



Knights of Columbus® Queen of All Saints Council 12951

Winter 2024

Council Christmas Party

On December 9th members of the QAS Knights of Columbus Council accepted the Vocation Cross during the 4:30 Mass. The cross is now located in the Council room and the prayers are located [here](#).

After the Mass the festivities moved to the Saint Joseph's Club Hall where the Christmas party was held. At the party Al Tokoly was named Knight of the Year and Becky Garwood was named Council Woman of the Year. Congratulations to both! [Click here to view pictures of the event](#).

Our Council Receives Double Star Council Award



DD Marty Campanella & GK Bruce Garwood

District Deputy Marty Campanella presents the Knights of Columbus Double Star Award to Grand Knight Bruce Garwood.

Earning the "Star Council Award" is an annual recognition from the Supreme office of the Knights of Columbus. The Double Star designation means we have greatly exceeded the requirements for the annual recognition.

The requirements cover a variety of efforts. These include membership increases, community service, parish service, faith-based and pro-life activities. This year the members of our council conducted many additional activities which can be seen by clicking on the Activities link at qas.org/kofc.

"These men demonstrate that Christ is alive in our parish. On a daily basis, they practice their faith, by being the example of a Catholic gentleman" said Grand Knight Bruce Garwood.



The QAS Knights continue to win awards for their activities. At the Indiana KofC Mid-Year State Convention QAS Council 12951 received the Santa Maria award for excellence in continuing activities. This is an award which is presented to a council which has satisfied the criteria for all three of the state awards, the Nina, the Pinta and finally the Santa Maria. QAS submitted more than sixteen qualified activities covering over 2,300 hours of service in four categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life, as well as continuing to expand its membership. In addition, the council raised over \$32,500 which was distributed to the parish, the school and Michigan City charities.

Bell Ringing Pictures

Our 8th. year at Wal-Mart ! Thanks to the 20 Knights ,2 Wives and 1 Daughter who collectively spent 60 hours.



2024 Bell Ringing at Walmart

Message from the Grand Knight

Moving on from 2023 to 2024! The days seem to pass by so quickly so it is important to make the best of each day, Carpe Diem! Seize the day! 2023 brought about many new and exciting changes to your Knights of Columbus council. The one that sticks out the most is the Baby Bottle project that was conducted in October, Right to Life Month. We passed out over 400 baby bottles and collected them throughout the month. The end result was over \$8000 collected, Wow! This money has since been donated to the Prenatal Assistance Program (Michigan City), \$2000 and the Women's Care Center (LaPorte County), \$6000! Both organizations were very happy with the donations and very appreciative of the work of the KOC and Queen of All Saints and St. Mary churches. This overwhelming response to the Baby Bottle Project cannot be overstated. We as Knights could not be prouder of the end results and your willingness to help out those in need. New mothers, soon to be mothers and their babies have found support and a means to care for their babies. The Women's Care Center conducted a presentation to the council and noted the number of babies' lives that were saved and not aborted. The Prenatal Assistance Program will be conducting a presentation this quarter as well.

As Christmas season ends we move forward to Lent. As in the past, the annual Fish Fry's are in the planning stages and are set to begin in February. Plans are also in place for the Mother's Day Flower Sale and the Father's Day Port a Pit along with so much more in this new year.

I noted in the last newsletter how much we as Knights depend and appreciate the Lady Knights of our council. They bring a dedication and enthusiasm to everything. Collectively we are a team working together to enhance the "Good of Others" in our parishes and our community.

As we move through 2024 please consider joining our council and becoming a Knight. The membership dues for this year are free and signing up is very simple. If you are interested, please reach out to any Knight and they can assist you becoming a Knight. I am very proud to be a Knight and I am looking forward to this new year and helping others in need. This is a Great team, great partnership, and wonderful group of Catholic Gentlemen and Lady Knights.

God Bless all of you. Be safe!

Vivat Jesus!!

Upcoming Events

Jan 2	Social Meeting	Mar 1	Fish Fry #3
6	Soup Kitchen	2	Soup Kitchen
6,7	Café		No Café (Lent)
15	Business Meeting	4	Business Meeting
20	Rosary for Life	8	Fish Fry #4
Feb 3	Soup Kitchen	12	4th Degree Dinner
3,4	Café		Council Hosting
5	Social Meeting	15	Fish Fry #5
10	Blood drive	18	Social Meeting
14	Ash Wednesday/ Valentines Day	22	Fish Fry #6
16	Fish Fry #1	24	Palm Sunday
19	Social Meeting		Church Cleaning
22	Fish Fry #2	24	Tennebrae—Café
			Hosting After
		29	Good Friday
			Founder's Day

Officers

Chaplain	Fr. David Kime
Grand Knight	Bruce D Garwood
Financial Secretary	Martin J Campanella
Deputy Grand Knight	Thomas A Sienkowski
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Recorder	Thomas W Root
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Advocate	Dwayne M Hogan
Warden	Steven A Lyons
Inside Guard	Paul I Aquino
Outside Guard	Jim Welborne
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Two Year Trustee	David C Bays
Three Year Trustee	Lawrence J Barna

Knights of Columbus License Plate



Indiana Knights of Columbus Charity Fund Inc. Special Group Recognition License Plates for your vehicles (cars, light trucks, RV and motorcycles) are available for purchase from your local BMV office.

These plates can be ordered through IN.gov/BMV, at BMV branches, at BMV Connect kiosks, or BMV partial service providers. The plates will cost \$30 in addition to applicable taxes and registration fees. A \$15 supplemental fee and a \$15 group fee is due for each Knights of Columbus plate that is purchased.

Don't forget to checkout our website at <https://qas.org/kofc> for updates.

**MEETINGS—1st & 3rd MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH
7PM IN COUNCIL QUARTERS
606 WOODLAND AVENUE, MICHIGAN CITY, IN
(Quarters are located in the prior adoration chapel
across the parking lot from the school playground.)**