

# The Shield

**June 2025**

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Brother Knights,

Council 451 held its election of officers this month. We are fortunate to have members who want to lead the Council into the future. Dennis Holp will be Grand Knight; Sean Digan will be Deputy Grand Knight and Vince Lochbihler will become Advocate. Joe Mikolay will remain as Treasurer, Mike Ripley as recorder, Jason Gabet as Chancellor, Gene Delaney as Warden, Blaine Ryan as Inside Guard and Chuck Smith as Outside Guard. This year's trustees will be Dennis Redding, Bruce Bennett and myself. Doug Baisinger has been appointed by supreme and will remain as Financial Secretary. Thank you all for your time and effort.

I have served as a delegate to the K of C State convention four times now, I must say I have been honored to represent Council 451 for the past four years. The more times I attend the more I understand what the Knights of Columbus organization is all about. It is also a great way to develop relationships and learn what other Councils are doing. Thanks to the Council for supporting the State K of C.

In less than a week Council 451 will hold its Awards & Recognition Dinner at Goeglein's Reception Hall. I hope those attending enjoy sharing this important fraternal event with their fellow Knights and spouses.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jack Wehrly, Grand Knight Council 451



|    | June  |    | July  |
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| 2  | Appreciation Awards Dinner - Georgelin's Banquet Hall     | 2  | Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon                            |
| 4  | Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon                            | 4  | Independence Day  |
| 7  | Blood Drive - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church       | 7  | 6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center                  |
| 9  | 8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights | 14 | 8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights |
| 24 | 8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights | 19 | Habitat for Humanity Build                                |
| 28 | Habitat for Humanity Build                                | 22 | 8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights |
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### **Deceased Member**

Please remember all the deceased brother Knights in your prayers.

### **From the Financial Secretary:**

I would like to thank all the Brother Knight's that have paid their 2025 dues. There are still 9 Brother Knights who have not paid their 2025 dues. Your dues are now past due and must be paid immediately for you to stay in good standing with the Council. Your dues are \$41.00 and should be mailed to the following address:

Knights of Columbus Council 451  
P.O. Box 15296  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

I have tried contacting all of you by phone and email several times. I need you to contact me to let me know your intent in staying as a Council member in good standing. If you are experiencing a financial hardship at this time and do not think you can pay your dues contact me at Doug Baisinger at 260-450-0804, text, or email me at [dbaisinger@gmail.com](mailto:dbaisinger@gmail.com).

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Doug



### **Prayers for Brother Knights**

*Brother Knights, please pray for the following Brother Knights or family members:*

Mike Bonaham, Larry Delaney, Teri Dennison, A J Drew, Elsie Faghih, Justin Fralick, Michael Friend, Caroline Grote, Dave Grote, John Hackman, George Kessen, Sr. Mirian Kessens SSND, Jo Ellen Koehl, Patty Kohrman, Tony Kraft, Lillian Krider, John Londt, Don Luther & Sharon Luther, Kathleen Magasam, Family of Jay Nelson, Bill & Kathy Palmersheim, the Tom Pycz family, Jill Redding, Keith Robertson, Janet Rose, Carl Sabo, Emily & John Sasser, Ann Schwartz, Ray & Tony Shot, Colin Smith, Roger Steup, John Thieme, Barbara Tratnyek, Janet Waldschmidt, Richard Wallace, Ed Welling, Sheila Welling and Frank Yeranko.

Pray for all the brother Knights sick or in distress, those confined to nursing homes and all deceased brother Knights.

Pray for all the Priests of our Diocese and for all Seminarians studying for the priesthood.

Please pray for our military.

***If there are changes to this list, (additions or deletions), please notify any officer.***



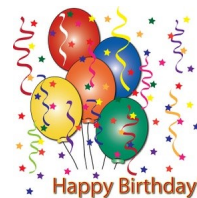
### **First Wednesday of The Month Mass**

The first Wednesday of each month Steve Lutz, State Knights of Columbus Veterans Affairs Chairman and Dr. Thomas Ryan PGK sponsor the noon Mass at the Fort Wayne VA Hospital at 2121 Lake Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805.

They would like for you to join them on June 4, 2025 and each following month. Steve will greet you at the main entrance and direct you to the Mass location. Brother Knights from other Councils have been attending and they look forward to seeing you.

### **Happy June Birthdays**

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| David Beneke      | Michael Kohrman        |
| Steve Bentz       | John Leeuw             |
| Andy Bernhard     | Vince Lochbihler       |
| Todd Briscoe      | Thomas Lonergan        |
| Britton Burkhardt | David Lonsway          |
| John Chodacki     | Edward Lubomirski, Jr. |
| Tom Christle      | Robert Ludwig          |
| John Flood        | Gary Mackela           |
| John Gill         | John Magsam            |
| Andrew Grote      | Philip Miguel, Sr.     |
| Kevin Gruszczyk   | Matthew Nelson         |
| Mike Havens       | Derek Pillie           |
| Jerome Henry      | Justin Purdy           |
| John Higgins      | Edward Schmieman       |
| James Keating     | Rev. Thomas Shoemaker  |



Samuel Sliger  
Vince Speciale  
Art Tonsing  
Joseph Tratnyek  
William Tropmann  
Richard Wallace



### **Monthly Mass & Breakfast !**

Our monthly Knights Mass and Breakfast has expanded to the second Monday and forth Tuesday of the month. We meet at St. Charles for 8:15A.M. Mass, and follow Mass with breakfast at Lakeside Cafe. All Knights and potential Knights are welcome to join us for this faith and fellowship opportunity. If you have any questions, call or text Darren Schortgen at (260)385-7603.

Please join us on Monday, June 9 and/or June 24, 2025

Dennis Holp, Tom Ryan, Dennis Redding & Jack Palmersheim being presented vintage Knights of Columbus "Blood Drive" pins by Doug Baisinger at our monthly meeting on May 5th. These pins were for the hard work for organizing and donating many units blood. Great work guys!



*Photo provided by Doug Baisinger*

## Can Crushers Schedule



**May 25-31:** Bruce Bennett  
**June 1- 7:** Joe Lauer  
**June 8-14:** Tony Hasselschwert  
**June 15-21:** Dave Lothamer  
**June 22-28:** Chuck Smith  
**June 29-July 5:** OPEN



If you would like to volunteer your time to help crush can please contact Jason Gabet at 260-403-6230 or gabet60@aol.com.

**Remember all funds collected from the cans go to support Gibault.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 10444

# HOG ROAST

DINE IN & CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE

**BENEFIT FOR ANDY BAUMERT**

SATURDAY JUNE 7 11 AM - 3 PM

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MONROEVILLE, IN

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## Habitat for Humanity Builds 2025

Council 451 will have two upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build Days this summer. They will be at homes in Downtown Fort Wayne. We will need 5 volunteers each of the two days from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Subway Lunch will be provided at the end of the shifts. The first Build Day will be on Saturday June 28 and the second Build Day will be on Saturday July 19. If you are interested in volunteering for this very rewarding cause, please contact Justin Purdy via email at [purdjd01@gmail.com](mailto:purdjd01@gmail.com).



The winner of the 2025 St. Charles Knights of Columbus Scholarship is **Nicholas James Steigmeyer**. Nicholas will receive \$750 applied to his tuition at Bishop Dwenger HS.

Congratulations Nickolas on a job well done!



## Anthony Wayne Assembly Fourth Degree News

Hi,

We held our meeting on Tuesday May 13. We are getting more 4th Sir Knights attending which is great. We elected our officers and discussed the Honor Guard locations for May. We are going to enter our float in the Memorial Day Parade on May 26. All Knights wishing to ride in the float need to be in the east end of the Coliseum parking lot at 6:30. Other 4th items were discussed. Our next meeting will be at the St. Vincents Boy Scout lodge for Flag folding on June 10th at 6:30. We will have an honorary burning ceremony of the Flags Sat. June 14th at 5:30 adjacent to the Scout lodge. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Dave Barrett  
Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239



*Meetings are held at the Saint Mother T. Guerin Chapel basement on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.*



## O Beautiful Mother

On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, Council 451 participated in the O Beautiful Mother ceremony at the Marian grotto of the Catholic Cemetery to honor our Blessed Mother. The event was organized by Jessica Schuster and officiated by Father Nathan Maskal, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven.

It included a living rosary led by children along with prayers and Marian hymns sung by the Ecce Young Adult Choir. It culminated with the beautiful tradition of a May crowning by a first communicant.

She processed through the crowd and placed a beautiful array of flowers upon the Blessed Mother statue.

Children and adults then followed, placing single stems and bouquets of flowers around Our Lady symbolizing devotion to Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. Knights assisting in this event included: Tom Keefer, Steve Lutz, and Jack Wehrly. Sir Knights Pete Duran, Richard Burton and Dennis Redding from the fourth degree of the Anthony Wayne Assembly provided an honor guard.



Fr. Maskal leads the Rosary as elementary students recite the Hail Marys during the living Rosary



Fr. Nathan Maskell leads the worshipers in pray



Procession to the statute of Mary



The statue of Mary is crown to the tune of "Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May"



Closing hymn with honor guard



The Ecce Youth Choir and Fourth Degree Honor Guard







## Knights of Columbus Indiana State Convention 2025



The 124 Indiana State Knights of Columbus convention was held in French Lick, Indiana on April 25-27, 2025. Council 451 was well represented by Deputy Grand Knight Dennis Holp, Financial Secretary Doug Baisinger, Chaplain Rob Lortie and his wife Vicki and Grand Knight Jack Wehrly and his wife Lady Sis. Also, from Council 451 representing the State were District Deputy Dr. Tom Ryan and Past Veteran's Affairs Chairman and PGK Steve Lutz.

A couple of highlights: The Delegates voted to increase the dues by \$1 while an additional \$3 increase was voted down. Next years Convention will be back in Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Center. And our own Doug Baisinger was appointed to be a delegate to the Supreme Convention this August in Washington D.C. Lastly, State Treasurer, Ryan Borden resigned his position for personal reasons, Mike Lewis State Warden and Ryan Grill State Advocate moved up in positions and a new State Advocate, Jeff Emminger was elected.



Michelle Madley President of Gibault addressing Knights @ State Banquet on Sat Night



DD Tom Ryan presenting check to Gibault during Sunday's parade of checks



Steve Lutz giving an update on the State Veteran's committee at State Banquet



Jack Wehrly giving Gibault a check for \$1800.00



Nick Goralcezyk our insurance agent named Agent of the Year at State Banquet



Left to right Steve Lutz, Sis Wehrly, Jack Wehrly, Dennis Holp, Doug Baisinger, Vicki Lortie, Deacon Lortie, and Tom Ryan. Representing Council 451



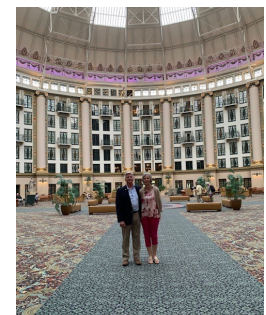
Opening and welcome to State Convention on Saturday morning



Doug Baisinger, Jack Wehrly, Deacon Rob Lortie and Dennis Holp pause before Saturday's Convention dinner for a picture



DGK Dennis Holp and FS Doug Baisinger join Lady Sis Wehrly in the Atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel. Quite a sight



Grand Knight Jack Wehrly and Lady Sis Wehrly check out the Historic West Baden Springs Hotel in French Lick while attending the K of C State Convention

**2024-2025 Officers**  
Council 451

**Chaplain**

Deacon Robert Lortie

**Grand Knight**

Jack Wehrly 414-0421

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Dennis Holp 493-1018

**Chancellor**

Jason Gabet 403-6230

**Financial Secretary**

Doug Baisinger 486-8533

**Recorder**

Michael Ripley 205-3689

**Warden**

Gene Delaney 750-7600

**Treasurer**

Joe Mikolay 348-9416

**Trustees**

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2 Dennis Redding 615-1692

1 Gary Mackela 402-9614

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Tony Hasselschwert 413-5310

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Dennis Redding 615-1692

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**2024-2025**

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Richard Burton 260-432-7030

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Please bring your cans to the Knights of Columbus shed!  
We will crush the cans and recycle them  
for cash to be donated to Gibault!

**PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ALUMINUM FOIL**  
**OR ALUMINUM PANS—ONLY CANS.** Thank you!



**Have you recently  
moved or are you  
moving?**

If so please advise us by  
emailing your new  
address to:

[Knights451fw@gmail.com](mailto:Knights451fw@gmail.com)

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Thank you!!!



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