



AUGUST 2026

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES,
COUNCIL 7053

NEWSLETTER

Get Involved — There's Something for Everyone!

One of the great things about being a Knight is that you don't have to attend our monthly meetings or participate in a set number of activities. That said, our meetings are a great way to stay informed, see what's happening, and get to know your fellow Knights.

More importantly, we have something for everyone! So pick an activity—or two—that interests you and get involved. It's a great way to have fun, meet other members, and make a difference in our parish and community.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

- Tootsie Roll Drives
- Food Sales — Fish, Chicken, Soup & Cinnamon Rolls
- Easter Basket Raffle for Scholarships
- Bake Sale for Scholarships
- Weekly Church Raffle
- Painting Wooden Toy Cars
- Food for Families Donations
- Football Game Men's Night
- Trine Basketball Knights Outing
- Rummage Sale Setup & Teardown
- Nativity Scene Setup & Teardown
- Religious Education Poster Contest
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- Pray for our priests and council

You don't have to do everything—just pick one and get involved! Your time and talents are what make our council strong.

Good to the Last Draw!

With the final drawing on Sunday, August 30, our Weekly Church Raffle wrapped up its fourth successful season, awarding weekly \$150 prizes to our faithful supporters. The final winner of the 2025-2026 raffle was

🎉 Ron Tolbin, following our other August winners

🎉 Sheila Bradley

🎉 Janice Hoffman and

🎉 Amelia Miller

And the good news continues! We have once again SOLD OUT all 300 tickets for the 2026-2027 raffle. Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets and helped make this fundraiser such a success. Good luck to all our supporters as we kick off Season #5!

Recommended Readings

At the recommendation of Brother Knight Gene Burd, be sure to read the article "United Under God" in the July 2026 issue of Columbia magazine.

The article highlights the Knights of Columbus' instrumental role in the effort to add the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance—an interesting piece of K of C history that is well worth the read!

Liked that article...keep reading! The May issue of Columbia magazine had an article "A Question of Faith", recounting the Knights of Columbus in Mexico that were forced to choose between their faith or obeying the governments law that denied their right to public worship.





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Fall Tootsie Roll Drive VOLUNTEERS



Thanks to all knights (and yet to volunteer knights) who will be at **Walmart** on **September 11 & 12** collecting for our friends at **Special Olympics, Promiseland Community, Rise/Easterseals and the Autism Center.**

Friday, Sept. 11th

10A-Noon Mark Stoops, Jim Shiffler, Tom Henry, Pete Senecal
Noon-2P Mike Wyss, Kelly Raugh, Les Libey, Mark Carteaux
2-4P Norm Thomas, Mark Foos, Ed Wise, **NEED ONE**
4-6P Glen Fischer, Bob Antos, Joe Voight, **NEED ONE**
6-8P Andrew Vachon, Jim Miller, Kevin McHugh

Saturday, Sept 12th

8-10A Brian Cline, Mark Harris, Gene Burd, John Stadtmiller
10-Noon Mark Foos, Maurie Hartman, Tom Wiegand, Ted Pulver
Noon-2P Tim Glasper, Matt McHugh, Dave Sarrazin, **NEED THREE**
2-3P Bob Antos, Steve Schneider, **NEED ONE**



Thank You for Your Time and Support!



Thank you's

A special thank you to the following individuals and organizations for recognizing the Knights' support and service to our parish and community:

- Jessica Jones — for her appreciation of our support of Fr. Jorge's 30th birthday celebration.
- Gibault — for their kind acknowledgment of our memorial gift in honor of Ray Hoffman's father.
- Promise Land People — for their thanks for our pancake-cooking support of their fundraiser.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society — for their appreciation of our decision to donate the proceeds from our most recent Cinnamon Roll Sale.
- Kathy Bryan, Religious Education Director, and Jessica Jones, Youth Ministry Director — for their appreciation of our quick and efficient work resetting the Confirmation classroom and Youth Ministry gathering space in the Butler Building.

Upcoming Events Calendar

September 4

9:00 AM

Chicken Halves Sale prep

St. Francis Social Hall Kitchen

September 6

Following all Masses

Chicken Halves Fundraiser Sale

St. Anthony of Padua Church

September 11 & 12

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tootsie Roll Drive

Walmart, North Wayne, Angola

September 15

6:00 PM

Monthly Officer Meeting

Conference Room, St. Francis Hall

September 15

6:45 PM

Monthly Council Business Meeting

Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

September 29

5:30 PM

Compassion Pregnancy Fundraiser

Life Changing Church, North Wayne, Angola

October 8

6:00 PM

Women's Care Center Luxury Bingo Gala Fundraiser

Kruze Plaza, Auburn

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention - Sept.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.





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- Rich Holman
- George Knotek
- Janet Rauch
- Alan Wiegand
- Devan Terrell
- Don Wise, Sr.
- Kedric & Laurie Beard
- Ken Drew, Jr.
- John Kesson
- Elizabeth McHugh
- The VanGessel Family
- Lorrie Haines
- Roy Harpenau
- Stan Fisher
- Justin Hyde
- Kevin McHugh
- Lucy Michel
- Aiden Lingo
- June Patterson
- Frank O'Konski
- Cindy Weslowski
- Mary Ann Wiegand
- Harvey Lechleider
- Marilyn Karpinski
- Larry Steinbacher
- Dan Vitek
- Lois McHugh
- Sue Foos
- Ed Wise
- Robert Craighead
- Tom Karpinski
- Ben Helmsing
- Dan & Annette Stobierski
- Fr. Fred Pasche
- Fr. Bernie Zajdel
- J.P. Souilliere
- Barbara Kruk
- Maria Garcia
- Betty Langshield
- Carl Praski
- Jerry Trowbridge
- Teresa Stewart
- Phil Wilson

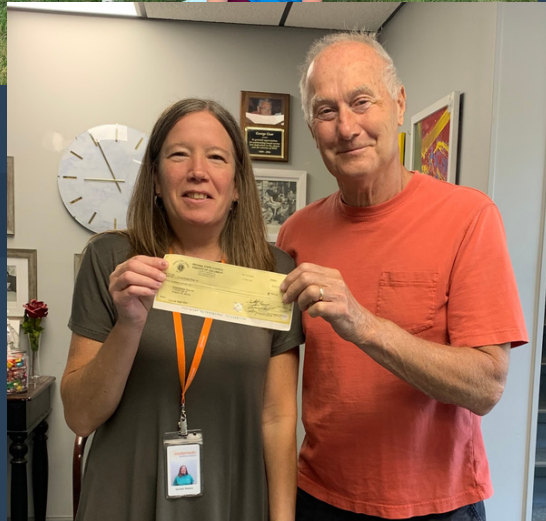


Prayer Requests

Blessed Michael McGivney...pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe...pray for us!



Charity Projects and Donations



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August 18, 2026

Council No. 7053, Meeting Minutes

- The meeting opened with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a roll call.
- Tootsie Roll Drive: The September 11–12 drive will support Special Olympics, Promiseland Community, Rise/Easterseals, and the Autism Center. We need additional volunteers for several shifts.
- Finances: Current balances include approximately \$2,600 in checking, \$27,300 in gaming funds, \$3,000 in savings, and a \$10,000 CD.
- Raffle: 251 tickets have been sold, leaving fewer than 50 to be distributed or returned before the September 6 drawing.
- Barbecue Chicken: The September 6 fundraiser will feature 240 donated chicken halves. Volunteers are needed for Sunday preparation and kitchen assistance.
- Community Service: More than 10 Knights helped with the parish rummage sale cleanup and quickly reset the Youth Ministry and Confirmation spaces.
- Disaster Relief: The council discussed supporting Central Indiana disaster relief through monetary donations and cleaning buckets.
- Recognition: The council received several thank-you notes for its charitable support.
- Membership: A new member application has been received and is awaiting exemplification.
- Faith & Fellowship: Fr. Jorge reflected on Blessed Michael McGivney and the Knights' role in helping men grow in faith, serve the Church, and support one another. Gene Burd also highlighted the history of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Key Priorities: Continue recruiting members, increasing volunteer participation, strengthening faith and fellowship, and supporting local charitable organizations.
- Next Meeting: September 15, 2026.

Key Council Action Items & Volunteer Assignments

Grand Knight Kelly Raugh

- Complete and submit the annual 365 Report – Due: August 21, 2026
- Contact Knights in the Central Indiana disaster area to coordinate relief needs – TBD

District Deputy Brad Wilson

- Locate and email the disaster relief cleaning bucket inventory list to Kelly – TBD
- Provide Kelly with contact information for Indianapolis-area District Deputies – TBD

Steve Schneider – Rosary Coordinator

- Organize a five-man Rosary leadership rotation for future council meetings – TBD

Mike Wyss– Chicken BBQ Coordinator

- Check the remaining barbecue sauce inventory ahead of the September 6 fundraiser

Tom Wiegand– Liaison

- Investigate potential Supreme Council matching funds and historical Knights of Columbus funding sources to assist with the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for Compassion Pregnancy Center – TBD

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 These minutes will be referenced for approval at our September 15 council business meeting. We intend to share the minutes with all brothers in advance so that you have time to review and offer any edits or corrections.

