



# knights of columbus

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November 2011

## *From the Grand Knight*

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Brother Knights,

We have much to be thankful for this month of Thanksgiving:

The dedication to our council of our chaplain, Father Michael Yadron, and our associate pastor, Father Rick Holy. A belated happy birthday to Father Mike!

all our worthy officers, for the time they give of themselves for the good of the council, from managing our funds, to recording and printing our meeting minutes, to preparing the solar room for our meetings, to attending our monthly officers meetings,

congratulations and welcome to our newest members: Bernard Mashura, Miles Sepiol, Rich Sepiol, Rich Shudick, Jack Fugger, Michael Kotso, Kevin Raczkowski, Paul Tucker, Nicholas Novakovich, and Tim Brown,

our first degree team that is once again functioning, and team leader (and Squires Counselor) Gregg Blocher, and our district deputy Joe Stefanich, for providing materials and support,

our top recruiter and 'Mr. Everything K/C', Jim Marmalejo,

our most enthusiastic Gibault Envoy, Rich Alvarado,

our past grand knight, Adam Kocal, for his huge contribution to the children of Gibault,

our own "Chef Ron" Albrecht, always there when needed, be it driving for collections at the Tootsie Roll Drive, or working our fish frys, or preparing our meals at our meetings, or working the early shift at our tree sale,

our golf outing cochairmen, Stan Lewandowski and Dave Kritzer, who made the event a big success,

our program director Larry Albrecht, for his timely and complete reports to the state council,

our "senior wreath maker" Joe Cwiok and his helpers Adam Kocal, Jim Kaczka, and Eric Slazyk,

the Pala family, for all they have done with the Christmas centerpieces and wreaths,

our own "Mr. Lake Perch" Tom Fagan, for twice a year making our fish frys so successful,

Mark and Eric Neiner, who stayed late on a very cold December day removing the cinder blocks from the frozen tundra,

Brother Wayne Bukovic from Trinity Council 3755 in Chicago, who unselfishly gives his time and talent at the corn roast and the Christmas tree sale,

John Hasse, who year after year provides us with a "tree-trailer" every November and December.

and of course all of you who faithfully attend our meetings, and work so hard at our functions. You are the reason we are the number one council in Northwest Indiana!

If I had a "senior moment" and omitted anyone, please accept my apologies, and let me know. I do have room for you in another column soon!

This is who we are; this is what we do; whenever, wherever, however we are needed. Why?

Because we are the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Gozdecki

# **Giving Thanks For You!**

## *From the State Deputy*

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In November the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be held in Indianapolis. This event is a great opportunity for development of our youth as good Catholics. The Indiana Knights of Columbus have been

asked to assist with this event. Specifically the Knights have been asked to coordinate hospitality transportation for the estimated 30 Bishops that will be attending the NCYC.

The Central Indiana Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has been tasked with coordinating this effort. Plans are underway to gather volunteers in the Indianapolis area to drive the Bishops to the various functions.

This effort as with all projects does have costs that must be covered. To that end we are requesting that each of the Councils within the State of Indiana provide a donation of \$100 to the Chapter to help cover these expenses. All donations will be used to cover the costs associated with the hospitality provided to the visiting Bishops. The costs include fuel, insurance and other expenses associated with the NCYC program.

Please forward your Council's donations to:

Central Indiana Chapter of the Knights of Columbus  
430 Tulip Drive  
Mooresville, IN 46158-1368

Checks should be made payable to "**C I C K of C**" Thank you for your assistance with this project.

God Bless All,  
F.R.O.G.

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## *From the State Chaplain*

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While All Souls Day (November 2) is the special day set aside to pray for the departed, the entire month of November is fittingly set aside for this purpose. Knights might offer prayers at their parish or during their council meeting for the dead and even visit the graves of departed members at a local cemetery.

November 11 is Veterans' Day. Many of our brother Knights are veterans and many new veterans returning from Iraq will be added to this honor roll. Thanks to all of you who have served our nation!

I will be attending a State Chaplains Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee November 16-20. Topics to be discussed will be: Spiritual Development at the Council Level, How Chaplains Can Help Grow the Order, and Catechetical Initiatives. The first joint meeting of State Chaplains and District Deputies will be held on November 18. They will discuss: How the State and Council Chaplain can help the State Deputy and Grand Knight promote spiritual development at the council level, and How the State and Council Chaplain can help the State Deputy and Grand Knight promote membership growth, retention and new council development.

Nearly 23,000 youth are expected to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis November 17-19. Lay volunteers are still needed as well as priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I want to thank my brother Knights for their financial assistance for this conference as well as volunteering where needed. This is a great way for the Order to be visible to our youth.

The "new" Mass prayers will be introduced on November 27, the First Sunday of Advent. The translation will be more formal and dignified in style as well as more complex and repetitious. It will also include more biblical allusions. It will be completely normal to feel uncomfortable with these new texts at first. We will have to listen more carefully to the prayers. Comfort will come with repetition and familiarity. I ask that you be open to the possibility that you will find things to appreciate in the rich language of the new translation. All of us will have the opportunity to deepen our appreciation of and reverence for the Mass. Our goal is to be led closer to God and to Christ's Body, the Church.

Quote: "Your own vocation-not someone else's-is the path to happiness. You don't need to use anyone else's map to heaven, because God has already placed in your soul all the directions you need."

May you and all of your loved ones have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Stephen Jarrell, State Chaplain  
statechaplain@indianakofc.org

## *From the Council Chaplain*

On November 3rd, at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary, Bishop Melczek, priests, and deacons gathered to pray for the deceased bishops, priests and deacons who have served the faithful in the Diocese of Gary.

We do this every year near All Souls Day.

As we have prayed for our departed brethren, I ask you to say a prayer for the repose of their souls as well. May God bless them with eternal peace and joy.

### Our Bishops

***It was You, O God, Who made Your servants successors of the apostles by raising them to the episcopal order. May they also be associated with them forever.***

***We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.***

Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D.

Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, D.D.

Most Reverend Norbert F. Gaughan, D.D.

### Our Priests

***O God, you raised your servants to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchizedek, giving them the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of all in your Holy Name. We beg you to reward their faithfulness and to forget their faults, admitting them speedily into your Holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of their labors.***

***We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

Monsignor Casimir Bickauskas

Reverend Alfred J. Junk

Reverend Louis F. Bozyk

Reverend Wilfred P. Mannion

Reverend Peter A. Biegel

Reverend John J. Lach

Monsignor John P. Biernacki

Monsignor Michael Abraham

Reverend Cornelius P. Bergan

Reverend August C. Van Rie

Monsignor Frederick J. Westendorf

Reverend Paul J. Roederer

Reverend Raymond G. Derrick

Reverend Roman S. Wojcicki

Reverend Edmund A. Ley

Monsignor Alfred W. Reinig

Reverend Edwin E. Eisenhardt

Reverend Louis J. Ratajczak

Reverend Ermengildo Senese

Reverend Joseph A. Klinker

Reverend Robert E. Emmons

Reverend Frank A. Seimetz

Monsignor Julian F. Doktor

Reverend John N. Chylewski

Monsignor Michael A. Petzold

Reverend Louis G. Duray

Reverend John S. Woods

Reverend Ambrose E. Switzer

Reverend Joseph Zobel

Reverend Thaddeus S. Plawecki

Reverend Ladislaus S. Krause

Reverend Henry A. Smartz

Monsignor Francis J. Jansen, P.A.

Monsignor H. James Conway

Monsignor Stanley F. Zjawinski, P.A.

Reverend Richard R. Grunenburg

Reverend George A. Masley

Monsignor Alvin J. Jasinski

Reverend Patrick A. Meehan

Reverend Charles J. Seeberger

Reverend Eric A. Schaff

Monsignor Edward H. Vurpillat

Reverend Henry J. Ameling

Monsignor Lawrence T. Grothouse

Monsignor W. Edward Sweigart

Reverend John F. Bart

Reverend Wencel A. Karp

Reverend Robert L. Mayhew

Reverend Herman A. Schoudel

Reverend Edward M. Boney

Reverend David E. Hauskins

Monsignor Clement M. Mlinarovich

Reverend Michael C. Gadacz

Reverend John A. Sullivan

Reverend John A. Costello

Reverend Louis A. Jeziorski

Reverend Anthony M. Quinlisk

Monsignor Julian J. Skrzypinski, P.A.

Monsignor Louis W. Michalski

Reverend Clemens L. Koors

Reverend John B. Schaeffer

Reverend Joseph A. Buczyzna

Reverend Joseph S. Wonderly

Reverend John P. Zubak

Reverend Anthony A. Balczun

Reverend Carl J. Holsinger

Reverend Herman J. Miller

Reverend Matthew G. Spebar

Monsignor Michael A. Campagna

Monsignor Leo P. Hildebrandt, P.A.

Reverend Eugene C. Hoffman

Reverend Michael J. Kelner

Reverend Walter S. Pawlicki

Reverend Louis M. Letko

Reverend Gilbert G. Wirtz

Reverend Antoniu Dunca

Reverend James A. Stapleton

Reverend Leonarc J. Cross

Reverend Valerian S. Karcz

Reverend Theodore A. Janicki

Reverend Joseph D. Sipos

Monsignor Everard N. Klein  
Reverend Joseph P. Casey  
Reverend Dominic A. Pallone  
Reverend Theodore V. Fettig  
Reverend Ignatius C. Vichuras  
Reverend Joseph P. Smith  
Reverend John A. Halo  
Monsignor Francis A. Rego  
Reverend Henry I. Krysinski  
Reverend Julian I. Jercha  
Reverend Vincent Uvodic  
Reverend Joseph Mosko  
Reverend Timothy E. Benante  
Monsignor Paul S. Haney  
Reverend John J. Frawley  
Reverend Emil E. Bloch  
Monsignor Paul J. Schmid  
Reverend Joseph A. LaMere  
Reverend Joseph H. Hammes  
Monsignor Robert B. Weis  
Reverend Paul Jakulevicius  
Reverend Joseph N. Panavas  
Reverend Chester P. Zurawiec  
Reverend Andrew C. Topor  
Reverend Stephen J. Vrabley  
Reverend Dominic A. Mrena  
Reverend Leo J. Armbruster  
Reverend Benjamin Domsich  
Reverend M. F. Bach  
Reverend Anthony J. Suelzer  
Reverend John N. Beckmann  
Monsignor Joseph J. Viater  
Monsignor Casimir E. Senderak  
Reverend Walter S. Mastey  
Reverend Louis B. Wozniak  
Reverend Bernard F. Shank  
Reverend Louis S. Madejczyk  
Reverend Philip N. Fusco  
Most Rev. Norbert F. Gaughan, D.D.  
Reverend Ambrose T. McGinnity  
Reverend Anthony D. Ficko  
Reverend Ralph G. Hoffmann  
Monsignor Albert H. Van Nevel  
Reverend Stanley J. Milewski  
Reverend Albert J. Zimmerman  
Monsignor Paul P. Bogovich  
Reverend Eugeniusz Pogorzelski  
Reverend John C. Bargielski  
Reverend Patrick J. Connolly  
Reverend Clarence E. Danforth  
Reverend Leonard J. Lukaszewski  
Monsignor F. Raymond Fowerbaugh  
Monsignor Timothy F. Doody  
Reverend William E. Vogt  
Reverend Joseph E. Till  
Reverend Seraph Meneghello  
Monsignor William L. Martin  
Monsignor John C. Witte  
Reverend Joseph E. Pusateri  
Reverend John T. Ambre

Reverend Jose Antonio Valtierra  
Reverend Edward J. Kennedy  
Reverend George M. Vrabely  
Reverend Francis M. Lazar  
Reverend Joseph R. Niezgod  
Reverend Richard H. Ameling  
Reverend John A. Murzyn  
Monsignor John J. Charlebois  
Monsignor Michael J. Tomaszewski  
Reverend John R. Winterlin  
Monsignor Don C. Grass  
Reverend William J. Spranger

#### Our Deacons

***Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ. Bless these deacons who have served humble and faith-inspired lives and gone to their rest with you, in the hopes of rising again.***

***May they rest in peace.***

***We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen***

Deacon John Beda  
Deacon Walter Stone  
Deacon John Townsend  
Deacon Robert Fischer  
Deacon Arthur Weeks  
Deacon Rufus Harris  
Deacon Joseph Rapal  
Deacon Richard Duszynski  
Deacon David Brown  
Deacon Leslie Vendl  
Deacon Melvin Jefferson  
Deacon Joseph Kwitko  
Deacon Joseph Wilczynski  
Deacon Melvin Clark  
Deacon Joseph Sobek  
Deacon Frederick Romanski  
Deacon John McGuckin  
Deacon David Hajduch  
Deacon George Modrak  
Deacon Alexander Saims  
Deacon Martin Gomez

Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!



# AMEN!

## November Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Ian Willams  
3 David Kusiak  
Anthony Pagorek  
Dwight Reed  
4 Terry Edwards  
Charles Pfister  
Daniel Zurawski  
5 Patrick Caraher  
8 Kevin O'Shea  
9 Michael Boyle  
Jack Fugger  
Donald McDonell  
Norbert Rzonca  
Victor Werner  
10 Mark Kenney  
Ronie Galvan  
13 Thomas Alexander  
14 John Gianotti  
15 William Burke  
18 Miles Sepiol  
Jeffrey Sharp  
20 Thaddeus Burzynski  
Walter Dee  
Jacob Vogel  
21 Adam Baran  
Larry Cabrera  
25 Ronald Tabaczynski  
29 Ronald Bados

## December Birthdays

- 6 Joshua Herold  
12 Cortland Driggs  
14 Dennis Austgen  
Nicholas Novakovich  
15 Richard Rueth  
17 Joseph O'Brien  
20 Antonio Ruiz  
John Schwer  
24 Fr. Rick Holy  
25 Richard Gard  
26 Erik Slazyk  
Joseph Uzubell  
28 Nick Cuban  
Scott Hamill  
29 Gerald Childs  
31 David Kreamsner  
Sylvester Porras

## WE THANK YOU, VETERANS

On November 11th we honor our veterans, those men and women who have served in the Armed Forces in order to keep us safe and to keep us free.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our veterans who often performed thankless tasks in unknown areas of the world. They went off and we stayed home, not really sure of all that they went through.

Many of our veterans, when they returned home, did not even return to hero's welcomes. Some did not even return to jobs. They did not know what would await them when they returned. But they went off to serve in the military nonetheless.

Reward was not their aim. Rather, service was what they had in mind. And they served well.

I always thought that it was so appropriate for Bishop Grutka to pass away on November 11th — Veterans Day — because he always had a high regard for those who served in the military. He would always remember our veterans with great love and with great pride.

And so should we.

We have many veterans in our parish community.

Thank you, veterans, for the time you put in the military so that we could be free to live our lives here at home. We are proud of you and we look up to you!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- John F. Kennedy

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

- Elmer Davis

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude."

- Jeff Miller

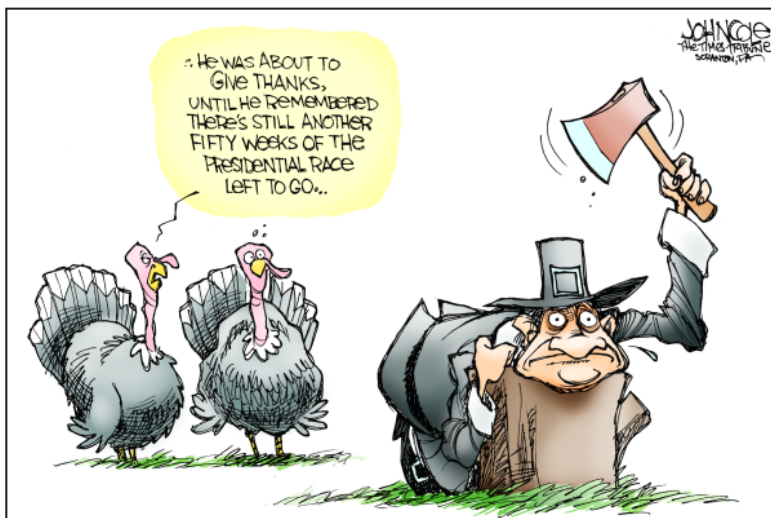
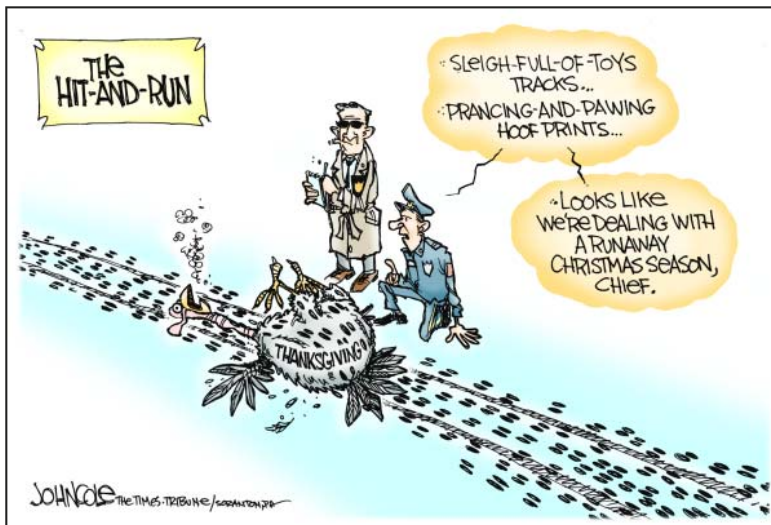
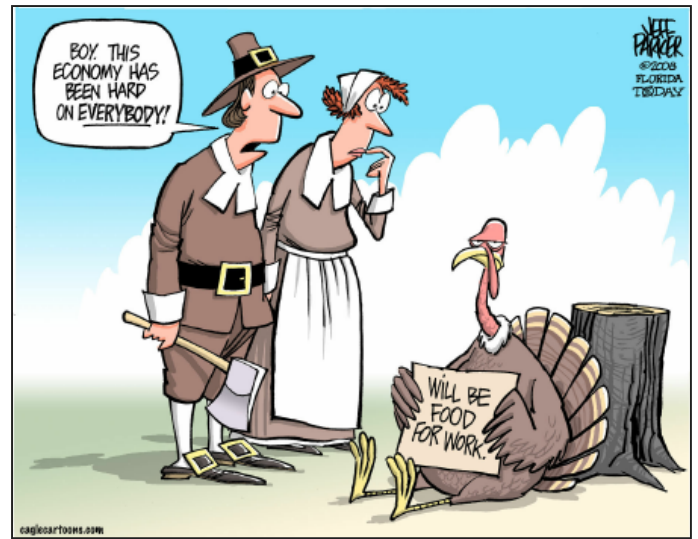
Let us not forget those who presently serve in the military. Each weekend, at Mass, we pray for our sons and daughters in the military that God may keep them safe and bring them back home to us. Let that continue to be our prayer.

**"God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above."**

## PRAYERS, PLEASE

*Kindly remember the following prayer intentions*

- ♦ John Mogle's son, Douglas, suffered a heart attack two weeks ago. He is Northwestern in Chicago awaiting another stint.
- ♦ Don Kopenec's mother, Rita Sajna needs prayers.
- ♦ Niall McShane's sister, Moira Lukas, and her second round with cancer; his mother-in-law, Barb Koufos, just had leg bypass surgery; and his father after the loss of his wife.



*True thanksgiving means that we need to thank God for what He has done for us, and not to tell Him what we have done for Him.*

~ George R. Hendrick

*If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice.*

~ Meister Eckhart

*Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude.*

~ E. P. Powell