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Grand Knight Report

Brothers,

We have started off the fiscal year with a bang. The Parish Festival was a great success and the help of so many of you made a great difference in the event. It was the first time we coordinated with the Knights of the Holy Temple and the Daughters of Immaculata on a project. The young Knights were also a critical part of the success of the Pumpkinfest and Oktoberfest events.

Two major goals for our council this year are to get involved more in the surrounding community and to involve the parish youth more in the activities of our council. So far, the activities have taken us to a new level on these fronts.

Many of you participated in the Help for Haiti Raffle, the Pumpkinfest and the Oktoberfest. Thank you for your help and support. We donated nearly \$10,000 to the Haiti mission as well as \$6,000 to worthy local charities from those events. Besides that, they were just a great time for everyone attending.

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The Gift of Water purifiers are manufactured in Indiana and shipped to Haiti. A technician from each community attend a 4 day training class. The purifiers are distributed to the families. They take them home and enjoy the benefits of clean water and improved health. The trained technician visits the homes monthly and teach families about the purifier and also about the importance of good hygiene and sanitation.

Above: A poster explaining the 'Gift of Water' and showing the goal for some of our recent efforts.

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We are coming up to the holiday season and are beginning to sell chocolate turtles, so think about your business gift list and pick up a few boxes. These are great gifts that mail easily and taste great. We will also be selling lawn signs to support the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' campaign. This is a simple way to remind our neighbors of the truly wonderful meaning of this season.

Our brotherhood is a wonderful group of men and a tremendously effective charitable organization. PGK Tom Weintraut is chairing a committee currently to review our charitable focus. Charity can be in many forms and is needed in many places. During this holiday season, consider your availability and talents. We always appreciate your ideas, suggestions and participation. It only takes a little to accomplish a lot. God bless us all.

Ed

Pumpkinfest / Oktoberfest

Like last year, our family Pumpkinfest was a free event for all community families. The children got a hay ride to pick out a pumpkin to take back and paint if they wanted, or have their face painted instead. It started at 11:00 AM with 350 pumpkins, and by 2:30 PM only about 30 pumpkins were left, 280 hot dogs were gone, and over \$700 of free-will donations had been collected.

The remaining pumpkins became decorations for Oktoberfest that evening, which was even bigger and better than ever! An estimated 600 patrons attended, which doubled our last year's attendance. Approximately 40% of the crowd was not from the parish, but from the surrounding community. Proceeds from the Oktoberfest were sufficient to allow the Knights to upgrade a variety of parish equipment used throughout the year and to donate \$2,000 each to three local charities: Zionsville Food Pantry, the Caring Center and Boone County Boys and Girls Club.

Thank you to the Knights of the Holy Temple who were fully engaged in these activities, helping to set-up and clean up for both events.

Also, thanks to the following sponsors.

Pumpkinfest sponsors:

Oobatz! Restaurant
Amore Pizzeria Ristorante
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Venture Logistics Inc.
Stoops Freightliner
Carter's Toy Museum
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Oktoberfest sponsors:

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Above: Is that Charlie Brown's friend, Linus, waiting for the arrival of 'The Great Pumpkin'?
Below: Time to decorate those pumpkins!



Above: Andrew Auersch and Jack Evans enjoy the Oktoberfest-ivities.
Below: Everyone enjoyed the Oompah band.



Fall Pro-Life Activities

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council has been a strong advocate for life by supporting several area pro-life events this fall.

Our first event, the Zionsville Fall Parade on September 10, featured an Honor Guard made up of 4th Degree Knights from our council. Teaming with the parish Embrace Life Committee and led by Father O'Keefe, 13 Knights marched with 12 other parishioners through the streets of Zionsville. The witness of the marchers was to salute everyday heroes, the pro-life volunteers in the Boone County and Indianapolis Metro area who defend the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Besides supplying marchers, the council helped defray the cost of the Pro-Life T-Shirts worn by the parishioners.

On September 27, five Knights and nine guests attended the Indianapolis Celebrate Life Dinner. This annual fund raiser for Right to Life of Indianapolis featured guest speaker Troy Newman of Operation Rescue. The council hosted one table and underwrote the costs of 10 tickets for council Knights and their guests.

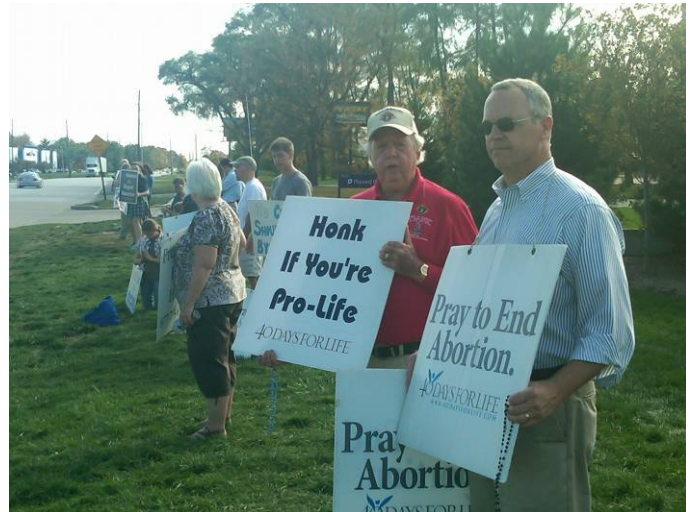
The next day, September 28, we began our fall pro-life effort known as "Knight Shift" to support the national 40 Days of Life campaign. Knights prayerfully witnessed for one hour each Monday afternoon during the six week effort. Ten council Knights and their prayer partners put in 117 hours in front of Planned Parenthood at 86th Street and Georgetown Road. The national campaign seeks to use prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach to end abortion in our nation both by seeking the grace to change hearts and to increase the awareness of the evils in our community. For more information on the 40 Days for Life Campaign go to: www.40daysforlife.com

On Sunday October 2, two council Knights and three parish families traveled to Lebanon to be part of another national effort known as "Life Chain." Like 40 Days, Life Chain seeks a peaceful public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. The group of thirteen from Saint Alphonsus Liguori joined about 100 other individuals standing in prayerful witness in front of the Boone County Courthouse for one hour.



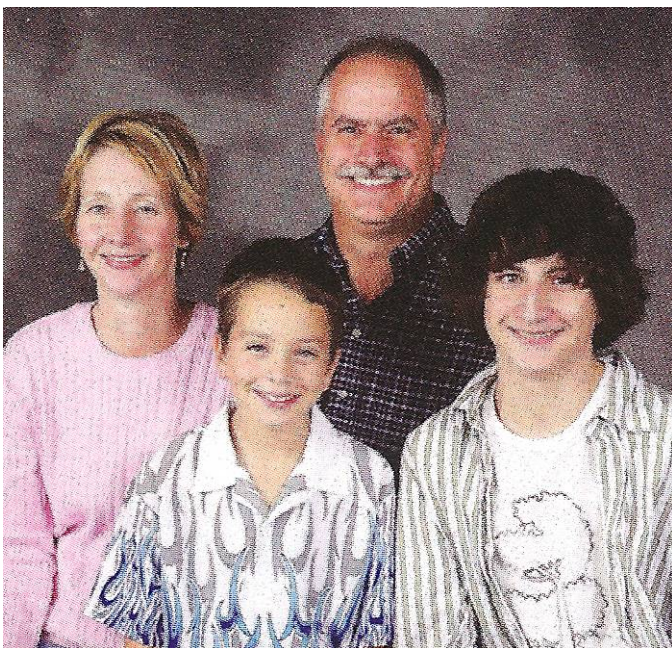
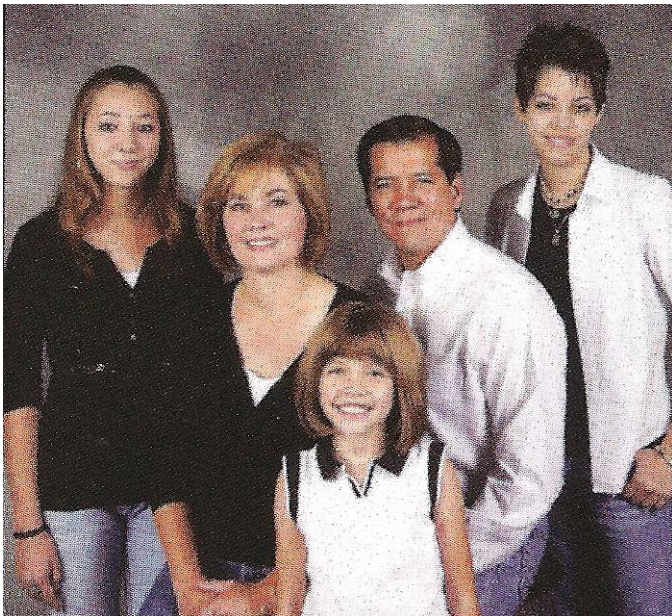
Above: Knights and the Embrace Life Committee team up for the Zionsville Fall Parade

Below: Tom Schimmel and Tim Shaw man the "Knight Shift" in front of Planned Parenthood.



Below: The Green family participates in the "Life Chain" effort in Lebanon.





FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Please congratulate these families of the month:

July: The Herran Family

We are blessed to have two Herrans as Knights, Brother Knight Andrew and Sir Knight Nick. Both are very active in the council and the parish. Andrew serves our parish as an Usher and Altar Server. Andrew works most Knights events, including the Fish Fry and annual St. Alphonsus Cup Golf Tournament. Andrew is a strong supporter of and participant in the Special Olympics. Sir Knight Nick is a member of the Honor Guard and an Officer of the 4th Degree Assembly where he serves as the Outer Sentinel. He also is a member of the 1st Degree Exemplification Team. Even when his health is not the best, he always tries to find ways to help with Knights events such as the golf tournament and Oktoberfest. Andrew and Nick's mother, Jacqui, is a Reader during Mass and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Andrew and Nick have a sister, Erica.

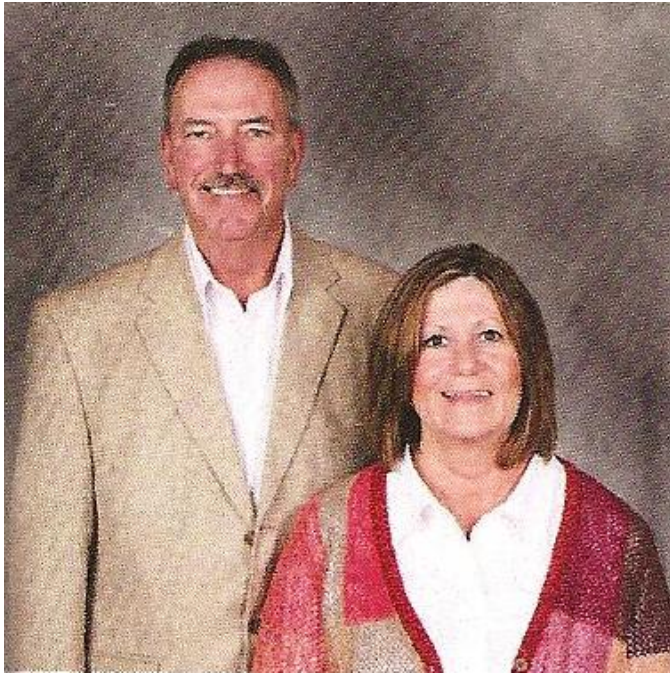
August: The Runkel Family

Brother Knight Ed is an active member of the Knights. He is a mentor to 1st Degree Knights, helps out at many Knights functions, and helped organize and run the St. Alphonsus Cup Golf Tournament. Ed serves our parish as a 5th & 6th grade Religious Education instructor. Ed also attended Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). We'd also like to thank Ed for his service to our country as a helicopter pilot for the U.S. Army. Ed and his wife Becky have three children: Megan, Morgan, and Maci. Morgan also serves the parish as an Altar Server.

September: The Endejan Family

Brother Knight Ed is active in the Knights. Ed can be seen helping out at many Knights events. He also graciously volunteered to take over publishing the council quarterly newsletter. Ed attended Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) and serves our parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Ed and his wife, Sandy, have two children: Jay and Tommy. Ed and his sons recently helped out at the Special Olympics and at the Habitat for Humanity wall build with the Knights.

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October: The Crook Family

Sir Knight Bob is an active member of the Knights and a member of the 4th Degree Honor Guard. He serves our council as the Warden and helps out at many Knights functions. For example, he helped solicit many of the donated materials and labor for recent Habitat for Humanity builds. Bob also serves our parish as an Usher. He and his wife Nan have four children: James, Niki, Melissa, and Joshua. Nan is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and also attended Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). Their son, James, is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army and their oldest grandson, Trinity, is also in the military.

Youth Event

The Knights held a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 6, benefitting our youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. \$750 was raised at this special fund raising event to help offset the cost of attendance for about 30 youth planning to attend NCYC November 17-20. Brothers who helped prepare a delicious breakfast for approximately 200 parishioners included: Jack O'Brien, Jim Harrington, Jack Baughman, Dennis Matusiak, Greg McCurren, Rafael Seneriz, Ed Dewitt, Brian Wilkerson, Al Harris, Matt Valli, Paul Sifuentes, & Mike Heneghan. Thanks to all those who supported this fund raiser.



Above: Matt Valli & Brian Wilkerson ham it up. Doesn't Matt know that's a cow hat, not a pig?

Left: Greg McCurren & Paul Sifuentes check out the building renovation plans. Wait – aren't they supposed to be serving pancakes? The cow hat seems to have made the rounds that morning.



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