

# Council Crier



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**Next meeting Wednesday June 6th @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend**

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



As the fraternal year comes to an end, as well as my role as Grand Knight, I want to thank you for all of your support. It's been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight and if it wasn't for all that you do, our council could not achieve all that it does. I want to especially thank Brother Jay Stanley. Not only did he perform the duties of Financial Secretary – probably the most time consuming officer position, but also the role of Program Chair – probably the second most time consuming job within the council. We've had an active year, and without Jay keeping up on submitting the forms for our activities, we would fall short on our activity goals.

But, like I've mentioned before, we do not do activities to earn awards; we earn awards because we do activities. Whether an activity is focused on the council, community or church makes no difference to the number of brothers who volunteer endless hours to help with the activity or who come to participate in it. You guys are great! Many of our activities are built on ones we have done previously, however, we added several more this year such as the Women's Night of Reflection, Council Breakfast, Special Olympics Banquet and Corn-Hole Tournament, which I'm sure will be repeated in future years as well. Our latest activity, the Rosary Rally, which was inspired by Brother Frank Oliver's wife, Mary, not only involved our council, but was endorsed by the State Council and encouraged all Indiana Councils to participate. It is the vision that this will expand to Supreme next year!

Since the inception of our council, there have been occasions where a brother has experienced a financial challenge of some sort. Upon hearing about such situations, many other brothers reach into their pockets and gladly give to help their brother out. Although those in need never ask for anything, when they receive a financial gift from our council, they are overwhelmed with gratitude at the kindness of their fellow brothers. Because sometimes there may be an immediate need for help, a proposal was made at the May business meeting to create a general "help fund". Details of how this process will work are still being formed, however, the idea behind it is that anyone at anytime can make contributions to the fund so there will be money available for a brother in need.

Speaking of finances, you may recall that we had designated \$200 of the annual proceeds from our business meeting's 50/50 raffles to go to Gibault. At the May business meeting, we wrote a check to Gibault for \$200 and decided that we will not cap it at \$200 in future years. We also wrote a check for \$1000 for the State Council Ultrasound Initiative. The \$1000 was a combination of profits from Café Rosario and our Eleventh Hour Fund. Because of the impact

that an ultrasound image can have on a woman contemplating an abortion, we decided that we would continue to designate the profits from Café Rosario to the Ultrasound Initiative. I wrote a thank-you letter to the parishioners at Holy Rosary about this.

Please join me in welcoming the newest knight to our council, Bruce Konicek. Bruce is the head of Holy Rosary's *Spaghetti & Spirituality* Lenten series.

Please be sure to attend the June business meeting as we will be holding our election of officers for the next fraternal year. Also, please mark your calendars for our next social event, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Details of the June social event will be announced soon.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Bob Evanich, GK  
Santo Rosario Council

## **Council Elections – June 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Proposed slate of officers for 2012-2013**

Please remember that this is a proposed slate and nominations will be accepted up until we vote at our business meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Grand Knight	Edwin Barron
Deputy Grand Knight	Tim Rushenberg
Chancellor	Brian Murrey
Chaplain (Appointed)	Fr. Magiera
Recorder	Bob Collins
Treasurer	Carlos Rivas
Advocate	Gerald Schlundt
Warden	Fred Feld
Inside Guard	Paul Neuendorf
Outside Guard	Michael Huffman
3 Year Trustee, PGK	Bob Evanich
2 Year Trustee	Don Murphy
1 Year Trustee	Don Benson
Financial Secretary (Appointed by Supreme for 3 years)	Jay Stanley

## **From Financial Secretary Jay Stanley**

Wow! What a fraternal year we've had. It seems like we never stop. I recorded 1,800+ hours of service our council provided our parish and community. This includes activities in all areas, and certainly sets us up for another Star Council award. We'll see where we finish.

Examples this past quarter included our first Rosary Rally, showing of the Cosmic Origins movie, and a Special Olympics banquet. This was all while we were winding down at the end of the year!

The need for us to step up and participate has never been greater. We need for you to give us a hand. We need for you to not only help us with activities, but help us find new members to further our cause. We are true to our founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Find an opportunity to get involved, and pick at least one activity to give a hand. Share your experience with a friend that isn't a Knight and see what you can do to encourage them to become a brother Knight.

We have much to do. Thank you for your outstanding work brother Knights!

## **From Community Chairman Jerald Friederick**

The volunteering at Holy Family Shelter continues to go well. The Lorenz family, Keller family (another parish), OCampo family, Oliver family, Eric Slaughter, Steve Watt, and Charles Stevens, have served during the past 3 months.

Also, Republican candidate Richard Mourdock for US Senate visited the Catholic Homeschooling Convention at Holy Rosary which went well. I am hoping to have him back again this summer.

Lastly, I am hoping to have Congressman Mike Pence visit in the next few months, he is running for Governor.

## **Family of the Quarter**



Our Family of the Quarter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the fraternal year is the Rushenberg family! Tim is our Council Recorder and is married to Kristin (Bentley). For several years Kristin has been an active hot-line volunteer for Birthline. Tim is president of SRI Incorporated, a real estate tax-sale company. He is very active at Holy Rosary as a lecturer for the 4:30 and noon Masses, is on the Parish Council, and leads the committee working to 'save' the Italian Street Festival. Tim and Kristin have six children: Mary, John, Charlie, Maggie, Michael, and Joseph.

## **Council Night with the Indianapolis Indians**

The Santo Rosario Council invites you to attend an Indianapolis Indians game with us on July 13th. Please contact Don Benson at, don.benson@cummins.com, or 317-224-6823 or text message to order your tickets. We will be in section 107, and the price is \$12 per person. If your child is a knothole club member, they get the regular club discount.

## **Youth News**

Holy Rosary Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Santo Rosario Council, congratulate Rebecca Friederick, Eli Perry and Nicholas Mahoney for winning the State Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, respectively.

Their essays on “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society” have been submitted to the K of C Supreme Council to compete at the international level.

## **Special Olympics Dinner**

On Friday, April 13th, our council hosted a banquet for the Special Olympics Southside Storm. We provided the food, drinks and facility. The night included dancing and awards to the Special Olympics volunteers and athletes. Everyone had a good time. We hope to make this an annual event.



Grand Knight Bob Evanich of Council 14449 with Mike Heldman of the Indiana Special Olympics.

## **From Pro-Life Chairman Jerry Mattingly**

Brother Knights, on behalf of the Latino family of Holy Rosary parish and Holy Rosary Parish Pro Life Committee, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Council #14449 for donating \$ 150.00 toward the Our Lady Of Guadalupe (Prolife) Shrine, Thank You!

As summer approaches, so too the deadline for Catholic (Christian) institutions to comply with the mandate thrown down by the Obama Administration' HHS mandate, looms closer...August, 2012. Already two Catholic Colleges have dropped student health insurance coverage because of increased cost associated with this mandate, this is only the beginning. Kathleen Sebelius, of Health and Human Services (a (sic) catholic) has stated "we are at war"...meaning pro-choice, pro-abortion, un-natural marriage America is at war with the Catholic Church.

On June 8, 2012, there is to be another STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM rally at the Statehouse at Noon. Plan ahead! Do your best to be in attendance to show Obama that Christians are willing to accept his challenge to go to war, if necessary, for religious freedom. What does that mean? It means to be obedient.

Our Bishops have stated that we should be ready to act in civil disobedience. Think about that. What does that mean? Is it that simple? That we not comply with those mandates from Washington demanding Catholic institutions (and ordinary Catholics) be in compliance with HHS mandates? Or, because we have families to feed and can possibly lose our job, do we disregard what our bishops are asking and accept whatever Washington dictates? The bishops are asking us to be disobedient from a temporal perspective but what Catholics must do is be OBEDIENT...to Jesus Christ: "if you want to follow Me, take up your cross" so, who's ready to be that obedient? We have much to talk about; much to ponder.

Brother Knights, whether we realize it or not, this is a very serious issue. Try and attend the Stand Up For Religious Freedom rally, begin to talk about this very serious issue even before the rally, and pray! Pray like our religious freedom depends on it. There will be a Rosary procession like last time, 11:15 from Holy Rosary parking lot...hopefully it will be drier than last time.

## **Ask Father Magiera**

Q: I thought the church did away with abstaining from eating meat on Fridays except during Lent. I see some Catholics still practicing this even though lent is over. What's up with that?

A: The Church no longer requires one to abstain from meat on Fridays - except for the Fridays in Lent and Ash Wednesday. The Church used to require even a bit more than this, such as abstaining from meat on important vigils. Here's where we get happy Italian custom of "seven fishes" on Christmas Eve. Still, the Church desires that, if one does not abstain from meat on non-Lenten Fridays, one should put another act of penance in its place. Trouble is, this doesn't usually happen. If something is not REQUIRED it is not usually done. This is not to say that we can assume that those who do not abstain are not performing some other penance. How could anyone know that? So this is not written in judgment of them. One hopes that they are following the will of the Church by doing some act of penance in place of abstinence. Those Catholics who abstain from meat on Fridays are performing a meritorious work and following the will of the Church. It's a habit easily developed and, truth be told, not at all a burden.



## Rosary Rally

On May 13, our council participated in the first annual State Rosary Rally. The rally was a response to Our Lady of Fatima's request for reparation of sin through penance and the rosary, with the promise of Our Lady's protection from evil and establishment of peace in families and world affairs. The rally began with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary and silent prayer. Brother Jay Stanley led the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the prayer service concluded with Benediction. Father Dan Mahan led the service. There were about 130 people in attendance.



## From the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson



This month's issue of *Columbia* magazine explores the history of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico during the 1920s and '30s. This history has been hidden from the people of Mexico, and the real causes of the conflict have been ignored by many scholars. One textbook in the United States misleadingly portrays Catholics who fought against religious persecution in this way: "Leaders who emerged from the (Mexican) Constitutionalist movement ... fought off a challenge from armed Catholic traditionalists in the countryside. These devout counterrevolutionary peasants were called Cristeros."

The articles in this issue set the record straight, both as to the real cause of the violence and the peaceful efforts of the Knights of Columbus on both sides of the border to defend religious liberty in Mexico.

The persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico began when the administration of Mexican President Plutarco Calles took punitive measures to silence priests and bishops, confiscate Church property and close Catholic schools. When the archbishop of Mexico City spoke out against such measures, his residence and the chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe were bombed.

In his 1926 encyclical concerning the persecution of Catholics in Mexico, titled *Iniquis Afflictisque*, Pope Pius XI denounced the forces of “barbarism” that led to this violent persecution of Catholics. He praised the peaceful resistance of many lay organizations saying, “First of all we mention the Knights of Columbus which is found in all states of the Republic and fortunately is made up of active and industrious members who, because of their practical lives and open profession of the Faith, as well as by their zeal in assisting the Church, have brought great honor upon themselves.”

Indeed, thousands of Mexican Knights sacrificed much for religious liberty. Many lost their lives, and some of these martyrs — both laymen and priests — have been beatified or canonized by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Knights in the United States also led a national campaign to end the violence against Catholics in Mexico.

Today in the United States, it is impossible to recall these events without thinking of current threats to religious liberty, including the Obama administration’s insistence that contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs be included in the health insurance programs of Catholic organizations. This federal mandate is backed by the threat of millions of dollars in fines if Catholic organizations refuse to comply as a matter of conscience.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, earlier this year stated, “We have become certain of two things: religious freedom is under attack, and we will not cease our struggle to protect it.”

As a result of the firestorm of controversy surrounding the mandate, the president announced what he described as an “accommodation” for religious organizations. After studying what the president described as his “concession,” however, constitutional scholars and our bishops concluded that the mandate remained unacceptable, unconstitutional and illegal.

The White House more recently invited representatives of the bishops to meet and discuss the president’s mandate. But when they asked whether the meeting would consider their fundamental concerns about religious liberty, the bishops’ representatives were told that these concerns “are all off the table.”

Thankfully, when our public officials refuse to talk to us, we can have recourse through the courts and the ballot box.

Cardinal Francis E. George, the past president of the bishops’ conference, has concluded from the intransigence of the Obama administration that it wants Catholics to “give up” our schools, hospitals and charitable ministries.

Similarly, Cardinal Dolan has predicted that Catholics will “have to prepare for tough times.” We have already witnessed an increase in hate speech against Catholics and smear campaigns against our leaders. Anti-Catholic bigots and their allies in the media can be expected to increase their attacks.

Recalling the witness of our brother Knights in Mexico, we think of the words of the Prophet Daniel: “The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever” (Dn 12:3).

It would be a mistake to assume that Knights in the United States will be less faithful today. In the words of Cardinal Dolan: “We did not ask for this fight, but we will not run from it.”

Vivat Jesus!

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



### Four parts of retirement: Phase Two

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more. I'm at 317-532-7330 or [don.murphy@kofc.org](mailto:don.murphy@kofc.org).

Don R Murphy, FIC Knights of Columbus Insurance



### Council Officers for 2011-2012

### Committee Chairs for 2011-2012

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Chaplain  
Recorder  
Treasurer  
Advocate  
Warden  
Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
3 Year Trustee  
2 Year Trustee  
1 Year Trustee  
Financial Secretary  
Past Grand Knight  
Lecturer

Bob Evanich  
Edwin Barron  
Steve Watt  
Fr. Michael Magiera  
Timothy Rushenberg  
Carlos Rivas  
Brian Murrey  
Nino Morone  
Fred Feld  
Paul Neuendorf  
Don L. Murphy  
Don Benson  
Frank Oliver  
Jay Stanley  
Don L. Murphy  
Kurt Hostettler

Program Director  
Church Director  
Community Director  
Council Director  
Family Director  
Youth Director  
Pro-Life Director  
Membership Director

Jay Stanley  
Gary Willen  
Jerry Friederick  
Don Benson  
Edwin Barron  
Vacant  
Jerry Mattingly  
Frank Oliver



## **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)**