

KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS COUNCIL  
1166 BEDFORD, IN



## Wedding

### Anniversaries

Mark & Katherine  
Welsh 3/04

**34 Years**

Pilar and Diana  
Holguin 3/13

**27 Years**

Thomas and Pat  
Robinson 3/15

**10 Years**

Anthony and Peggy  
Reitman 3/20

**30 Years**

Timothy and Jessica  
Collins 3/21

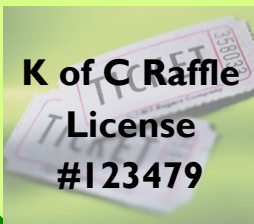
**3 Years**

Bobby and Becky  
Whitfield 3/22

**32 Years**

Brian and Jessica  
Guetig 3/27

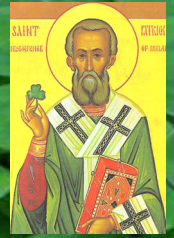
**10 Years**



# The Knightly News

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## From the Grand Knight

My Brother Knights,

We have had a great fraternal year thus far bringing new members into our order. We have had a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification the second month of each quarter since last August and in those three have had four to five new members each time. In regard to new membership, we are meeting our goals, and just the addition of members alone is a good and powerful story. It shows that we are relevant to those who look at us – it shows that we are doing the right things as far as those who observe us – and it shows that our core values resonate to people who are not yet even members. There is much more to our exemplification ceremonies than bringing in new members, but even in this we can celebrate as the more men and families we have moving in the same direction, the more impact we can have on our Church, our community, and our country.

As Grand Knight I have the privilege of interviewing our prospective new members and discussing what we are about, and I can tell you with confidence that our core values are bringing people to us. Our core values are ageless, fundamentally good, and when we are free and open about these

values people hear and they want to be a part of that. The men of our church are good men, who like us are looking for something bigger than themselves to serve; and when they are ex-



Grand Knight Jim Parsch

posed to our core values, they are drawn to us because we serve something bigger than ourselves. In our words as we speak of our core values of CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, and PATRIOTISM; and in our deeds as we live true to these values; we inspire people to join us as we model a way of life that is good for God, our families, and our country.

I would like to point you all in the direction of our exemplifications for an opportunity to learn and to serve better – to be a better man. I would like to remind you all of the ceremonials you experienced in becoming a Knight and to let you know that those ceremo-

nials never cease to impact your life whether you are attending your second exemplification or your 70<sup>th</sup>. Please come to every 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification we have and bring a piece of the ceremony home with you to work on to improve your life as a Christian man, a husband, father, or citizen. If you miss a ceremony, no problem, come to the next one or the next one – we are not going to stop. First Tuesday of the second month of every quarter: February, May, August, and November. We always enjoy food and fellowship after these meetings – they are always outstanding meetings.

To make great even greater, we will be hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplifications on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be hosting the event at the St. Vincent's Parish Life Center and it promises to be well attended with candidates from around the region as well as our own. I encourage every member to attend to refamiliarize yourself with these beautiful ceremonies that never fail to bring our core values to life, sometimes in the most unconventional ways.

Come back to your roots as a Knight and join us at these events!

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

*Jim Parsch*, GK

Brother Knights, a call to action from our leadership. Please do your part.

FYIC-Jim Parsch GK

**Worthy State Deputy:**

I write to you regarding a matter of utmost importance to the Catholic Church in the United States.

On January 20th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), made a final decision that would force Catholic institutions to provide health insurance that includes all FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, including several drugs that cause an early abortion by interfering with the implantation of a newly-conceived human being. This mandate poses a very serious threat to the religious freedom of Catholics and Catholic institutions.

You will recall that the delegates at our 129th Supreme Convention in Denver last year unanimously passed a resolution pledging our support for freedom of conscience in health care. Now is the time to make that pledge of support a reality.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is urging Catholics and all citizens to contact their elected leaders to let them know they want religious liberty and rights of conscience restored and the administration's contraceptive mandate rescinded. Please encourage all Knights and their families in your jurisdiction to send an email to their elected representatives in Congress by visiting [www.kofc.org/rights](http://www.kofc.org/rights). Sample language has been provided urging elected

leaders to co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179 / S.1467). This bi-partisan legislation will ensure that federal mandates do not penalize or discriminate against religious believers.

The Knights of Columbus will never waver in our opposition to any governmental action or policy that forces our citizens to violate their deeply-held moral and religious convictions.

Fraternally,

*Carl A. Anderson*  
Supreme Knight



## Offering to Saint Joseph



The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin

Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Fathers, in particular, should cultivate devo-

tion to Saint Joseph, whom God Himself chose to care for His Son. As the foster father of Jesus and the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph protected the Holy Family from harm. In this prayer, we ask Saint Joseph to protect us, especially at the hour of our death.

*~ Deacon Dave Reising*

Saint Joseph we ask thee to receive us as thy children. Next to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, of which thou art the faithful copy, we acknowledge that there is no heart tenderer, more compassionate than yours. What, then, have we to fear, or, rather, for what should we not hope, if thou would be our model, our father, and our mediator? Refuse not, then, this favor, O powerful protector! We ask it of thee by the love thou hast for Jesus and Mary. Into thy hands we commit our souls and bodies, but above all at the last moments of our lives. May we, after having honored and imitated you revered you and eternally sing with you the mercies of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

## Welcome New Members

*Brother Knights- Join us in welcoming new members into our council. Those making their 1st Degree on February 7th include: Dustin Bunch, Steve Cox, Charlie Craig, and our Brothers from the*

*Bloomington Council: Ben Schershel and Glen Sternburger.*

*Congratulations and welcome to the Knights of Columbus!*



## March Birthdays



Please join us in wishing these Brother Knights a Happy March Birthday:

Gregory Stokes

Scott Kaufman

Michael Miskuf DDS

Philip Concannon

Paul Stiles

Charles Pearson

Carey Carlisle

Sam Craig

Carl Gootee

Patrick Jackson

William Sleva

Scott Quaas

Mark Coressel

Rev. John Breidenbach

Robert Esboldt

Carl East

Brendon Young

## KofC Free-throw Regionals

District 29 participated in the Regional Championship. Ryan Howell took First Place in the Boys 14 year old category and will go on to compete at the State Championship. Katie Sims took Second Place in the Girls 11 Year old category. Macey Baxter took Second Place in the Girls 14 year old category.

All three contestants are from Loogootee.

This years competition was unique in the fact that there were Five Tie Breaker shoot-outs.

Most of the competitors made between 15 to 20 baskets out of 25 shot.

*Bob Kostin*



Brother Knights,

Bob Kostin, Fr Rick Eldred and I met with Marcy Pedersen of the Hope Resource Center Pregnancy Care facility to formulate

plans for establishing a free ultra sound service for pregnant women. It has been proven that 95% of abortion minded expectant mothers decided to carry their child to full term after seeing the baby's image on an ultra sound machine. We are exploring options on where to locate the service, the legal regulations we must comply with in terms of the facility, trained and certified ultra sound nurses and/or operators and medical doctors being available during hours of operation. We are determining which path best suits the needs of Lawrence County and surrounding areas. We are also researching which ultra sound unit to purchase. We are considering a mobile unit that can bring the service to many different locations. This would be in addition to a permanently located unit in Bedford. Lastly, once we have made a decision which ultra sound machine and which facility to use, we will begin a funds drive to purchase the machines and to modify a facility and purchase the machines.

Also, over twenty Council 1166 Brother Knights and their Ladies have signed up to participate in the 40 Days For Life campaign in Bloomington during this Lent. Many babies have been saved over the last few years through the silent prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood facility. This is truly a blessing to those who stand the watch and participate in this campaign.

Vivat Jesus!

*Bill Brenner* Pro-Life Director

## Pro-Life Update





For Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 2011

Council Number 1166 Location Bedford IN  
city/town state/province

**I. NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING YEAR:**

1. Regular	12
2. Social	12
3. Special	12

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD** 36

**II. ACTIVITY EXPENSE**

DOLLARS ONLY:

1. a. Printing and Postage	1605
b. Food and Refreshments	790
c. Prizes	409
d. Projects	11405
e. Entertainment	2139
f. Miscellaneous	0

**TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES** 16348

**III. CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS:**

**Church Activities**

DOLLARS ONLY:

1. a. Church Facilities	6868
b. Catholic Schools	300
c. Religious Education	220
d. Seminarians/RSVP	788
e. Seminaries	200
f. Vocations Projects	100
g. Miscellaneous	0

**Total Church Disbursements** 8476

**Community Activities**

DOLLARS ONLY:

2. a. Elderly	125
b. Physically Disabled	0
c. Special Olympics	0
d. Intellectual Disabilities	6079
e. Human Needs	320
f. Victims of Disasters	0
g. Hospitals/Institutions	0
h. Health and Service Organizations	200
i. Community-wide Projects	1691
j. Habitat for Humanity Projects	0
k. Miscellaneous	0

**Total Community Disbursements** 8415

**Pro-Life Activities**

DOLLARS ONLY:

3. a. Donations	200
b. Hall usage	900
c. Birthright	0
d. Baby showers	0
e. Baby bottle campaign	0
f. Memorials to unborn children	0
g. Ultra-sound program	0

**Total Pro-Life Disbursements** 1100

**Youth Activities**

DOLLARS ONLY:

4. a. Columbian Squires	0
b. Scouting	150
c. Youth Groups	320
d. Youth Welfare/Services	0
e. Athletics	0
f. Scholarships/Education	1000
g. Miscellaneous	0

**Total Youth Disbursements** 1470

**TOTAL CHARITABLE (Church, Community, Pro-Life and Youth) DISBURSEMENTS** 19461

**IV. FRATERNAL COMMITMENT:**

1. Number of visits to:	
a. Sick	620
b. Bereaved	580

**Total Visits** 1200

2. Number of blood donors	62
3. Habitat for Humanity Projects	79

**Estimated hours of volunteer service:**

4. a. Church	10860
b. Community	6522
c. Youth	3214
d. Habitat for Humanity	632
e. Miscellaneous	0

**Total Volunteer Hours** 21228

**Estimated hours of fraternal service:**

5. Sick/disabled members and their families	510
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(Signed) James T. Parsch II 2534362  
(Grand Knight)

(Signed) John E. Abel 348918  
(Financial Secretary)

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## March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Fish Fry: Dwyer Bar: Heffernan Family Night 7:00 pm	3
4	5 Bingo: Esboldt Pulltab: G. Stanley Bartender: Heffernan	6 1st Degree Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8	9 Fish Fry: Heffernan Bar: Whipple Family Night 7:00 pm Euchre Tourney 7:00 pm	10
11	12 Bingo: May Pulltab: J. Abel Bartender: Whipple	13	14	15	16 Fish Fry: Parsch Bar: J. Abel Family Night 7:00 pm	17
18	19 Bingo: Kostin Pulltab: Steber Bartender: Whipple	20 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22	23 Fish Fry: Brenner Bar: G. Stanley Family Night Pitch-In 7:00 pm	24
25	26 Bingo: Esboldt Pulltab: Crandall Bartender: Ikerd	27 Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm	28	29	30 Fish Fry: J. Stanley Bar: Ikerd Family Night 7:00 pm	31