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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.

<u>REMEMBER: If you are a sponsor of a candidate you</u> should bring him to the degree.

#### ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will not be an issue of the Cross & Compass for April due items that the officers are working on as a result to the January meeting. As a cost saving measure the Cross & Compass will be printed bimonthly until we make a transition to a new facility. All articles in this issue will cover the events for March and April.

## COUNCIL SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 13 and April 10, 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.

# 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

# The Cross and Compass

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# GRAND **KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**



### **Brother Knights**

We had a very successful meeting in January to determine the future of our current facility. Eighty-Eight knights attended the meeting and at the end of the meeting, it was decided that we would sell our current building and transition into a smaller facility. Eighty-One members voted to sell our current building, five voted against and two abstained from voting. It ended in a very positive fashion with one member commenting that we could use this opportunity to reinvent ourselves and make a positive transition to something more affordable.

With the vote to sell our current facility, the Realty Board under the direction of David Jackson has started the process of interviewing prospective commercial realty brokers. We will have our final interviews with brokers on February 18 and, God willing, make a decision that night on who will represent us in this process. Your prayers would be appreciated!

The Council is in the process of forming a committee to look at the mission of the Knights of Columbus and our strengths and weaknesses at the council to determine how to best reinvent ourselves as we make this transition. It is crucial that we stay focused on our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity as we move forward. Fraternity is an equal part of our mission and a new facility is an important part of keeping our fraternity strong.

We have three breakfasts coming up on Sunday, March 13, April 10 and May 8 (Mother's Day). Your support would be appreciated as they help pay our bills now that our gaming is limited. We will host a Children's Easter Party on Saturday, March 26 which is always a good time for the kids and we want to thank Mike & Amy Kalscheur and their children for all their efforts with our youth program.

There will be a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Fr. Todd Riebe, our Chaplin and Priest of St. Mark, to go to India for the ordination of Deacon Meril Sahayam. Fr. Todd is his mentor and has been invited to attend this event. The dinner will be provided by the Council free of charge and free will donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of his travel and stay while there. Fr. Todd has been an inspiration to those of us on the Council Board and we want to thank him for all he has done to keep us focused on the true meaning of being a Catholic Gentlemen.

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In closing, I want to thank everyone for your support of the Council, it's officers and the Realty Board as we go through this transition. As stated at the start of this article, this is an opportunity to reinvent ourselves and I want to thank Dan Pavey for his comment and the round of applause that followed!

Your prayers and support are appreciated!

**Vivat Jesus!** 

Jeff Veldhof Grand Knight Cell: 317-753-2518

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# SPAGHETTI DINNER April 6, 2016

The Council will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to help defray travel expenses for Fr. Todd Riebe, our Chaplin and Priest at St. Mark, to go to India for Deacon Meril Sahayam's Ordination. Fr. Todd was Deacon Meril's mentor and has been a great inspiration to those of us on the Council Board as to what it means to be Catholic Gentleman. The Council will provide the meal free of charge and donations will be accepted to help with Fr. Todd's expenses. Please join us from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Council.

# **NEW COUNCIL HOURS**

Effective February 1, 2016

Sunday thru Thursday 2pm to 7pm

Friday 2pm to 9pm

Saturday 1pm to 9pm

Sunday CLOSED

# CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt for children will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

All children and grandchildren (age 10 and younger) of Council members are invited to attend.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be in the great hall from 2pm to 4pm.

Amy and Michael Kalschear will be coordinating the event and guarantee a fun time for all children

# MOTHER'S DAY COUNCIL SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 8, 2016 will be our next Sunday Breakfasts in the Great Hall. The meal will be served from 8:00a.m. until 11:30a.m. 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.

This month's breakfast, which has normally moved to the first Sunday, will be held on MOTHER'S DAY. This will be a good time to spend time with your mother, and friends, by bringing her to the breakfast.



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

# Minutes of the Special Meeting August 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Grand Knight Jeffery Veldhoff with 88 members present.

Chaplin Rev. Todd Riebe led us in the saying of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Grand Knight Jeffrey Veldhoff said the purpose of the meeting was to decide the disposition of the building and the council finances. He stated that there is no way we can remain in our current building with the major repairs that are needed.

Our current membership is 1191 members and 171 members are considered inactive. These are members that obtained Knights of Columbus Insurance, as a member, and have since resigned and have kept their insurance policy. The Supreme Council reimburses our Council \$9.00 each year to offset their per-capita. We have 94 Honorary Members, who have 25 years as a member and are 65 years of age and have not reached their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Their dues are \$15.00 per year, which offsets the cost of their per-capita to the Supreme and the State. We currently have 323 Honorary Life members. These members have 25 years of membership and are over 70 years of age. We also have one member who is disabled. We currently have 602 dues paying members, of which 113 are not current in their dues.

The Grand Knight reported the council collects \$1,000.00 a month rental for the large sign that is next to East Street. We also receive \$1,760.00 from the Nursing home next door for parking rental. He then stated that we need to get back to the basis of what the Knights of Columbus stand for, which is Charity, Fraternity, and the support of each other. A Capital Campaign has been discussed and our financial advisors have said the results would not be positive. We have lived beyond our means. The Holy Name Bingo helped us greatly and placed a large hole in our income when the left. We tried Texas Holdem for a year which helped, but the State would not renew our license as the dealers must be members.

The Grand Knight called on our Financial Secretary Robert Lynch, who presented our current financial status. He presented the membership numbers as stated by the Grand Knight. He explained that the 113 members, that are not current in their dues, owe over \$10,000.00. It has been suggested that we allow them to pay their current years dues plus \$15.00 for each year they are delinquent. The Councils largest expenses are the rent to the Realty Board and the per-capita to the Supreme and the State Knights of Columbus.

The Financial Secretary then turned the meeting over to Dave Jackson, President of the Realty Board. He stated the Realty Board's only monthly income is \$3,000.00 from the Council and the rental for the sign and parking from the Nursing Home. Our Gas and Electric expenses are \$32,000.00 a year. We have six rooftop air units that need to be repaired and the building's roof needs to be replaced. These repairs alone would cost between \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.00. The columns in the great hall are in need of repair which would cost about \$20,000.00. All repairs that are needed for the building would be over \$500,000.00. What we need is to move into a smaller building which would have a smaller upkeep.

We had a suggestion to take out a mortgage to repair the building. It was also suggested we take out a mortgage and demolish the building and build a new facility that would fit our needs and cost less to maintain. PGK Keith Schnell stated that we need more volunteers for our activities. He also stated that we need to get younger members and to get our membership more active.

The meeting was returned to our Grand Knight and a motion was made that we sell the building and transition to another location. The motion was seconded. The vote was 81 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 members declining to vote. The motion passed. A motion was made to have another informative meeting in 30 days. The motion was amended to have updates at each monthly meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Jeff Veldhof Grand Knight

# **SICK LIST**

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

Marcia Agresta
Eugene Daeger
Jerry Eacret
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:

- ₱ Brother Joseph L. Bridgewater, 85, Indianapolis., passed away January 12, 2016. Husband of Delores Bridgewater, father of David, Brother Gary, Robert, Stephen, Paul Bridgewater, 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild.
- ₱ Brother Wilbur L. Evans, 94, Indianapolis, passed away January 19, 2016.
  Widower of Mary Evans, father of Tony Evans, Pam Ryker, Connie Covert, 8 grandchildren,
  9 great grandchildren.
- ₱ Brother John E. Gedig, 90, Indianapolis, passed away January 22, 2016.

  Widower of Phyllis Gedig, father of John, Richard, Brother Paul, Kurt Gedig, Karen Burnett, brother of Brother William, Robert Gedig, 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.
- Delores J. LaRosa, 79, Indianapolis, passed away January 27, 2016.
  Wife of Brother Joseph LaRosa, mother of Joseph, Michael, Antoinette, Anthony LaRosa, Maria Chandler, sister of Donald Riley, 15 grandchildren.
- ₱ Brother Richard L. Sapp Jr, 63, Indianapolis, passed away January 27,, 2016. Husband of Mary Sapp, father of Joseph Sapp, Katie Mote, brother of Greg, Scott, Kevin Sapp, Pam Hanson, 2 grandchildren.
- ♥ Virginia L. Toner, 92, Indianapolis, passed away January 24,, 2016.
  Widow of our late Brother Frank Toner, mother of David Toner, Mary Briden, Jeanne Cano, 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild

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

# **APRIL 2016**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	1	2
4	5	6 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 –8pm	7	8	9
Directors Meeting 6:30pm Regular Meeting 7:00pm	12	13	14 Realty Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30
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# **MARCH 2016**

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