

The Shield

January 2025

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Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas to my Brother Knights at Council 451. I hope all of you are having a reflective Advent season. Even though the season is near a close I would like to recommend several advent reflection videos presented by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, who if you remember oversaw the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis last summer. Bishop Cozzens has presented a spiritually uplifting video each week of advent that I believe you will enjoy viewing. The easiest way to find them is on you tube. Simply search “Advent Reflections with Bishop Cozzens”.

As most of you know we had our annual membership drive and consequently held an Exemplification Ceremony in the Church on November 21, 2024. I am happy to announce the following Catholic men became Knights of Council 451 that evening, Vince Orlowski, John Leeuw, Alex Maher, Chris Hatcher and Tracy Collins. We also had two men, Chris Boersma and Phil Teusch who performed the virtual Exemplification and became Knights of Council 451. Along with these newest Knights, it gives me pleasure to introduce three Knights that transferred into Council 451 during our membership Drive, they are Mark Graf, Brad Stresemann and Tim Becker. Be sure to give these Knights a warm welcome when you meet them.

Lastly, please remember the reason for the Holiday season and help those less fortunate than we are.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Vivat Jesus,
 Jack Wehrly, Grand Knight Council 451



	January		February
6	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center	1	Borromeo Bash
8	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon	3	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center
11	Rosary for America - 10 am	5	Mass at the VA Hospital - Noon
23	St Charles School Science Fair Judging	8	Rosary for America - 10 am
26	Council 451 Free Throw Contest	23	Regional Free Throw Contest
27	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights	24	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights
30	Spaghetti Dinner		
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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, January 28, 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 **Christopher Boersma, Tracy Collins, Christopher Hatcher, John Leeuw, Alexander Maher, Vincent Orlowski, & Philip Teusch** 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, Gerry Kessens, 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, 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 Leonard B Koeller 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 January 8, 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.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY



Each Saturday following our monthly meeting we will be praying the Patriotic Rosary on the northwest corner of the campus at 10:00 am. Council 451 is joining this parish event to show support for the group as we pray for America.

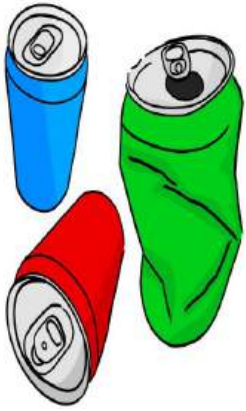
We plan to continue our involvement at least on a monthly basis if not more often than that.

Our next time is January 11, 2025

Happy January Birthdays

Zeljko Antunovic, Doug Baisinger, Bruce Bennett, Kevin Bergman, Patrick Digan, Michael Friend, Jason Gabet, Anthony Galuoppo, John Garber, Fred Gonzales, Herbert Halley, Ronald Helmkamp, Paul Hibler, Philip Hilger, Phillip Huneck, Joseph Hyatt, Craig James, Joseph Keane, James Keefer, Larry McChessney, Robert Mondok, Steven Moran, Jay Nelson, Adam Osenga, Aaron Palkovic, Dennis Redding, Steven Rennels, Herman Rost, Andrew Seibert, James Taper, Nicholaus Trahin





Can Crushers Schedule

Can Crusher Schedule for: December 29, 2024 - Feb 1, 2025

Dec 29 - Jan 4:	Chris Hatcher
Jan 5 - 11 :	Dave Lothamer
Jan 12 - 18:	Joe Lauer
Jan 19 - 25:	Mark Graf
Jan 26 - Feb 1:	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.



St. Charles Borromeo Grade School Science Fair 2025

The Science Fair is Thursday, January 23, 2025 and we are looking for judges.

Please go to this link address to sign up with a Google Form.

<https://forms.gle/vGDSSqWU5HVQFv4Y9>

Thank you so much from your help!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At our monthly breakfast on November 26th, Frank Koehl made a very special announcement: he was celebrating his 80th birthday. To commemorate the occasion, the “guest of honor” treated everyone to breakfast. For our part, we gave him quite the ribbing for being the first of many of us to reach this milestone given his participation in so many activities: Cardinal Fest Beer Tent, serving at Teen Retreats, 40 Days for Life, painting at the Men’s Discernment house, organizing euchre parties, painting school desks, and working at the fish fries, it is

unlikely that Frank will show anytime soon he is ready to slow down. We are grateful for his continued contributions and wish him many more healthy birthdays.



Anthony Wayne Assembly Fourth Degree

Hi,

We had our Christmas Party Dec. 10th at St. Aloysius in Ossian. There were 9 Knights and their wives attending. We had a great meal and a gift exchange.

Our next meeting will be January 14th at 6:30. It, as always will be in the St. Mother Guerin chapel basement next to the downtown Cathedral. Snacks are provided.

Dave Barrett
Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239



Meetings are held at the Saint Mother T. Guerin Chapel on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

State Disaster Relief

Here are photos from the Indiana Knights of Columbus “Disaster Relief Team”. Notice that the Team gets involved in work to directly benefit homeowners, as well as loading supplies for delivery off flatbed trucks and US Army Chinook helicopters (flown in by South Carolina Army National Guard). Since the two hurricanes/ storms of 2024, Indiana Knights have been represented by our Disaster Relief Team in Hampton, TN; Newland, Burnsville & Marshall, NC, and Spartanburg, SC. Our Indiana Disaster Relief Team’s focus in Relief operations is to target “fringe areas” – essentially those that would be on a lower priority list of FEMA, etc..... frequently rural areas. There is always the effort to coordinate with local Catholic Parishes and K of C Councils in the affected areas, but these recent efforts have also expanded reach to other organizations and denominational churches.

Our Council/Council member donations are \$1,000 to this effort; two other District 14 Councils (New Haven; Queen of Angels) have also donated. Common supplies needed/ purchased are: Generators, chain saws, cleaning agents, fuel, clothing, tools, food gift cards, US flags. Donations made to our State Disaster Relief Team are to be sent to our “Indiana K of C Charity, Inc” fund – where Past State Deputy Paul Zielinski monitors the donations and works with Bill McDonald (our State Chairman for Disaster Relief ops) to account for all expenditures.

If there are Brother Knights who want to become a part of future IN K of C Disaster Relief operations, there is a move to develop a team here in the NE area of our State (more details to come). If interested on being a member of future (short notice) disaster relief K of C operations, please contact Grand Knight Jack Wehrly.

Photos provided by Steve Lutz



Some of our Knights and a South Carolina Baptist Church working together on Disaster Relief in the Spartanburg Area.



Flatbed trucks bringing supplies for teams to use and/or distribute. Our Knights work assembly area.



Bill McDonald (left), his wife, Toni (right) and a disaster relief coordinator (center)



One of the Disaster Relief Supply points.



Reactivating/Exemplification Council 10444 Monroeville

On Sunday December 8th, Council 451's Exemplification Team travelled to Monroeville's St. Rose of Lima Parish, where Fr. Dennis DiBenedetto is Pastor, to exemplify 24 Knights into our Order in the reactivating of Council 10444. The team consisted of Jack Wehrly, Doug Baisinger, Dennis Redding, Dennis Holp, Joe Tratnyek and Gene Delaney. Also present were PGK and former State Veterans Affairs Chairman Steve Lutz, Worthy District Deputy and PGK Dr. Tom Ryan, State NCD/ Reactivation Chairman Ed Waldschmidt and Blaine Ryan Council 451 Officer. It was a great day for the Knights of Columbus, St. Rose Parish and our Catholic Faith.

Photos provided by Jack Wehrly and Steve Lutz



Fr. Dennis DeBenedetto with the opening prayer



Newly exemplified Knights of Columbus, Council 10444



Council 10444
Grand Knight
Zach Vandall



New members promising to uphold our laws



Dennis Holp, presenter on Fraternity



Joe Tratnyek, Presiding
Officer of Ceremony



Exemplification Team renewing promises



Dr. Tom Ryan invoking
words of wisdom



Grand Knight Jack Wehrly
prepping Grand Knight
Zach Vandall



Gene Delaney presenting lapel pins

Reactivating/Exemplification Council 10444 Monroeville, Continued



Fr. Dennis DeBenedetto



Doug Baisinger presenting on Charity



Exemplification team and State Officers



Warden Gene Delaney demonstrates Unity



Troy Robertson



Dennis Redding, presenter on Unity



Dr. Tom Ryan and Ed Waldschmidt



Joe Tratnyek and Zach Vandall



Doug Baisinger and Dennis Holp



Grand Knight Jack Wehrly



Grand Knight Zach Vandall and Troy Robertson



Fr. Dennis DeBenedetto

Council 451 Welcomes New Members

Council 451 held an Exemplification Ceremony on November 21, 2024, to welcome in five new members.

Those new Knights are Tracey Collins, Chris Hatcher, Alex Maher, John Leeuw and Vince Orlowski. Also, exemplified virtually in the month of November were Phil Teusch and Chris Boersma. We would also like to welcome a few transfers who joined Council 451 during the membership drive held at the end of October. They are Mark Graf, Tim Becker and Brad Stresemann. The Council is very excited to welcome these men into Council 451. The Exemplification team consisted of Joe Tratnyek, Doug Baisinger, Dennis Holp, Dennis Redding, Tom Richter, Jack Wehrly, Deacon Rob Lortie and Fr. Tom Shoemaker. Thank you, Brother Knights, for presenting such a meaningful ceremony.

Photos provided by Jack Wehrly and Doug Baisinger



Newly Exemplified Knights in front row are Tracy Collins, Chris Hatcher, Alex Maher John Leeuw and Vince Olowski. Also, in front row are Doug Baisinger and DD Dr. Tom Ryan.



GK Jack Wehrly presents the Knights with their Lapel Pin the Emblem of the Order.



Warden Tom Richter assist GK Jack Wehrly with Investing our new Knights with the Holy Rosary.



GK Jack Wehrly



Presiding Officer Joe Tratnyek introduces Fr. Tom and Deacon Rob who open the ceremony with a prayer. Our presenter on Charity Doug Baisinger, on Unity Dennis Redding and on Fraternity Dennis Holp await their turn at the Podium.



Thank you!
 Thank you to Council 451 for my Christmas card and gift that I received from you all as your Administrative Assistant. I am very grateful to you all.
 Barbara Ruden





Christmas Party

This is now the fourth year Council 451 has hosted a Christmas dinner event. The banquet hall was decked out in bright red and green table clothes, 50 beautiful red poinsettia plants, lighted Christmas figures and music of the season resounded throughout. Always open for new ideas, the social committee tried something a little different. Instead of preparing the meal inhouse, the food was catered from Salvatori's. The menu included baked ziti, blackened chicken alfredo, lasagna, house salad, garlic & herb breadsticks and ciabatta bread. Homemade desserts of every variety covered two tables inviting attendees to feast to their hearts content. Wine, beer and other drinks were offered at the bar.

During the meal, live entertainment was provided by Lillian Lothamer on her cello accompanied by pre-recorded piano music. The entertainment continued with karaoke caroling led by Deacon Rob Lortie and Jim Keefer. Joe Mikolay served as sound man and voice backup. In between singing, Diane Keefer challenged attendees with Christmas and Catholic trivia in a chance to win candy bars shaped as Santas, elves and reindeer.

Special thanks to Tim Isch, Gene, Charlene, and Anna Delaney who transported the food and kept the buffet line fresh and fully stocked. To those who provided the delicious desserts and to our Grand Knight Jack and his wife Sis Wehrly who moved continuously throughout the hall making sure everyone was having a good time. Finally, thanks to those Knights who served in various roles setting up and tearing down. Unfortunately, everyone was so busy having a good time that no one thought to take pictures. Nonetheless, Merry Christmas to all!



*Have a blessed
Christmas season!*

Holy Days 2025

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
May 29 or June 1 - The Ascension of Jesus
August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1 - All Saints' Day
December 8 - The Immaculate Conception
December 25 - Christmas
Every Sunday!

2024-2025 Officers
Council 451

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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
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Thank you!!!



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