

The Shield

April 2025

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Brother Knights,

The season of Lent is upon us. It seems like the appropriate time to be reminded of the Knight's motto: Tempus fugit. Memento mori. -- Time flies, Remember death. It is the perpetual watchword of our Order presented at the exemplification ceremony every Knight goes through reminding us to be vigilant for we know not the day or hour when we will be called to give an accounting of our life. The words, "remember you are dust unto dust you shall return", also remind us we must remain vigilant and prepare spiritually for our death. Through Lenten prayer, fasting and alms giving we can strive to develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and prepare ourselves for eternal life.

As was pointed out in the last Shield and at the last meeting it is important for any organization's health and longevity to bring new blood into the leadership roles of the organization. Please consider giving of your talents and time as an officer in Council 451 now or in the future.

Be sure to attend the Council's Family Night, Saturday March 22nd in the Hession Center and gymnasium. All are welcome. This is a great time to invite any prospective Knights and their families. We could use a few volunteers. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Annual Parish Fish Fry being held on Friday April 11th. This project requires a lot of manpower and is an important showcase for the Knight's commitment to the Parish community.

Lastly, the newly formed Committee for Charitable Works has a form which was preliminarily presented at the last meeting. Obviously more discussion is needed before the form can be accepted by the Council as a way to promote charitable giving and fundraising.

Vivat Jesus,
 Jack Wehrly, Grand Knight Council 451



	April		May
2	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon	7	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon
7	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center	5	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center
11	Annual Fish Fry	27	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights
22	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights		
25-27	KoC State Convention		



Monthly Mass & Breakfast !

Each month Council 451 invites members to attend Mass for Knights in Need on the fourth Tuesday. We attend the 8:15 AM Mass and follow it with breakfast for fellowship at a local restaurant.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at St. Charles for 8:15 A.M. Mass. Breakfast for fellowship to follow the Mass. If you have any questions please contact Darren Schortgen at (260) 385-7603.



We want to welcome **John LaMaster** who joined our Council in the past month.

We hope to see you are many of our upcoming events!



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. Miri-an 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.



Deceased Member

Please remember Sir Knight Jerry Kessens and all the deceased brother Knights in your prayers.



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 April 2, 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 April Birthdays



Happy Birthday!
Chris Boersma, Nate Cheviron, Richard Deutsch, John DiFilippo, Samuel Ensley, Thomas Ensley, James Gregory, Paul Hilger, Tom Hogan, Gery Hoy, Ryan Kiel, Martin Lortie, Don Luther, James Martin, Samuel Martinez, Mark Minick, Graham Moore, Patrick Morello, Thang Mung, Bruce Patterson, Robert Schlup, David Schmidt, David Sordelet, Brain Tomlinson, William Twohig, Edward Welling

From the Financial Secretary:

I would like to thank everyone who has already paid their 2025 dues. There are still 50 Brother Knights that have not paid their dues for 2025, these dues are now due. I mailed a second billing out on March 7, 2025. Please use that billing to send back your dues for 2025. These need to be paid immediately. You can send your check to the P.O. Box or drop them off at the Knights Office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 am and 1 pm. If you are experiencing a financial hardship at this time and do not think you will be able to pay your dues, please contact Doug Baisinger at 260-450-0804 or email me at dbaisinger@gmail.com. Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Doug

Can Crushers Schedule



Mar 16 - 22:	Eric Seely
Mar 23 - 29:	Sean Digan
Mar 30 – Apr 5:	Tom Lothamer
Apr 6 – 12:	Open
Apr 13 – 19:	Open
Apr 20 – 26:	Open
Apr 27 – May 3:	Dave Lothamer

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.



Spaghetti Dinner

Our Spaghetti Dinner was held on January 30th for John Hope, who needed a heart transplant. John received a new heart on January 22, 2025 and has returned home. John is doing very well. The dinner resulted in a donation of \$5,050 to help with the cost of the transplant. A huge and heart felt Thank You to all brother Knights who work on this fundraiser. Your generosity is amazing! God Bless.

Photo provided by Joe Mikolay



Council 451 Donation Presentation

On Ash Wednesday Knights of Columbus Council 451 GK Jack Wehrly presented Pastor Fr. Tom Shoemaker with a \$5,000 check for the Cross Catholic Outreach African well drilling program. Fr. Tom was surprised and very appreciative.

Photo provided by Jack Wehrly



Anthony Wayne Assembly Fourth Degree



Hi,

We had our meeting on March 11, 2025. We discussed where the Honor Guard was going to attend and a Committee for the Seminarian Fund. Other matters were discussed concerning the 4th Degree. Our next meeting will be April 8, 2025 at the Mother Guerin Chapel basement. It will start at 6:30 pm with snacks provided.

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 7 PM.

Knights Helping Neighbors

Now that temperatures have started to transition to more spring like weather, the Knights have received requests for assistance in need of yard cleanup. So far, we have cut down and remove two ornamental trees for a parishioner. The trees were an expensive burden due to pest and disease problems. Another project was accepted for a brother Knight whose wife had been hospitalized with serious complications. We trimmed down fountain grasses, removed a large shrub and did other general yard maintenance. In the next few weeks, we will be returning to the home of a handicapped parishioner to get her yard spruced up.

When not doing outdoor activities, we have responded with help for our St. Charles SVdP. In one case, we delivered bedroom furniture and a bed to a grandmother raising a two-year old. Another call, involved reclaiming some bedroom furniture in good shape that was no longer needed. The furniture will be redistributed to help others. If you know of anyone with special needs, Council 451 has a team of volunteers ready to serve.

Photo provided by Jack Wehrly & Dennis Redding



Greg Sult, Dennis Redding and Dennis Holp spent Sunday afternoon picking up a donation for St. Vincent DePaul.



Dennis Redding and Tom Richter delivering furniture for a SVdP neighbor.



Don Smith removing an arborvitae shrub well past it's prime.



Jim Pifko trimming fountain grass to foster new growth.



Dennis Redding and Jim Keffer as they prepare to fell a crabapple tree.



KoC Regional Free Throw Contest Winners



Pictured are the winners of the KofC regional free throw contest held at St. Charles and sponsored by Council 451. Behind them are some of the dozen or so volunteers who made the event a success. Abby Hasselschwert from St Charles was the winner of her division and will go on to compete at the State Free Throw Contest.



Photos provided by Jack Wehrly

Sir Knight Jerry Kessens Funeral



Mike Blankman, Fr. Tom Shoemaker, and Doug Baisinger.



451 knight attending Jerry Kessens funeral and praying the rosary.



Postings of 4th Degree Honor Guard at Jerry Kessens funeral.

2024-2025 Officers
Council 451

Chaplain

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Anthony Wayne Assembly
2024-2025

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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:

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or send a note to:

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Thank you!!!



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