

The Shield

May 2026

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Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights:

We continue to celebrate Easter Season, when Christ has risen from a worldly death. We celebrate in Spring, preparing for the enjoyment of warmer temps and summer activities. Let's use this time to ensure our faith also prepares us for our life after our own worldly time is over and is reflected in our daily actions.

The 125th K of C State Convention was held in Fort Wayne. Many of our officers attended as reps of Council 451 and participated in the official business at hand. During the convention Council 451 received the Faith in Action Family Award, recognized for our fund-raising efforts from our spaghetti dinners for our fellow parishioners. For this particular event, Dominic Durnell and his family were the beneficiaries of our gift of time and talent. Kudos to the Knights who pitched in for this effort. I'm sure we don't do it for recognition, but getting noticed is a nice perk!

A reminder that we'll have final nominations and election of our 2026-2027 officers at our upcoming membership meeting on May 4. Most positions serve 1 year terms, but officers customarily serve at least two terms. If you have any desire to become more engaged as a Knight and help "herd the cats", self-nominations are accepted. At a minimum, please show your support for our Council by attending the May meeting and voting.

Keep Monday, June 1 on your calendar for our Council 451 annual meeting/dinner at Goeglein's Homestead and watch for signups for a "boys night out" for 451 Knights at the TIncaps baseball game in July. Check our website and the Shield for details.

Vivat Jesus!

Dennis Holp
 Grand Knight, Council 451



	May		June
4	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center	1	Appreciation Awards Dinner - Georgelin's Banquet Hall
6	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon	3	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon
9	O Beautiful Mother May Crowning	6	Blood Drive at Good Shepherd Church
26	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights	23	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights
		27	Habitat for Humanity Build #1

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Deceased Member

Roger Strup passed away on March 31, 2026. Roger was 89 years old and he was a 3rd Degree member in Council 451 and a 4th Degree Knight.

Please remember **Roger** and all the deceased brother Knights in your prayers.

From the Financial Secretary:

I want to thank the many Brother Knights who have paid their 2026 dues. We still have 15 members who have not sent in their dues. I am requesting that you send your dues immediately as your dues are **past due**. I have made several attempts to contact you, and you have not responded. Please contact me at 260-450-0804 or email dbaisinger@gmail.com.

Your dues are \$41.00 and you can send payment to our P.O. Box 15296 Fort Wayne, IN 46885, drop off at the Church business office, or put in the collection basket addressed to K of C at any weekend Mass. If you are experiencing a financial hardship at this time and do not think that you will be able to pay your dues or don't want to be a Knight, contact Doug Baisinger at the above listed phone number or email address.



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 May 6, 2026 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.



Monthly Mass & Breakfast !

Our monthly Knights Mass and Breakfast is held on the forth Tuesday of the month. We meet at St. Charles for 8:15A.M. Mass, and follow Mass with breakfast at Lakeside Cafe. All nights 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 Tuesday, May 26, 2026



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 Faghieh, Justin Fralick, Michael Friend, Caroline Grote, Dave Grote, John Hackman, Jo Ellen Koehl, Patty Kohrman, Tony Kraft, Lillian Krider, John Londt, Sharon Luther, Kathleen Magasam, Family of Jay Nelson, Bill & Kathy Palmersheim, the Tom Pycz family, Keith Robertson, Janet Rose, Carl Sabo, Emily & John Sasser, Ann Schwartz, Ray & Tony Shot, Colin Smith, Roger Steup, John Thieme, Barbara Tratnyek, Janet Waldschmidt, Diana Wallace, 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.

Save the Dates!



This year's Habitat for Humanity Build Dates will be Saturday **June 27** and Saturday **July 25** from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at homes in Downtown Fort Wayne. We will need 5 volunteers each of the build days. Subway lunch will be served at the end of the day. More details to follow soon.

Happy May Birthdays

Jason Arbogast	Robert Morris
Andrew Barnes	Vincent Orłowski
Eugene Delaney	Matthew O'Shaughessey
Charles Doehrman	Robert Plant
Edward D'Souza	Timothy Rebber
Thomas Earnest	David Rulka
Robert Gill	Gerry Schafer
Mark Harber	Daniel Schreck
Chris Hartman	Matthew Smith
John Hogan	James Stahl
Dennis Holp	Chad Turk
Jay Lauer	James Wall
Thomas Lothamer	David Yonkman
Joseph McClamrock	

Br. John Francis McCullough, Jr.





Can Crushers Schedule

May 03 - May 09 : OPEN
May 10 - May 16 : Joe Lauer
May 17 - May 23 : OPEN
May 24 - May 30 : OPEN
May 31 - June 06 : 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.



Anthony Wayne Assembly 239 Fourth Degree News



Sir Knights,

On March 28th our assembly delegates attended the semiannual district 4th degree meeting. The main item was the selection of candidates for our next District Master. Our current master, Patrick Glavin will finish his term August 31. The Supreme Board of Directors will make their selection following the Supreme Convention in August. Following our meeting we held a 4th Degree Exemplification which included a new member to our assembly: Dustin Nichter.

We have much to look forward to. May 1st is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. I've asked our Faithful Friar to enlighten us. May 25th will be the Memorial Day parade, please join us. June 7th is Corpus Christi many parishes will have processions we can participate in. June 11th is the feast of the Sacred Heart, our bishops are asking us to consecrate ourselves and homes to the Sacred Heart with a novena beginning on June 3rd. See info at: <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>. Sunday, June 14th will be our flag retirement ceremony at the St. Vincent's Scout Lodge. On July 4th our country will celebrate its 250th anniversary, it is important for us as Catholic Patriots to celebrate the sacred founding principles our country professed 250 years ago. May they always ring true and dear to all.

Our next meeting will be May 12th with the rosary at 7 and the meeting at 7:30.

For God, Country, and Neighbor
 Mike Blankman, Navigator
 Anthony Wayne Assembly

**Meetings are held at the Saint Mother T. Guerin Chapel basement on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
 The Patriotic Rosary begins at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30.**

FOURTH DEGREE FRIAR'S PHRASES

Now the whole church celebrates this glorious Easter season when our prayers, our public worship, and our charitable actions reflect unrelenting joy. The Lord is truly risen, and our lives ought to show the faith we share. Our assembly too shows our faith in all the private and public acts we are asked to accomplish, the Fourth Degree of our Order could do no less.

During this Easter season we will celebrate the Day of Saint Joseph the Worker. As you know, May First is the date of that feast. It is fast becoming the custom the day on which the church and many parishes bless tools and equipment used in the labor done by us humans. It is also the day on which the Catholic Church honors Religious Brothers for their faith and labor. On May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII established this feast; he gave the Catholic world this feast to offer a counterpoint to the communist "World May Day" commemoration as Workers United Day. Of course, there are many other local and private celebrations held on the first day of May.

This month's Newsletter is set aside to focus our Order's attention on the love and devotion we have for St. Joseph! He is an example of quiet and faithful service. Do you and I ever seek his intercession when we work? Like him, much of what we do as individuals or as an Assembly will never be seen or acknowledged by others, but it must be done. In those moments think of that strong and quiet man working for the Child Jesus and the Blessed mother. He is there providing food and shelter trusting God in all things with no special note. It could be a powerful lesson for us. Not to complain but in faith to accept and accomplish those duties and tasks that are laid before us.

"St. Joseph pray for us and for our Assembly."

Vivat Jesus!
 Fr. William Kummer F.F.

125th Indiana K of C State Convention 2026

April 18 - 19, 2026



Welcome to the 125th Indiana K of C State Convention held in Fort Wayne



Other members attending the Awards Luncheon. Blane Ryan, Doug Baisinger, Dennis Holp, Sean Digan, Dennis Redding.



GN Dennis Holp being presented the award for the best project in the Family category by State Deputy Gil Spisak. We won the award for the two spaghetti dinners we did in 2025.



Bishop Rhoades giving keynote address.



Shows Dennis Holp casting ballot for next year's new State Officers.



Council members that attended the Banquet: Sean Digan, Dennis Holp, Steve Lutz, Deacon Rob Lortie, and Doug Baisinger.



Dennis Holp giving Gibault a check for \$2050 from the Council during the "Parade of checks". Gibault received over \$79,000 from all the Council's in the State.



125th Indiana K of C State Convention continued . . .



Shows the State offices as they open the Business Session



State Deputy Gil Spisak making closing

Photos provided by Doug Baisinger



Bishop Tells Knights to Live with ‘Youthfulness of Spirit’

Today’s Catholic article

“On Saturday, April 18, Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne in conjunction with the statewide convention of the Indiana Knights of Columbus, which was marking the celebration of the organization’s 125th anniversary. Bishop Rhoades preached to those in attendance about fostering a “youthfulness of spirit” rooted in faith, hope and encounter with the Risen Christ.”

To read the Today’s Catholic article in it’s entirety, follow the link below:

[https://todayscatholic.org/bishop-tells-knights-to-live-with-youthfulness-of-spirit/?ct=t\(122224_COPY_01\)](https://todayscatholic.org/bishop-tells-knights-to-live-with-youthfulness-of-spirit/?ct=t(122224_COPY_01))



Article and photos from the April 26, 2026 “Today’s Catholic” edition

‘Youthfulness of Spirit’ continued . . .

“The Knights of Columbus has a long history both nationally and within Indiana. The organization was founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. In Indiana, the first council, Mater Dei Council 437, was established June 25, 1899, in Indianapolis. Later that year, on Oct. 15, 1899, Council 451 was instituted in Fort Wayne. By February 1902, the first Indiana State meeting was held in South Bend, and that same year the Indiana State Council began its work supporting parishes and local communities.”



Article and photos from the April 26, 2026 “Today’s Catholic” edition

Restored Beauty at St. Felix: Landscape Project Completed

The need for this project emerged when the City of Huntington began construction of a new fire department adjacent to the St. Felix property. During that process, much of the natural landscape that once bordered the grounds was removed. In addition to the loss of natural cover, several aging and dying trees required removal and replacement to preserve the serene environment that has long defined the St. Felix complex.

Thanks to the contributions of our council, we were able to restore the area with new plantings, fresh landscaping, and renewed greenery. These improvements not only enhance the visual appeal of the property but also honor the spirit of Blessed Solanus Casey, whose legacy of humility and care continues to inspire all who visit.

Your support has played a vital role in maintaining the natural splendor of St. Felix. This work stands as a tribute to Blessed Solanus Casey, who awaits sainthood, and reflects our shared commitment to honoring the spirit and beauty of this sacred place.



Photos provided by Joe Mikolay

Restored Beauty at St. Felix continued . . .



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2025-2026 Officers

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2025-2026

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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
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Thank you!!!



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