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**Next meeting Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend**

## **From the Grand Knight, Bob Evanich**



Happy Advent! As I write this, we're already in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent. As quickly as this year has gone, it reminds me of the words presented to us during our First Degree, *Tempest Fugit, Memento Mori, - Time Flies, Remember Death*. I mentioned how quickly time goes by, and we were reminded of the second part of that phrase last week. Brother Harry Neuendorf passed away on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Harry was a special man and will be missed by all of us.

Our council has been very active since our last newsletter. On All Souls Day, we hosted the 4th Degree Assembly for their annual Memorial Mass and dinner. Closely following that was our second annual Knight in New Orleans Pro-Life Fundraiser Dinner which was another successful and enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Carlos Rivas and Michael Deal as well as all of the other brothers who helped pull the evening together. For Advent, we hosted a Women's Evening of Reflection. From the number of women that attended, it appears that we will make that an annual event as well.

I would like to welcome two new Knights to our council, Ken Gomes and Tom Lorenz. In addition, we had nine Brother Knights move up in rank to third degree. They are Bob Collins, Michael Deal, Sid Johnson, Daniel Knight, Chad Lamar, Michael O'Brien, Kevin Richards, Marcus Shutta and Eric Slaughter. Congratulations to all of you!

I wish every Brother Knight and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Bob Evanich, GK  
Santo Rosario Council



## **An Update from Pro Life Chair, Jerry Mattingly**

The last week of September brought with it the commencement of the 2011 Fall 40 Days for Life campaign that ran from Sept 28 to November 6. As far as Holy Rosary's assigned time slot and day of prayer and fasting, we had only one day that could qualify as inclement. It was the best stretch of weather I've experienced at any previous 40 Days for Life session and I thank God for that blessing. I also thank all who participated both on site and those that offered prayers throughout the term of the fall session; our council totaled 45 man hours (including family members) of direct on-site prayers and at least that many hours in indirect support, THANK YOU ALL!

Internationally, 540 babies were spared death by abortion. State wide, 20 babies were officially saved with Indy leading the way with 12 saves. (Unofficially, 22 state wide.) On the heels of the opening day of 40DFL at Planned Parenthood, Indianapolis' SS Peter and Paul Cathedral was home to the Respect Life Sunday celebration and is celebrated nationwide. It again was a beautiful day. The only downer was the lack of Fourth Degree Knights in attendance.

District Deputy Rick Santangelo expressed some displeasure at the lack of Fourth Degree representation. He explained it was due to third and fourth degree exemplification ceremonies scheduled simultaneous with the USCCB's annual Respect Life Sunday. Sounded good to me but I made a respectful suggestion that in the future a look see at the calendar might be in order.

No need to go into much detail about the Knight in New Orleans Dinner. The one thing I will say is that I have failed to adequately express Sister Diane's appreciation for the Knights in our Council. She extends to each of us her deepest expressions of not only appreciation, but she feels that without our participation, events like Respect Life Sunday Mass and the Roe v. Wade Local Observance would be lacking; extremely so.

Needless to say, the dinner and our commitment to Pro Life amazes her. She will be delighted with the forth coming proceeds (\$1373.54). I will add here that her budget has been trimmed and donations to the office have declined. This has caused belt tightening not understood by those needing the aid her office provides. Oh, there is one more thing. These two dinners have found me in the wash room and when the last pan has been scrubbed and I walk out into Priori Hall, IT'S AS IF NO DINNER TOOK PLACE... I am amazed at the incredible job we all do cleaning that mess up...WAY TO GO, KNIGHTS!

Speaking of the Roe v. Wade Local Observance, it is scheduled for Monday, January 23. Fourth Degrees are asked to participate in the procession for Mass and a plea for help by Knights as "crossing guards" is hereby issued....bring your own whistle's. Details will be forth coming so be advised of this important day...January 23!

One last thing, Brother Knights, there is one parishioner at Holy Rosary, Dr. Dave Nealy, who really caused me to understand what praying in front of an abortion mill means. He reminded me that even if it is only one person praying in front of an abortion mill, people notice; when you're not there, not a person notices that babies are being killed in there.

Brothers, Have a Blessed, Holy and Safe Christmas!

*The Natural Choice is Life*

## Holy Rosary Supports Our Troops!

During the first week of November, Brother Knight Mark Huehls informed the council via email that his daughter, Melissa Wheeler, was serving in the United State Air Force in Kuwait. Melissa had indicated to her dad that her unit was in a need of a few comforts of home, and Grand Knight Bob Evanich put the word out. Within a few weeks, Holy Rosary parishioners had donated enough comfort supplies to fill 13 boxes full. The council then contacted the American



Legion Post in Greenwood, and they agreed to foot the entire bill for shipping the boxes to Kuwait. So to make a long story short, Mark and his wife packed everything up and delivered it to the US Post office near the end of November and we got word last week that the goods arrived in great shape. Melissa sent us a great picture of her troops, and their thanks and appreciation.

Melissa joined the USAF shortly after graduating from high school. Her first assignment was at Grissom AFB in

northern Indiana for a little more than a year where she worked with base security. From Grissom she went to Langley AFB in Virginia. At Langley she had several assignments with the last being on the staff of the general officer in command of the base. The general awarded her The Air Force Achievement Medal for her work on staff.

After Langley, Melissa chose to go to Korea, the first of her 11 years of overseas assignments in Germany, Turkey, Iraq, and now Kuwait. She served another 3 times on the staff of a general officer and was awarded an achievement medal each time. Melissa and her husband live in Columbia, South Carolina where her husband is retiring from the Air Force in January and where Melissa plans to finish her career in the Air Force. Melissa and her husband are both 1st Sergeants, a job description not a rank. Melissa is a Master Sergeant, and her husband is a Senior Master Sergeant. We certainly thank them both for their service to our nation. God bless!



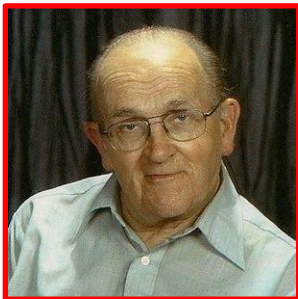
## **An Update from Church Chair, Gary Willen**

The Last Sunday in October 2011 brought a Vocations Event to the parish sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. During the Café Rosario time, several orders were present to parents and children as an affirmation of the religious life. Four orders of female religious were able to participate as well as two orders of male religious. Many children and parents spent time with the religious to be familiar with them and perhaps discuss vocation possibilities. The event was well attended.

During the Octave of All Saints, the Knights of Columbus were privileged to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Memorial Mass for its deceased members. There were several 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights present in full regalia. In addition, several widows of past 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights were presented with roses to place on the catafalque in memory of their loss. Many members of the Santo Rosario Knights were present as well for the Mass and following ceremony.

This Advent the Knights of Columbus sponsored an Evening of Reflection for women. In the past, this typically was provided for men only; however, the council decided that for Advent this year, the evening would be provided for women only. The evening opened with a social time in Priori Hall in which the light meal prepared by the Knights was served. Following the social/meal time, the ladies moved upstairs to the church for the remainder of the evening. Our own chaplain, Fr. Magiera, began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. John Hollowell provided the ladies with a reflection on Beauty. The time continued with some public prayer, an opportunity for confession, and concluded with Benediction.

## **Brother Knight Harry Neuendorf (July 8, 1928 – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011)**



Harry E. Neuendorf, 83, of Indianapolis, IN, died 12:30 PM, Thursday, December 8, 2011. Harry was born July 8, 1928 in Evansville, IN son of Emil and Matilda (Neudecker) Neuendorf. He was a US Army Veteran and a retired machinist with Witco Richardson Rubber Co. He attended Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Indianapolis and was a 1st Degree Knights of Columbus and an auxillary member of The Legion of Mary. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Margaret Ann (Lampert) Neuendorf in 1983, son, Joseph Hermann Neuendorf, and sisters Mildred Hudson and Betty Streichenwein and brothers Herman and Edgar Neuendorf.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean T. Earle of Greenwood, IN, son, Paul Neuendorf of Indianapolis; sister, Elsie Bengert; brothers, Jack Neuendorf and Jerry Neuendorf (Esther) all of Evansville, IN. and a sister in law, Charlotte Neuendorf of Evansville.

Our council met at the funeral home on the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup> and Grand Knight Bob Evanich lead mourners in the praying of the Holy Rosary. A Latin Requiem Mass was prayed for Harry on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and many Knights were in attendance. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to Brother Knight Paul Neuendorf and his entire family.

## Youth Activity Updates

Congratulations to Bryce Friederick, 13 Year Old Boys Indiana State Soccer Challenge Champion.

The K of C Free Throw Championship will be held on Sunday, January 8, 1:30 PM in the CYO Gymnasium. The contest is open to all Boys and Girls between the ages of 10 and 14 as of January 1, 2012. All contestants will need to bring a copy of their birth certificates.

## From Financial Secretary, SK Jay Stanley

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011 was another crazy one for our council! I logged over 550 hours of service to the parish and community through our activities. Our council continues to be a wonderful example of giving and dedication to our parish. I am quite proud of impact we are making at Holy Rosary. You all are truly men of God, and understand what it is really like to be a Knight. I know my records do not reflect the countless hours you all volunteer outside the council. A few examples of activities from the last quarter include 1<sup>st</sup> Friday adoration, a dinner for Monsignor, a vocations event, the Knight of Reflection for Women, Packages for Melissa, and a Knight in New Orleans. These are a few of the many activities in our council. The opportunities are there. Please try to latch on to one, and get involved! Thank you for your great work brother Knights!

Here is a list of some of the planned activities for the next quarter:

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| 1. Holy Family Shelter | 5. Café Rosario            | 9. Sanctity of Life Dinner |
| 2. Food Drive          | 6. Adoration (1st Fridays) | 10. Rosary for Life        |
| 3. Breakfast           | 7. 40 Days for Life        | 11. Free Throw Contest     |
| 4. Movie Knight        | 8. March for Life          |                            |

## Ask Father Magiera

Q: Lately I have been doing some reading about prayers for the dead, and importance of these prayers. I have a list of names that I try to remember to pray for every evening before bedtime and I always include the poor souls of purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them. My mother, was not Catholic, although she was a baptized Christian woman. I pray for her soul every night, and because I don't know where her soul is, I pray that she is in heaven. I feel a bit in err, to assume someone I love (that has died), is in heaven. As much as I hope and pray they are, I just don't know. Since my mom is not a Catholic, would it be wrong, or illicit, to ask for a Mass to be prayed for her?

A: It is perfectly fine to have Masses said for the repose of the souls of your beloved deceased. The Operation of God does not "depend" on any creature. The merits of the Mass can be applied to anyone. Regardless of denomination, Purgatory is a reality for everyone. Just because Protestants don't believe in it doesn't make it less real. We must proceed on the premise that our loved ones departed this life in a state of grace - unless one is certain that that isn't the case. That is very difficult, almost impossible to prove. For this, refer to Fr. Drew's 9/11 sermon. However, if a person had died in mortal sin, and maintained a state of "final impenitence," no number of Masses will get that soul into heaven. But, as I said, who can really KNOW this? Best to err on the side of Charity and do everything possible to see to that soul's ultimate union with God. God bless.

## From Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson



### **The Gospel demands not only an intellectual assent, but also the ‘yes’ of our hearts**

In his 1990 encyclical *Redemptoris Missio*, Blessed John Paul II wrote, “I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization. . . . No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty” (3).

Since these words were written, the challenge of a new evangelization has grown. The conversation within the Church regarding “this supreme duty” will reach a high point next year when a World Synod of Bishops meets to study this theme.

For those of us who are not theologians, we might reflect on a statement from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2010 Christmas message to understand why the Church is focusing attention on a new evangelization. “If the truth were a mere mathematical formula, in some sense it would impose itself by its own power,” the pope wrote. “But if Truth is Love, it calls for faith, for the ‘yes’ of our hearts.”

We can easily see that mathematics forces us to accept the truth it presents — two plus two must always equal four, and the sum of the angles of a triangle must always equal 180 degrees. The difficulty today is that many in our secular society are so caught up in this “scientific” way of thinking that they insist that God, too, must reveal himself to us in this way. And when he does not, they deny his existence.

But God does not present himself according to our plan; he presents himself according to his plan. And this, very simply, is the meaning of Christmas.

God reveals himself in the poverty of a manger in Bethlehem precisely to make clear that he will not impose himself on us. He comes as a child who is powerless, who is totally helpless. At that very instant, he is capable of evoking in us not merely an intellectual assent, but also, in the pope’s words, a “yes of our hearts” to a reality that “surpasses even our most daring hope.”

We glimpse this truth in the birth of every child whose parents realize that they are called by their child’s existence to love in a new way — a way that surpasses their prior experience and expectations. A helpless child can impose nothing but, merely by his presence, has the power to make an inestimable gift to his parents — the gift of awakening in them a greater love. And so the child, who has been given the gift of life by his parents, reciprocates in a mysterious way, giving his parents the gift of a greater life.

This is one reason why Blessed John Paul II placed such special emphasis on the family. He constantly reminded us that God, who is a communion of three persons, has in a mysterious way impressed the divine image within the very structure of family life.

The “yes of the heart” that the child evokes from his parents reveals in the natural order the mystery of human love that has the capacity through grace to respond with a similar “yes of the heart” to God.

A Truth that is Love calls not merely for an intellectual assent, but for a commitment of the entire person. It calls each of us to become more fully the person God intended by awakening our capacity to love in a greater way.

The communication of this Truth that is Love calls for the witness of those who have said “yes” with their hearts and whose “yes” can be seen in the example of their daily lives.

This is why the example of each brother Knight is vital to the new evangelization. Through our dedication to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we can express in a practical way this “yes of the heart.” Our works of charity can be a charity that evangelizes, expressing to those around us the Truth that is Love.

*Vivat Jesus!*

### **From our Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy**



As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focused shifts to those “golden” retired years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relaxing at home.

During my career as a field agent, I’ve had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to “dump” somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to “live on” or “leave on”?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family’s future, don’t leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who’s helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care and retirement products backed by the strength and security of a AAA-rated insurance provider.

I’m at 317-532-7330 or [don.murphy@kofc.org](mailto:don.murphy@kofc.org). Contact me – let’s talk.

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## **Volunteer Opportunities at Holy Family Shelter**

### **Volunteer – Guest Services**

Guest Service Volunteers offer a close relationship to the families staying at Holy Family Shelter. Persons interested in fulfilling this position must display excellent communication skills. Volunteers assist staff with the daily functions of the shelter. Duties may include filing, answering telephones, assisting donors with donations, and distributing hygiene items to residents. Guest Service Volunteers are generally scheduled 1x/wk or 2x/month for two to three hour shifts. We ask for a one year commitment for this position. All volunteers must complete an application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

### **Volunteer – Lunch/Dinner Servers**

Lunch/Dinner Servers provide assistance during weekend and holiday meal preparation. Duties may include food preparation, serving meals to residents, and cleaning the kitchen area. Lunch/Dinner Volunteers are generally scheduled one meal shift per month, but we also have opportunities from time to time for 1x meal volunteers. Lunch on weekends and holidays is at 1pm, and dinner is at 5pm. If your family or organization is interested in committing to any of these times please contact Emily.

### **Volunteer – Clothing/Donation**

Clothing/Donation Volunteers should be creative and detail oriented. Duties include inventory, sorting, and distributing donated items. Some bending and lifting is required. The Clothing/Donations Volunteers schedules are flexible.

### **Volunteer – Children’s Services**

Children’s Services Volunteers have many opportunities to assist the children and staff. These volunteers must be energetic and creative. Duties may include helping with childcare on evenings and weekends when classes are being held for the parents. Children’s Services volunteers have the opportunity to come in and host children’s activities such as arts and crafts, movies, dance, music, storytelling, etc. Children’s Services volunteers can be on an ongoing basis, or a one-time event. Must complete a volunteer application, and attend an orientation and tour to prepare for duty.

### **Volunteer – Repair/Maintenance**

Individuals who are skilled in the following areas would be a great resource:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Vehicle Maintenance
- General Home Repair

### **Group Work/Specialized Projects**

Groups and organizations may volunteer to host a holiday celebration, prepare and sponsor a meal, or organize crafts for residents. Groups may also consider helping with cleaning projects or offer to do a collection drive of items/money.

**For more information on Volunteering with Holy Family Shelter, please contact Emily Able at (317) 635-7830, ext. 19 or [eable@holyfamilyshester.net](mailto:eable@holyfamilyshester.net)**



## **Council Officers for 2011-2012**

Grand Knight	Bob Evanich
Deputy Grand Knight	Edwin Barron
Chancellor	Stephen ( Steve) Watt
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Magiera
Recorder	Timothy Rushenberg
Treasurer	Carlos Rivas
Advocate	Brian Murrey
Warden	Nino Morone
Inside Guard	Fred Feld
Outside Guard	Paul Neuendorf
3 Year Trustee	Don L. Murphy
2 Year Trustee	Don Benson
1 Year Trustee	Frank Oliver
Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley
Past Grand Knight	Don L. Murphy
Lecturer	Kurt Hostettler

## **Committee Chairs for 2011-2012**

Program Director	Jay Stanley
Church Director	Gary Willen
Community Director	Jerry Friederick
Council Director	Don Benson
Family Director	Edwin Barron
Youth Director	Vacant
Pro-Life Director	Jerry Mattingly
Membership Director	Frank Oliver