



# Knights of Columbus®

## Queen of All Saints Council 12951 Spring 2025

### 40 Cans for Lent



What is 40 CANS FOR LENT®?

It is a program designed to help fight hunger. An opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others.

The Program is simple. Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season.

As of this publication, calling the 40 Cans for Lent initiative a success would be an understatement! In March, we collected an impressive 2,038 pounds! For comparison, we gathered 361 pounds in January and 586 pounds in February, and Easter is still on the horizon! Additionally, we're eagerly awaiting the total from St. Mary's, and with everyone's support, we could surpass 2 tons!

### City-wide Confirmation



On March 27<sup>th</sup>, four Knights from our council joined four Knights from the Father Sorin Assembly to form an Honor Guard for the Michigan City city-wide Confirmation Mass.

The mass was held at Queen of All Saints' church and included Queen of All Saints, Saint Stanislaus Kostka, and Notre Dame parishes celebrated by Bishop McClory, Fr. Kime, Fr. Ciesla and Fr. Keith.

### 2025 Fish Fry

The 2025 Fish Frys were held on March 7 thru April 14. We sold 463 adult meals and 1,004 senior/child meals for a total of 1,467 meals averaging 245 meals per week. One person wrote about the service: *"We've been coming to your fish Fry's for years now and you guys never disappoint. A tasty dinner every time. Very well organized and well executed and always with a happy and caring attitude. Job well done! Kudos to the Boy Scouts as well! Hopefully they're the next generation KofC's in training. :)"*

Proceeds will go to: Queen of All Saints Parish.



### Flower Sale

On May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Mothers' Day flower sale. Featuring Hanging Baskets, Patio Pots, and Flower Flats.

Cash, Check, Cards, and Electronic Payments are accepted.



### Faith Award

Our council received the Faith Award at this year's convention.



## Message from the Grand Knight

It looks like Spring has finally arrived but since it is Northwest Indiana that can change at any time. Days are getting longer, and we are blessed with more of God's sunshine to warm us as we move through these beautiful days. Easter has arrived and now we move towards Ascension which commemorates Jesus' bodily ascension into heaven. It marks the end of His earthly mission and the preparation for the Holy Spirit's coming.

The 2025 Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fries has been completed, and it has been another successful year. The Fish Fry Team led by Al Tokoly has done a great job of putting this project together and delivering wonderful meals for all who were able to participate. The 2025 Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale is just around the corner, May 9th and 10th at the corner of Woodland and Barker across from the Queen of All Saints Church. And then we move into summer with the Port A Pit Chicken sale day, Father's Day weekend and Cluck and Oink in August. Thanks to everyone who supports the Knights of Columbus 12951, Queen of All Saints and St. Mary's Church, and Queen of All Saints School along with other community projects.

As I write my last Grand Knight message for 2024-2025, I wanted to say how thankful I am for being able to work with such a wonderful group of Catholic Gentlemen and Ladies. It has been an honor to say the least. I could not ask for a greater group of Knights to partner up with as we continue to move forward with our Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney and his mission to help those in need. His (and ours) mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity has only gotten stronger over time and as Knights we will make it even stronger moving forward. The 2024-2025 Election will be taking place soon and I am stepping down as Grand Knight. I have taken on a formation journey that requires much more time and effort and trying to juggle being Grand Knight and continuing to move forward with this formation journey makes it very difficult to give 100% to both endeavors so I am stepping away (for now). With this being said I am asking for your prayers as I continue to move forward with this journey and for the incoming Grand Knight. I am confident that the next Grand Knight will continue the mission of our council serving our parishes, school, and parish communities. Thank you for your support and prayers while serving as Grand Knight and beyond.

I want to thank my wife, Lady Becky, for her support for me and this council. Her tireless efforts, work ethic, and supporting ideas have made my Grand Knight tour much more pleasant and I cannot thank her enough.

If you are or know of any Catholic Gentlemen who attends mass regularly and is of good standing in the church, ask them to join our council. They can sign up online (easiest way) or by application. If you have any questions, please contact any council member. The link below highlights the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus! <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/benefits-of-membership.html>.

As Knights we are called to "To follow Christ"!

God Bless all of you. Be safe! Vivat Jesus! (Jesus Lives!)

Bruce Garwood, Grand Knight

## Upcoming Events

|       |       |                  |      |     |                    |
|-------|-------|------------------|------|-----|--------------------|
| April | 21    | Social Meeting   | June | 2   | Officers Meeting   |
| May   | 3     | Soup Kitchen     |      | 2   | Business Meeting   |
|       | 5     | Officers Meeting |      | 7   | Soup Kitchen       |
|       | 5     | Business Meeting |      | 7,8 | Legacy Center Café |
|       | 9, 10 | Flower Sale      |      | 16  | Social Meeting     |
|       | 19    | Social Meeting   |      |     |                    |

**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.)**

**Checkout our website at <https://kofc12951.org> for updates.**

## Officers

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| Chaplain            | Fr. David Kime       |
| Grand Knight        | Bruce D Garwood      |
| Financial Secretary | Martin J Campanella  |
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| Chancellor          | Robert L Moulton III |
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