



# knights of columbus

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## *From the Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

Greetings.

September has arrived, bringing us the autumnal equinox on the 23rd, which also happens to be Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's feast day. You may know him better as Padre Pio. Take a moment to read about his interesting life on any of our Catholic websites.

The arrival of September also means we are having our Fall Fish Fry and Raffle. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30th. You should have received your letter and raffle tickets in the mail (if not, contact me). The hours are 4:30-8:00pm. We need your help to make this a success, so please be generous in volunteering your time at the event. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting on Monday, September 12th. Brother Ron Albrecht is the chairman of the event; he can be reached at 630-670-2059.

Congratulations to our four new Knights, who took their First Degree on August 18th at the Marquette Council in Griffith: Adam Barran, Louis Diaz, David Wendlinger, and Victor Wernel. A big welcome to you from all of our 1.8 million members! Thanks to the 10596 Knights who also took the time to attend the ceremony.

Look for a Second and Third Degree Ceremony to be held at St. Edward's in Lowell on Sunday, October 2nd. More information will be forthcoming. This is an opportunity for our new Knights to move onto the higher degrees. All Brother Knights who are able to attend are asked to spend a Sunday afternoon with us on that date.

Our two local Catholic high schools, Bishop Noll and Andrean, are having their annual fundraising raffles. Tickets are now available for purchase in the St. Thomas More office. You can also purchase tickets at

our next meeting on September 12th. Please be generous in your support of Catholic higher education.

A big thank-you to all 30 Knights who attended our Social Meeting on August 22nd. You exemplified our second principle, Unity, in a most generous way, stuffing over 3,000 envelopes with our Fish Fry letter, raffle tickets, and return envelope. You are the reason we are the #1 council in Northwest Indiana!

Lastly, as I'm sure you want to know, "only two months til trees".

Vivat Jesus,

Brother Goz



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OCTOBER CALENDAR NOVEMBER CALENDAR

September 12	Business Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.
September 14	Squires Meeting	Solar Room	7:00 p.m.
September 26	Social Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.
September 30	FISH FRY	Cafeteria/Gym	4:30 p.m.

October 10	Business Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.
October 19	Squires Meeting	Solar Room	7:00 p.m.
October 24	Social Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.

November 14	Business Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.
November 16	Squires Meeting	Solar Room	7:00 p.m.
November 28	Social Meeting	Solar Room	7:30 p.m.

# Join Us



## September

- 2 James W. Kaspar
- 3 Ron Bickel  
Thomas R. Rogan
- 5 James W. O'Drobinak
- 6 Bernard L. Glasgow  
Howard M. Gralewski
- 8 Matthew T. Brough
- 9 John B. Hasse
- 11 David A. Kritzer
- 12 Gary A. Lee  
Joseph Stefanich
- 14 Dennis S. Banach  
James A. Florek
- 18 Omar A. Porras
- 22 Paul T. Capriglione
- 23 Matthew Reardon  
Harold F. Ware
- 24 Jack J. Nosich
- 25 Eric J. Mlodecki
- 28 David E. Gutowski
- 30 Jay T. Grunewald  
Thomas Rakowski



## October

- 1 Marion Reffkin, Jr.
- 2 Bernard Anthony  
Martin Dawson
- 4 Fred Bembenista
- 5 James Huseman
- 7 John Brooks
- 10 Robert DeGeorge
- 11 Robert Kopenc
- 12 Martin Cattan
- 16 Christopher Bedenk
- 22 Anthony Saklaczynski
- 24 Larry Albrecht
- 26 Karl Ackermann
- 28 Thadeous Oberc
- 30 Fr. Mike Yadron

## From the Council Chaplain



### WHERE WERE YOU?

So many times, in life-changing moments, we ask people the question: "Where were you when..."

I remember the morning of September 11, 2001 quite vividly. I was in Madison, Wisconsin attending the regional meeting of the directors of the diaconate.

September 11th was the last day of our three days together.

I remember that I left the residence building at the beginning of the day so that I could go into town and get gas for the car so that, as soon as our meeting was over later that afternoon, I could jump in the car and head back to Michigan City.

I went to the gas station and filled the car up.

I went into the station to pay for the gas.

I could not get anybody to accept my money. They appeared to be too busy watching a television. I could not imagine what was going on. Then, I heard one of the attendants say, "Oh, my God. Another plane is going in."

At that point, I looked around the counter and saw what they were watching. I watched the footage of the second tower being struck by a plane.

I knew, at that very moment, that the world as we knew it had changed forever.

It was the same feeling that I had as a very young child when I saw television footage of President Kennedy being shot. I was too young to understand all the implications, but I knew enough, from listening and watching my parents' reactions, to know that life would never be the same.

I remember paying for the gas, jumping in my car, going back to the meeting and telling everybody that I was leaving immediately to be with my students and staff back at Queen of All Saints.

I called the principal (Mr. Nordyke was the principal of Queen of All Saints School at that time) and told him that I was on my way and that I would be home at 1:30 p.m. I told him to schedule an all-school Mass for 1:45 p.m. so that we could pray for those who perished as well as for peace in our world.

I wanted our students to go home knowing that prayer was a powerful source of strength and comfort.

I still want people to know that.

Ten years after the event, I still pray for those who perished and those who died trying to save others. I pray for those who experience tragedy at the hands of others. And I pray that, one day, the peace that can only come from God will one day reign in our hearts and in our world.

God bless America, land that I love.

*Fr. Mike*