

The Shield

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Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights:

Do you find value in being a Knight of Columbus? Has being a member helped you strengthen your faith or your relationship with your family, parish or community? All these are all parts of the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and hopefully you answered with a resounding “YES!” Have you told anyone else? October is time for our annual membership campaign, and yes, we have goals that, if we meet them will qualify Council 451 for awards. But the bigger picture should be to share our mission with other men and extend our charitable network for the betterment of all. Don’t be shy in sharing your membership. I myself am a member simply because someone asked!

We’ve got a couple of upcoming activities that you will hopefully put on your calendar. They’re still in the planning stages, but stay tuned! The first is a scheduled Men’s Morning Reflection on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 until noon. The message is “Slow down. Create space for God.” Please create space on your calendars to enjoy this brief opportunity to prepare for the Advent season and embrace the “reason for the season”.

The other is an effort to restore our annual St. Joseph’s Day/Family Day in March. Past events have been successful at drawing wayward members and their families to just kick back and enjoy some social time. We hope to accomplish this again, but with a new, fresh twist! The current plan is centered around a family movie night. Plenty of planning time, so let your suggestions be known...but be ready to help them get implemented!

Check out the calendar on the web for upcoming opportunities. We’re on the hunt for someone with a knack for web designs to spiff up our web content. If you know anybody who enjoys such a challenge, we have a golden opportunity and relatively blank canvas!

Enjoy the cooler temps, but I’m sure there’s still some warmer days coming up before we light a pilot light on the furnace!

Vivat Jesus!

Dennis Holp
Grand Knight, Council 451

	October		November
3	Red Cross Blood Drive	2	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center
5	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center	4	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon
7	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon	14	Morning Reflection
24-25	Membership Drive	21	Youth Retreat
27	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights	24	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights
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*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Deceased Members

Please remember all the
deceased brother Knights
in your prayers.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Council 451 will hold their 5th

Blood Drive on **October 3, 2026**

in the St. Charles Cafeteria.

You may donate if you have NOT donated blood
since August 8, 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 Faghih, 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, 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 dis-
tress, 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
October 7, 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, **October 27, 2026**

Happy October Birthdays



Austin Barton

Paul Eisaman

Christopher Gustafson

John Hackman

Nathan Hartman

Christopher Hatcher

Walter James

James Langlet

Joseph Lauer

David Lothamer

Don Luther II

Joseph Mackela

Fr. Jerry Madathiparambil

Michael Maskal

Doyle Minix

John Murray

Robert J Offerle

Stanley Passino

Jeffrey Rose

Gregory Rose

Robert Sordelet

Peter Steigmeyer

Rolland Taylor

David Yenser



Can Crushers Schedule

Sept. 27 - Oct. 03 : OPEN
Oct. 04 - Oct. 10 : Tom Lothamer
Oct. 11 - Oct. 17 : OPEN
Oct. 18 - Oct. 24 : OPEN
Oct. 25 - Oct. 31 : OPEN
Nov. 01 - Nov. 07 : OPEN
Nov. 08 - Nov. 14 : OPEN
Nov. 15 - Nov. 21 : 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.



Annual Knights of Columbus Council 451 Membership Drive

The Annual Knights of Columbus Council 451 Membership Drive Weekend will take place on **Saturday October 24 and Sunday October 25**. We will have a table in the Gathering Space after all Masses that weekend and will serve coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses in the Cafeteria.

Please sign up today via the link to help make this a successful
Membership Drive!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444AFA628A3FF2-65856689-2026>



Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is
dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**.
The Memorial of Our Lady of
the Rosary is celebrated on
October 7.





PETER + ANDREW + JAMES + JOHN



MATTHIAS



SIMON THE ZEALOT



THADDAEUS



MEN'S MORNING REFLECTION

CALLED

SLOW DOWN. CREATE SPACE FOR GOD.



*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
CATHOLIC CHURCH
HESSION CENTER DOOR 3

MEN OF THE PARISH | 18+
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



PHILIP



BARTHOLOMEW



MATTHEW



THOMAS



+ JAMES (SON OF ALPHEUS) +





Anthony Wayne Assembly 239 Fourth Degree News



Sir Knights,

Our September meeting was very well attended including some of our new Sir Knights. It was reported that members of our Honor Guard participated in a memorial ceremony for the unborn at the Catholic Cemetery on September 5th. A letter from the Indiana State Council offered to councils and assemblies a \$100 rebate when a \$500 donation is made to an Indiana based Honor Flight organization. Our assembly has made such donations in the past and we voted to again make a \$500 donation. We also voted to continue our support for seminarians by giving \$500 each to 2 military seminarians and \$500 each to 3 of our diocesan seminarians.

The month of October is always very significant. It is month of Our Blessed Mother. The World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass Saturday, October 3rd followed by their gathering at the Grand Wayne Center for breakfast and speakers. It is Respect Life Month. For many years our Bishops have published resources for Liturgies focused on respect for all life especially the unborn. The Northeast Indiana Right to Life will hold their annual banquet. Also, on Columbus Day October 12th, we Knights of Columbus remember the great achievements of Christopher Columbus. Bringing the Catholic faith to the New World.

Our next meeting will be October 13th 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

The month of October, in our nation, has traditionally been named "Respect Life Month." The Fourth Degree of our Order has taken the lead in ensuring the Knights of Columbus is known and well respected for the defense of life from conception to natural death. This is so well known that in recent years with the exception of the January National Right to Life rally in Washington, and our Rally here in Fort Wayne, there has been little public action. Our Faithful Navigator will ask us this month to be a more public voice in defense Life and to work harder in its defense. What shall we do? What shall I do? In answer to this question, I offer a suggestion. Might we as an Assembly draft a letter to the editor or an open one, (non-political), that clearly states that Life, after the Incarnation, is the greatest gift that God has given. From the moment of conception, we are God's possession. We need to protect, care for, and cherish our own life and those of one another. To be a follower of Our Lord is not easy; it demands not only a sincere prayer life, but also courage from deep within our hearts. It was, I think, the late Cardinal from Chicago, Joseph Bernadin, who said, "no expense of money or sacrifice is too much in the defense of human life." Together and individually let us you and I, DEFEND LIFE!

Last week with the work of Pope Leo XIV we celebrated the beatification of Bishop Fulton Sheen. Blessed Bishop Sheen; Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. William Kummer F.F.

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Master IN District

Master Sir Knight IN District



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:

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Thank you!!!



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