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## WISHING WELL FUND, INC. Thank You

The Wishing Well Fund, Inc. would like to THANK everyone that helped make our Reverse Raffle a success on November 15th. Through your kind generosity we had another banner year for our fund raiser. The proceeds, as in the past, will help us take care of 168 families again this year at Christmas and will help us take care of many others throughout 2016. We hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and Blessed and Happy New Year. God Bless all of you.

## BOB McGUIRE 9 BALL POOL TOURNAMENT MARCH 5, 2016

The annual Bob McGuire 9-Ball Pool Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 5th, starting at noon. Entry fee is \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of the food and refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet in the pool room. Entry fee must be paid at the time of signup. Envelopes should be endorsed "Bob McGuire Pool" and left at the bar.

John Szostak, Chairman

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## COUNCIL SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 10 and February 14, 2016 will be our next Sunday Breakfasts for the new year in the Great Hall. The meals will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, ages 5 – 10, with children under 5 free.

The Breakfast are a great time to plan a family get together or to get your Church, Grade/High School class or any group together.

The Officers of the Council and its members wish to thank everyone for the support we have received for these breakfasts and hope you will continue supporting our breakfast.

## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016 at 7:00pm

Please mark your calendar for a special meeting on January 25, 2016 at 7 PM which we will be voting on the future of our council location. This is an important meeting which we will need to hear from you. This meeting is for members only and you will need your membership card to enter; all dues must be current as well.

Please read the letter contained on Page 4 which talks about this meeting. A personnel letter will also be sent to all members.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will not be an issue of the Cross & Compass for February as we delayed this copy to present this important information to the. All articles in this issue will cover the events for January and February.

# The Cross and Compass

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# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



## Brother Knights

I want to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year!

This will be a year of transition for us at Msgr. Downey and one that will require patience and understanding. Approximately two years ago, we lost Holy Name Bingo which brought in \$60,000 a year in rental income and subsidized our food and beverage operation. For years we've been losing money as our facility is very large and our food and beverage operation limited. With declining interest in our outdated rental hall and declining food sales for various reasons, it continues to be a challenge.

We were hopeful that Texas Holdem would be the solution to filling in the budget gap so that we could continue to run things as we've always done. Unfortunately, we were not able to comply with some of the requirements to maintain our license and no longer have it as a revenue source.

Your Council Officers and Realty Board will be hosting a meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7 p.m. to discuss transitioning into a smaller facility requiring less maintenance and upkeep or to move into one of our parishes and become a parish based council. At this meeting we will share the current financials of both the Council and Realty Board, our membership makeup (less than half of our members are dues paying and our average age is around 70) and we will be voting on what direction to take as we are at a point of needing to sell our property. We are essentially living beyond our means in our current facility without the revenue stream to keep it adequately maintained and to continue operating as we have in the past.

Your continued support is very important to making a positive transition as this is difficult for ALL of us. I feel like I've written this letter a 1,000 times trying to get it just right as so many of us have deep attachments to our current building with many great memories. We were praying for a miracle and as one member of the Realty Board put it, 'maybe this is our miracle, we won't have to be a slave to our current facility anymore and can get back to our mission as knights.' So much of our time, effort and resources have been devoted to staying in our current home...this may be our miracle!

I'm grateful to the members of our Council, the Realty Board/House Committee and the Past Grand Knights that have gotten together to make this as smooth a transition as possible. In particular, I want to thank PGK Keith Schnell for writing the letter you will be receiving, as he chaired a study committee looking at making this transition a couple years ago.

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We have a tremendous opportunity to become a stronger organization and one more rooted in the church by making a transition. Being a slave to our current facility is no longer a viable option. Maintaining our membership is a must as we go through this process. Let our Legacy be that of Catholic Gentlemen committed to Jesus Christ, our Church and Our Mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and not a physical location. Please remember that like the Church, the Church isn't a physical building, it is God's people. We as Knights are Monsignor James M. Downey Council 3660!

In summary, we want to emphasize that we are not dissolving our council but rather we want to reorganize and refocus our energies by relocating our council to a more suitable and maintainable facility.

Your prayers and support are appreciated!

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Veldhof  
Grand Knight  
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#### ATTENTION 1ST DEGREE MEMBERS

Major degrees (2nd & 3rd) will be hosted by Msgr. Downey Council 3660 on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

- \* Candidate Registration: 11:30am EST
- \* 2nd degree will begin at 12:30 pm EST
- \* 3rd degree will follow immediately after the 2nd degree
- \* Candidates should arrive no later than 12:15 pm EST
- \* *All Candidates must present their First Degree membership card at registration and current members must also present their membership card.*
- \* Attire is business casual.
- \* RSVP to GK Jeff Veldhof or FS Robert Lynch.

A light reception will be served for candidates and guests immediately following the ceremony.

**REMEMBER: If you are a sponsor of a candidate you should bring him to the degree.**

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## Msgr Downey Food Service Effective January 1, 2016

The Council will no longer be serving food on Friday and Saturday nights starting in January 1, 2016. We will still have special Council events like our monthly breakfasts and are working on a monthly dinner (i.e., Joe Schembra Spaghetti Dinner, etc...). The bar will continue to be open with no change in the hours of operation.

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### Preplanning Seminar

I have been contacted by several members wanting more information concerning funeral preplanning. This will be an informative seminar concerning funeral and cremation preplanning and is invaluable regardless of which funeral provider you would like to use. There is no cost or obligation for this seminar. It will be presented on Wednesday, January 27 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Reservations are appreciated but not necessary. Contact Jeff Veldhof for more information at 317-636-6655.



**Msgr. James M. Downey Council No. 3660**  
**511 E. Thompson Rd**  
**Indianapolis, In 46227**

**Dear Brother Knights & Families,**

**December 2015**

Almost two years ago a letter went out to all members reporting on the solvency of the Monsignor Downey Council. Unfortunately, that has not changed any and we are at the point that we need to make a hard decision to sell the current property that we now reside on.

The officers over the past two years have tried to reverse that trend bringing in the Texas Holdem card game and tried to bring in Bingo but as was brought up before, we do not have enough active members to support these functions.

As reported before, our council membership has dropped over the years and we now only have about 1,100 members and only approximately 602 of those are paying their full membership. The rest are Honorary and Life time members paying only a portion or none at all. Of the \$60 membership that we do receive from our members, approximately 25% of that fee goes to the State and Supreme Council. The money that remains at the council is roughly \$27,100 per year from memberships plus an additional \$32,436 from the sign rental, easement fees from CVS and Holiday Inn and parking fees from the nursing home. Although this may seem like a lot, it does not cover the cost of building maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc.

The building is in need of major updating, kitchen equipment needs to be replaced, roof top air conditioning units are in need of replacement and the sewer system is in need of a major overhaul. Because of the condition of the building, we cannot compete with the other catering halls on the Southside.

The restaurant has also been losing money. We have been subsidizing the restaurant as a benefit to our members. We have continued to remain busy on Friday evenings and some Saturday's but it does not break even and we cannot continue to operate in the red.

Having stated all of the above, we really are at a point of needing to sell our property. We have prime location, and many of us feel that now might be a good time to do this based on the improvement we are seeing in the economy.

Your positive outlook and involvement in deciding how to move forward will be critical to making this a successful transition. As we all know, the Knights of Columbus 3660 Council has, is and will continue to be, an outstanding organization that has done many good things for individuals, families and other charitable organizations. Since we are associated with at least nine parishes, many of which have active Men's Clubs, we have not had to support these parishes as other councils around the state in smaller communities have had to. However, we have had/made major impacts on other organizations like the Gibault Home, Damar Services, Handi-Capable Hands, SPRED, etc. and we will continue to do so in the future.

We have discussed a couple of options listed below and would like to hear from you at our Special Meeting on January 25 at 7 p.m.

**Option 1 - Sell the building and use the proceeds to locate to a smaller building and property that we can properly maintain with the assets that we will have from the sale of the building. This will allow us to continue with our meetings and smaller social gatherings.**

**Option 2 - Move our meetings to the churches meeting rooms.**

**Option 3 – Additional ideas from our members.**

Again, we want to emphasis that we are not dissolving our council, but rather we want to reorganize and refocus our energies by relocating our council to a more suitable and maintainable facility. We want to continue to improve our means of support to the above mentioned organizations that continue to need help from the community. These organizations are helping people that are not as fortunate as most of us are through no fault of their own. We hope that you will continue to maintain your dues to support the council and we promise that we will use the funds wisely and make the right choices.

Please mark your calendar for the meeting on January 25, 2016 at 7 PM which we will be voting on the future of our council location. This is an important meeting which we will need to hear from you. This meeting is for members only and you will need your membership card (2015) or Honorary Life card to enter; all dues must be current as well.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Veldhof**  
**Grand Knight**

**Keith Schnell**  
**PGK**

**Dave Jackson**  
**Realty Board President**

## SICK LIST

The following members of the Council were reported ill at the time of publication:



Marcia Agresta  
Eugene Daeger  
Jerry Eacret  
Wilbur Evans  
Dennis Harrington  
Harold Jockish  
Thomas Huebner  
Anna Marie Kiefer

Wayne Laszlo  
Joan Matthews  
Joe Moore  
Judy Morrison  
Ed Munsch  
John Newman  
Omer O'Connor  
John Perkins

Fr. Todd Riebe  
Ray "Dutch" Roembke  
William Schubach Sr.  
Margaret Strack  
Angie Tyree  
Thomas Westell Jr.  
Fr. James Wilmoth

The Officers And Members Of Monsignor Downey Council Offer Their Prayers And Good Wishes To  
The Members And Families Listed And All The Sick Of Our Council.

## SYMPATHY

The officers and members of Monsignor Downey Council offer their sympathy and prayers to:

- ✠ **Joyce F. DeArmond, 75, Indianapolis., passed away December 20, 2015.**  
Wife of Tommy DeArmond, mother of Brother Scottie DeArmond, Cindy Faircloth, 4 grandchildren.
- ✠ **Ann M Franz, 90, Indianapolis, passed away October 20, 2015.**  
Widow of Henry Franz, mother of Steve, Donna, Thomas, John, Doug Franz, sister of Theresa Springman (widow of our late Brother Leroy), Brother Raymond Roembke, 13 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren.
- ✠ **Brother Norbert H. Kempf, 89, Indianapolis, passed away October 8,, 2015.**  
Widower of Sally Kempf, father of Randy, David Kempf, Nena Gayer-Wheat, DeAnna Wermert, Donna Scholz, brother of Brother Anthony, Charles, Eugene Kempf, Martha Horton, Ellie Hammond, Bernadette Elslager, Stella Hart, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild.
- ✠ **Dorothy F. Mariutto, 89, Beech Grove, passed away December 4,, 2015.**  
Widow of our late Brother Louis Mariutto, mother of Mark, Brother Matthew, Susan Mariutto, Karen Smith, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.
- ✠ **David A. Rike, 50, Indianapolis, passed away November 28,, 2015.**  
Husband of Sara Kike, father of Nicholas, Miranda Rike, brother of Brother Dennis, 7 grandchildren.
- ✠ **Brother Victor L. Risch, 74, Beech Grove, passed away November 3,, 2015.**  
Husband of Hazel Risch,, father of Carl, Andrew Risch, Leah Jones, brother of Chuck, Paul Risch, Anna Marsh, 4 grandchildren.
- ✠ **Betty L. Sahn, 82, Indianapolis, passed away December 4, 2015.**  
Widow of our late Brother William Sahn, mother of Keith Sahn, Kathy Loggan, 5 grandchildren.

May Their Souls and The Souls Of All The Faithful Departed,  
Through The Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

# FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Directors Meeting 6:30pm Regular Meeting 7:00pm	9	10	11 Realty Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Council Breakfast 8am - Noon	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5 Bob McGuire Nine Ball Pool Tournament 12 Noon

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24	25 <b><i>Special Regular Meeting 7PM</i></b>	26	27 Planning Seminar Lauck & Velhof 1458 S Meridian 10am & 6pm	28	29	30
31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6