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"The Snow Advisory" ... A Message from Grand Knight Tony Snow

It is an exciting start to a great fraternal year. I sometimes feel like a juggler who while juggling, his buddies keep handing him items to get into the ever exciting juggling act. This is not a complaint, rather an indication that there are a lot of things going on and we are starting to hit on all cylinders. It is an exciting time for your council, and the time is now to get on board with the many service projects we are planning.

We are planning to paint Craig Willy Hall on the 30th. This is just an example of being good parish citizens and part of a larger parish community. Giving to our parishes and clergy is our primary mission. There are several brother Knights who serve in lay ministry, serving on parish council teams and committees and those who will make Fall Festival, Mardi de Monfort and all other parish functions run smooth with motivated and joyous volunteerism. Let's continue to look to our less active brothers... we all know them... to get them involved with this momentum. In this same vein, we are organizing monthly or semi-monthly parish dinners in the same fashion as the fish fries. Your community director, social director and committee director are working out details to make this a reality. Please support, through volunteerism, these worthwhile events for the council by not waiting to be asked...rather ask to be included! As always, I will lead by example. I WANT IN!

On a business note, committee reports are due prior to the 1st Monday of each month. August reports are due by July 31st. You may report as often as you like, items to include are key milestone dates, resource needs, accomplishments and challenges. I would hate to leave out an important event because a report failed to make it to the council directors.

Currently there is an initiative to get non-dues paying members retained or removed from our rolls. These 150 people are costing the council \$3,000 per year. The officers are attempting to make contact, determine if any issue or hardship exists, and work to retain these brothers. We are offering for them to pay 2005 dues and we will forgive all arrearages. They will be current. If you are asked by a fallen brother why an officer of the council is trying to call them, you are now "in the loop". Retention is everyone's business! Thank you to Steve Chalko and Matt King for heading up this effort.

To all of you, remember, service is what this council is built upon and its' purpose for existence... Let's continue the great momentum we have started and put this council on the map! We will not be at our goal until all of us can say with confidence...Fishers Council #6923 is a proud, active and vibrant council.

Vivat Jesus!
Grand Knight Tony Snow

Summer Blood Drive



Did you know that 1 pint size donation
will save 3 lives?

Wouldn't it be cool to be a hero 3 times over?

You CAN be a hero at the next Knights sponsored blood drive.
All Knights and their family and friends are welcomed
and encouraged to make a donation.

Sat., Aug. 20
7:30 AM to Noon
Craig Willy Hall

Requirements are as Simple as ABC!

- A) At least 17 years old
- B) Weight a minimum of 110 lbs.
- C) Be in good health

The goal is 50 Pints!
Help reach that goal and
save lives in the process!

**Notify chairman Ron Wesley to
fill in a donation time slot.**

Right to Life of Indianapolis (RTL) Banquet

Want to support one of the major initiatives (and basic fundamentals) of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus? Plan to attend the annual RTL Banquet held at the Indianapolis Convention Center on Tues., Sept. 27 beginning at 6:00 PM. Your council, for the 8th consecutive year, has sponsored two tables to support his event. Join the thousands that evening as we celebrate life and find out ways to protect life from conception to natural death. At this date, Father Pat Click, our chaplain and SLDM pastor, and Elizabeth Bridgewater, Executive Director of Birthright of Cicero, one of our adopted pro-life causes, will join us. The cost for the evening, which includes a social hour, dinner and speaker, is \$45. Please contact Larry Kunkel for more info and to reserve your spot by August 15.

**"The Gospel of Human Life is for
the whole of human society.
To be actively Pro-Life is to
contribute to the renewal of
society through the promotion
of common good."**

The late Pope John Paul II

KNIGHTS IN THE KNEWS



July Knight of the Month - Mike Lecluyer
July Family of the Month - Jim Rogers

New Baby Fellow Knight Marc Gavin, and his wife Jen, welcomed the birth of a baby daughter, Abbey. Abbey was born July 19 and came into the world weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Baby and Mom are doing great!

Fr. Allen Passed Away Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Allen. Fr. Allen was the founding Chaplain of our council as well as the founding Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort.

Shining Knight Awarded The council's newest Shining Knight Award Winner is Ethan Repper! Ethan has completed all of the requirements of First Degree Knights to receive the award. Way to go Ethan!

Nice Job Pokerface! Fellow brother Alan Artale finished 7th in last month's Charity Texas Hold 'em Tournament. Way to go Alan!

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS



This Month

Sun., July 31 Committee Reports Due to grandknight@insightbb.com
 Mon., Aug. 1 Officer Meeting in Clubroom (Starting at 7:00 PM)
 Mon., Aug. 8 Business Meeting in Craig Willy Hall (Starting with Rosary at 7:45 PM)
 Sun., Aug. 14 Lake Erie Fishing Trip with John Solek (Through Tues., Aug. 16)
 Mon., Aug. 15 Deadline to Make Reservation for Right to Life of Indianapolis Banquet
 Sat., Aug. 20 Summer Blood Drive at Clubroom (7:30 AM to Noon)
 Sun., Aug. 21 Kids Fishing Outing at Doug and Kevin Moore's Pond in Sunblest (Starting at Noon)
 Mon., Aug. 22 1st Degree Ceremony and Social Meeting in Craig Willy Hall (Starting at 7:30 PM)

Future

Wed., Aug. 31 Committee Reports Due to grandknight@insightbb.com
 Tues., Sept. 27 Right to Life of Indianapolis Banquet at The Indiana Convention Center (Starting at 6:00 PM)
 Sun., Oct. 9 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonies at Mater Dei Council (Starting at Noon)

Charity Golf Scramble in Planning Stage The council's annual Charity Golf Scramble is in the works. The date of this year's scramble will be Thurs., Sept. 8th at Bear Slide G.C. in Cicero. All are invited to play, volunteer, and/or sponsor the event. Proceeds from this special event go directly towards our council's various charity contributions. Notify Tom Axon if you wish to be a part of the Organizing Committee, play in the tournament, be a sponsor, provide a raffle item, or volunteer with tournament operations.

Food Pantry Drive

Our council will be collecting canned and dry food items at our August & September business meetings as well as at Masses in September (dates to be determined) to contribute to the St. Louis de Montfort Food Pantry. So please bring an item or two to the next couple of business meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeff Franciski.

Council T-Shirts

Many of you have requested that the council see about ordering council logoed t-shirts as a causal alternative to the logoed polos. Well, you've been heard! The shirts that will be ordered will be gray with the K of C logo and council name/number placed on the left chest, similar to the polos. The cost will be \$10 a shirt. If interested, please let Jeff Franciski know how many and what size. Special thanks to Marc Gavin and his company, Shumsky, for making his services available for this endeavor.

Knights Softball Way to go Knights Softball teams! Both teams made it to the Championship Game and finished 2nd in the Morse Beach Park Spring Softball League Tournament! The council will field one team during the Fall League. All those interested in playing should contact Manager Larry Kunkel or Manager Ron Wesley.

State Golf Tournament Last month, Ron Wesley, Tom Axon, Larry Kunkel, and Ron Kunkel (Larry's brother and a fellow Knight from the Brookville council) represented our Fishers council in the two-day K of C State Golf Tournament that was held at Saddlebrook and Sahm Golf Courses. The guys represented the council well and had a great time!

Lake Erie Fishing Trip John Solek is taking a group of kids and adults from Gibault to Lake Erie for a walleye and perch fishing trip. The group will leave on Sun., Aug. 14 and return on Tues., Aug. 16. The cost is \$86 for adult with child. If you're interested in joining the group, please notify John for the details.

ETHICS, VALUES & the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

The March issue of the COLUMBIA magazine contained an article by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson about building a better world titled *Ethics, Values and the Knights of Columbus*. If you did not get to read the article, I would like to pass on several parts of the article to you.

Supreme Knight Anderson says: "I would like to suggest that contrary to the impression given by recent scandals in the business world, not only is it possible to conduct business from a moral standpoint, but it is possible to do so in a way that is successful. Furthermore, I think Catholics have an important contribution to make in this area and there are lessons that may be learned in this regard from the experience of the Knights of Columbus".

He further states that "During the past decade the Knights of Columbus is one of only six insurance companies out of approximately 1,700 in North America that has received the highest ratings from Standard and Poor's and A.M. Best as well as the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association".

"Particular attention is paid to the product lines of companies whose debt and equity security we consider. In this regard the Knights of Columbus use six criteria to screen our investments: abortion, contraception, pornography, for-profit health care, embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. As a result there nearly 60 companies on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ that we will not invest in".

GOOD REASONS TO CONTACT YOUR FIELD AGENT KEVIN LATHROP AT:
 (317) 357-6683 or klath57@aol.com

Kids Fishing Outing



The annual Kids Fishing Outing is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 21 at Doug and Kevin Moore's neighborhood pond in Sunblest, starting at Noon. John Solek has a great day planned for all of the young anglers.

All Knights and their families are welcome to participate. Bring a rod and reel. If you don't have one, that's OK, John will have some supplies to use.

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