted customers stretch down South and God quads.

For the past several years the Knights estimate they have sold a staggering 3,000 sandwiches each game.

But the steaks still live in the shadow of Fighting Irish Football. The council shuts down the grills about a half hour before kickoff, allowing members time to clean up and make it to the game to cheer on the home team.

In total, the council's steak sales have raised and donated over \$1 million dollars to charity. Last year alone, the council distributed a season record \$78,000 to 25 charities. The council expects to raise the same amount again this year.

### **Council Members Reflect**

"Steak sales blends lots of things we like to do as Knights," reflected Dennis Malloy, a past grand knight of Council 1477 and current law student at Notre Dame. The program provides an opportunity for them to be active, to give back to their communities, and to have fun.

Added Past Grand Knight Bobby Thompson, "Many people say they enjoy it [steak sales] more than tailgating before the game."

But it's not all steak with Council 1477. "Steak sales are not the only thing we do, but an amazing thing we do," Malloy said, highlighting the council's efforts to support campus ministry initiatives, such as the Eucharistic Procession and the council's close work with the campus Right to Life group in holding vigil over the Cemetery of the Innocents and participating in the March for Life.

Pat Adams, a senior and the current treasurer, finds the charity experiences that stem from steak sales the most rewarding. "We actually have a relationship with our charities and we care about their mission," he says.

He explained how the Knights prepare, serve, and share a Thanksgiving meal with the residents of Corvillia annually, in addition to assisting them with themed bingo parties and bowling parties. Council 1477 prides itself on these personal relationships with charities

rather than being just a supporter with a checkbook.

### **Continuing the Legacy**

But just like their counterparts on the football team, Notre Dame Knights are never satisfied and always want to do better.

"It's a great program," said former grand knight Bobby Rauch, "and we'll keep it going as long as we can, but just as the program's founders wanted, steak sales should continue to grow and adapt to best serve the community."

Last year, the Notre Dame council added a program where customers could donate an extra steak to the needy. Called "Going All In for Charity," fans can contribute an extra three dollars to donate a steak to the hungry and homeless in the community.

The council uses poker chips to keep track of the number of participants and then donates steaks to a local homeless shelter and the regional food bank. In its first year, over 2,500 customers choose to donate a steak to charity. This year, over 3,200 customers have chipped in an extra three bucks, including 950 individuals in the home finale last weekend against Wake Forest.

The council has also recently partnered with the Supreme Council and its Ultrasound Initiative Program to purchase two brand new ultrasound machines for the Women's Care Centers, one of the most successful crisis pregnancy centers in the country.

The council plans to purchase a third ultrasound machine with funds from this year's steak sales.

So if you ever find yourself in South Bend on a fall football Saturday, follow the scent of steak sandwiches to the Knights of Columbus building and sink your teeth into a truly unique charitable program. You'll be happy you did.