

Knights of Columbus
Council 1166
Bedford, IN



Anniversaries

Charles & Andrea
Parker 12/01
10 Years

Dennis & Melinda
Underwood 12/09
40 Years

William & Rose Ann
Brenner 12/18
40 Years

Patrick & Vickie
Winchester 12/18
40 Years

Rex & Melinda
Fish 12/20
40 Years

Scott & Kathy
Quaas 12/27
16 Years

Doug & Amy
Brinkman 12/28
29 Years

Tim & Lisa
McKinney 12/29
38 Years

**K of C Raffle
License
#123479**

**K of C Bingo
License
#121583**



From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The greatest country on earth, land of the free, and home of the brave...OUR country – the United States of America. America, who God shed his grace upon. America, whose shores were discovered by our namesake, Christopher Columbus. America, whose beam of liberty can be seen from around the world; and, who in spite of all her flaws is the most respected, revered, and loved nation in the world.

It is good that in the month we write about PATRIOTISM, our fourth core value, we have just celebrated Veterans' Day and now prepare for the great celebration of our Savior's birth...as a nation. In Veterans' Day I was proud to see our St Vincent School honor veterans by having a ceremony in the brand new gymnasium, the first event to occur there. In that ceremony, our children sang songs praising our country and cheered for our veterans. Four veterans spoke at the event, and at least two of them were Knights – of course they were.

As Christmas approaches our nation prepares to celebrate the birth of Christ. Sure, there is a lot of commercialism, and a few squeaky wheels that try to take Christ out of Christmas, but make no mistake; our country still cele-

brates Christ's birth and our citizens flock to their churches to celebrate. We are still a Christian nation, and the Knights will not allow our country to change that course. Our nation's laws and values still find their heritage in the Ten Commandments and the Bible – our people still



Grand Knight Jim Parsch

long for that heritage and the Knights will never allow anyone to forget our heritage.

No one loves our country more than the Knights of Columbus. No one works harder to make America better, than the Knights of Columbus. No one fights harder for decency and purity in our country than the Knights. Prayers and support for our servicemen and women – the Knights are there. Representing the right to life for all of our citizens, especially the weakest and most vulnerable – the Knights. Pledging allegiance to our flag and to our country – the Knights. It was the Knights and their lawyers who worked to get God into our pledge of allegiance, and it the

Knights who were recently victorious in keeping God there.

Our order's PATRIOTISM is so strong that we dedicate a degree to it in our Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Order. I encourage all Knights in the Third Degree who are not already Fourth Degree members, to consider joining our Patriotic Order – it is a beautiful and worthwhile experience.

As we approach Christmas, please keep our warriors in your prayers. So many are away from their families and in strange lands. While they enjoy their time with their comrades in theatre; they most certainly go to bed at night thinking about their wives or husbands, children, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters, and the people they love and miss terribly. It can be a lonely and sad time. We should all pray for their happiness and most importantly their safe return home to their families.

Brother Knights, I wish you and your families a blessed and merry Christmas. We are all so fortunate and blessed, and I feel doubly so, as I am still so honored to represent the finest men in our community. It is a great blessing to serve with you and thanks for all you do.

God Bless the Knights!

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Jim Parsch, GK



The Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8; nine months before is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception of Mary represents God's saving grace at work, in recognition of Mary's complete submission to His Will. The beautiful prayer of praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary below was written by Saint Ephrem the Syrian, a deacon and doctor of the Church who died in 373. Saint Ephrem is one of the Eastern fathers of the Church most often invoked in support of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

~Deacon Dave Reising

O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises. We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who did bear the God-Man: we all bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid. Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin, from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil. Be our intercessor and advocate at the hour of death and judgment; deliver us from the fire that is not extinguished and from the outer darkness; make us worthy of the glory of thy Son, O dearest and most clement Virgin Mother. Thou indeed art our only hope, most sure and sacred in God's sight, to whom be honor and glory, majesty and dominion, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

December Birthdays

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

Lawrence Kopsho

Robert Daugherty

Hubert Wheatley

Mark Scherschel

Patrick Cole

Patrick Winchester

Paul Stutes

James Ravenna

Michael Stenger

Kevin Bullock

James Parsch II

Christian Parsch

Terry Castagnier

Tim Murphy

Gregory Smith

Jerry Waldron

J. Lee Sargent

Deacon Dave Reising



Proud to be a Knight

Brother Knights, you have done some great things over the past several weeks. We have raised well over \$2,000 in our very first effort for Coats for Kids. We are now ordering the coats and will distribute through all of the local schools. At

the time of preparing this newsletter we are just finishing up what promises to be a great year for our challenged citizens as we complete our Tootsie Roll Campaign. We hosted the Boys Club in their Fall Awards Banquet, and served those who serve

our church in an Appreciation Brunch. Thank you and GREAT WORK!

Fraternally Yours in Christ

Jim Parsch GK



From the Archives...

From the January 2006 Knight's Newsletter. Here's a blast from the past; simply for fun. Nice to look back and ask, "Remember when...?"



New 1st Degree Members

Pictured at left are the candidates inducted into Council 1166 during the 1st degree exemplification ceremony that was held on Sunday, December 11, 2005. Our newest members are (L-R) Thomas Zajac, James Kelly, William Warner, Louis Getman, Robert Tincher, Nathan Bradford and Phillip Hensley. When you see these new knights please introduce yourself to them and help them to feel welcome in our council.

Knights: Arm Yourself

Ask yourself: "What is my largest asset?" Most people will say it's their home. But, the fact is that, it's usually their ability to earn a paycheck. Without this, all other assets are in jeopardy. If you lose your ability to work, what would you do?

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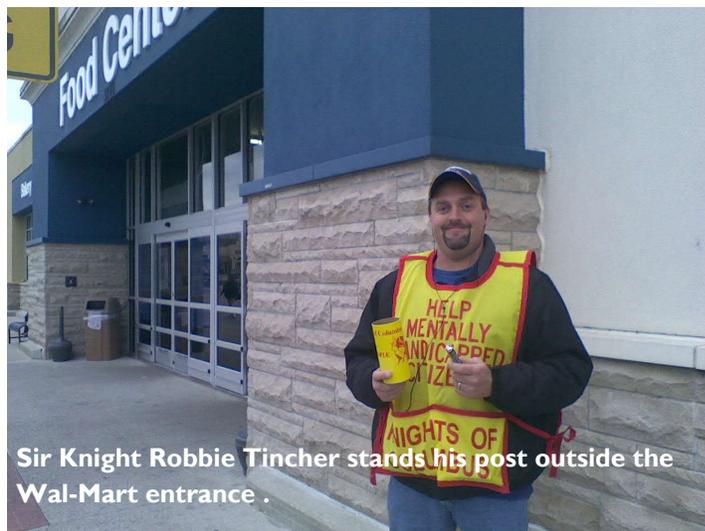
Chad Lueken, FICF

2011 Tootsie Roll Drive Completed

The 2011 Tootsie Roll Drive is now in the books and it was a good year. We're still awaiting the final numbers, but it looks as though our net proceeds should be somewhere around \$7500. I would like to thank all of you who braved the November weather to work the collection sites as well as the Ladies of Columbus who helped with counting the money. A special thanks also to team captains Jim Heffernan, John Abel, Dave Whipple, Darrell May and Roger Crandall for their help in coordinating the event. Without their leadership it just wouldn't have happened. And, oh yes, thanks to Rosemary for the potato soup and taco bar and to Ginny Whipple and Vivian Kaufman for helping with desserts. It takes a lot of people to pull off a successful drive and you all certainly did it. Please know that your effort will benefit our brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities.

God bless you one and all !!

Greg Stanley



Sir Knight Robbie Tincher stands his post outside the Wal-Mart entrance.

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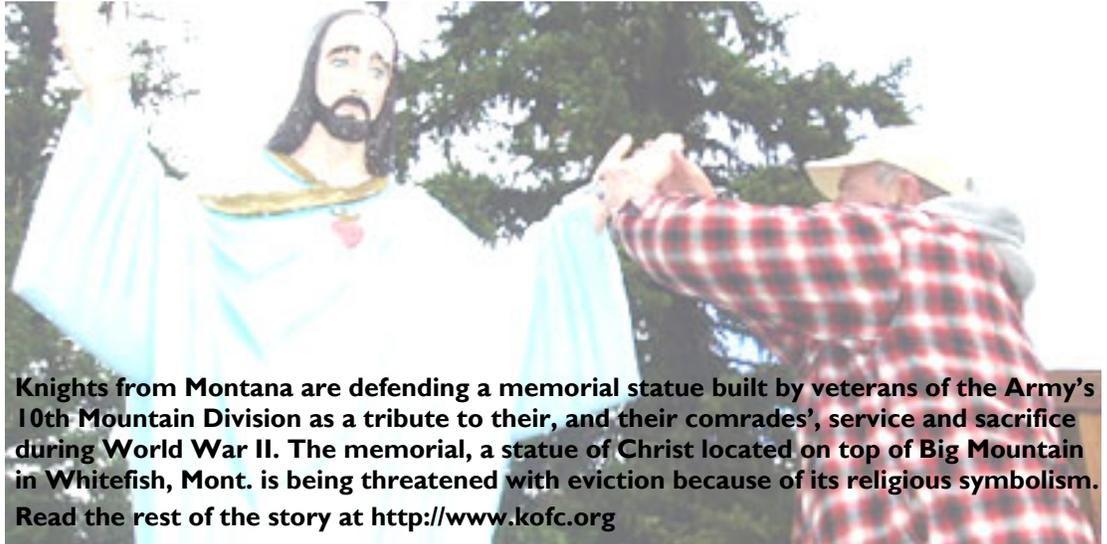
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Knights from Montana are defending a memorial statue built by veterans of the Army's 10th Mountain Division as a tribute to their, and their comrades', service and sacrifice during World War II. The memorial, a statue of Christ located on top of Big Mountain in Whitefish, Mont. is being threatened with eviction because of its religious symbolism. Read the rest of the story at <http://www.kofc.org>

December 2011

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