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Message from the Grand Knight

Brothers,

The first quarter of a new fraternal year is always a good reminder of how much our council can accomplish when we show up for our parish, our community and one another. July through September gave us plenty of examples.

We supported our newly ordained deacons and their families, gathered for fellowship at the Otters game, helped with parish and community fundraisers, supported pro-life and charitable causes, and continued one of our most important fundraisers through monthly Bingo.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, served, set up, cleaned up, sold tickets, worked a Bingo shift, made a donation, attended an event or simply answered the call when help was needed. Those individual acts of service add up to a strong council.

As we head into the fall, please continue looking for one more opportunity to get involved — and invite another Catholic gentleman to join you.

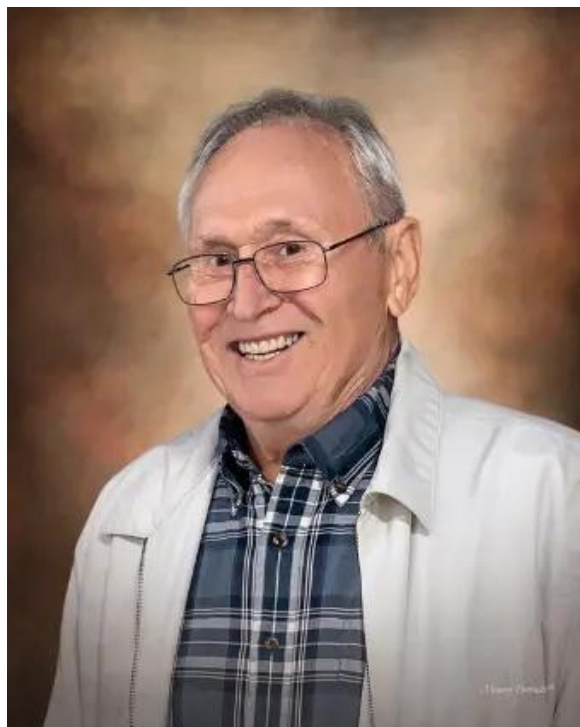
Vivat Jesus!

Ken Smith, Grand Knight

In Memory of Brother Knight, John Hamilton

Our council mourns the passing of Brother Knight John Hamilton, a man whose life was rooted in faith, family and service to others. John faithfully served Good Shepherd for many years through his music and many other ministries, and he was a dedicated member of our council, serving in several officer roles over the years. We are grateful for John's friendship, his example and the many ways he gave of himself to our parish and community. Please keep his wife Donna and the entire Hamilton family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.





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Faith, Family & Fellowship

New Deacon Dinner

One of the quarter's biggest service projects was the dinner honoring our new deacons and their families. The council funded the meal had many hands on deck helping to plan, cook, serve and cleanup for the event. Thank you for the Knights who helped make the evening possible — especially Alex and David!



A Night at the Otters

Faith and service are central to the Knights, but fellowship matters too. In August, 53 people from Good Shepherd attended the Knight at the Otters event — a great turnout and a fun opportunity for council members and parish families to spend time together outside our normal meetings and service projects.

Right To Life

The Right to Life of Southwest Indiana Annual Banquet was held August 20 at Old National Events Plaza, with our council sponsoring a table for Knights to attend. The evening featured keynote speaker **Kayleigh McEnany** and guest speaker **Dr. Christina Francis**, an OB/GYN and CEO of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.





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Serving Our Community:

Sienna Breakfast

The Knights supported the August 23 Sienna fundraiser at Sts. Peter & Paul, working alongside the Columbiettes. The council approved \$500 for food start-up costs.

Hunger Bowl

The Hunger Bowl returned September 11 at Reitz Bowl. The council had \$1,500 budgeted for the effort, continuing our support for an event that brings the community together while helping address hunger.

This year's event received attention in the National Catholic Register!

[How a Catholic High-School Football Rivalry in Indiana Is Helping to Tackle Hunger](#)



Pilgrimage to St. Mary-of-the-Woods



Our council donated to help fund the bus trip pilgrimage to St. Mary-of-the-Woods on Sept 26th. Participants spend the day learning more about St. Mother Theodore Guerin, the only canonized saint buried in the State of Indiana. Oct 15th will be the 20th anniversary of her canonization.



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Bingo: Fundraising Through Fellowship

Our monthly Bingo with the Columbiettes remains one of the fundraisers that helps make the council's charitable giving possible. Without it, we would not be able to support the causes who rely on our help. See below a list of donations and programs we've sponsored in the first quarter of this fraternal year.

A successful Bingo takes a full team. If you are not already on a crew or available as a substitute, please consider helping. Even an occasional shift makes a difference!

Help Wanted

A strong council depends on members who are willing to take a turn. Fall events, Bingo, service projects and council programs all need volunteers. If you have not been active recently, this is a great time to jump back in.

Bring a friend. Volunteer with another Knight. Take one shift. Small commitments from many members keep the workload manageable and allow the council to say "yes" when our parish and community need us. Remember our lesson on unity, when individual Knights unite around a common purpose, their combined strength is far greater than what any one member could accomplish alone!

Membership

Our new-member goal for this fraternal year is 11. Membership growth is not only about reaching a number — it is about inviting more Catholic men into fraternity, faith and service. Think about one man in the parish who you believe would be a good Knight, and invite him to an event or meeting!

 1ST QUARTER DONATIONS  JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026		
	Coats For Kids	\$1,700.28
	Granted	\$3,000.00
	MC Training Camp	\$323.50
	Right To Life	\$725.00
	Sienna Food Drive	\$500.00
	St. Vincent DePaul	\$500.00
	Hunger Bowl	\$1,500.00
	Deacon Dinner	\$3,744.09
TOTAL		\$11,992.87



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Coming Up

Oct. 3 – Race for Vocations

Volunteers are needed for the post-race booth

Oct. 4 – Bingo

Even month bingo crew is on! Setup after 10:30 Mass and teardown at 7:30pm

Oct. 5–10 – Fall Festival Booth

The Knights have Saturday, Oct. 10, but volunteers are encouraged to help any day. Proceeds are split equally among the groups staffing the booth.

Oct. 25 – 4th Degree in Mt. Carmel

Scheduled for 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

November – Landscaping

A landscaping work day is planned for after the Rosary. Tentatively planned for November 7th

Family of the Month

Congratulations to the families recognized during the quarter:

July – Ken & Maren Smith

August – Dick & Marty Schuler

September – Alex & Megan Knies

Pilgrimage Support

At the September meeting, the council voted to support three Good Shepherd Savio participants, Brayden Keck, Jaydon Probst, & Luke Lovell, traveling on a pilgrimage to Turin, Italy, with a proposed \$500 entry target per person.

Prayers for Vocations

Please continue to pray for vocations and for the men discerning the priesthood and diaconate. Our council's support of seminarians, deacons and vocation-related programs remains an important part of our mission.



God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women
to serve in your Son's Kingdom
as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help others respond
generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith
support vocations of sacrificial love
in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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Answering the Call

A huge congratulations to our Brother Knights, Jorge Velasco, Bill Blanke, and Jerry Durchholz, who were ordained to the **Permanent Diaconate on August 8!** We are incredibly proud of these men for answering God's call to serve His Church and for the years of prayer, formation and dedication that led them to this special day. May God bless them and their families as they enter this new chapter of service, and may their example inspire all of us to listen for the ways God is calling us to serve.

Congratulations, Brothers — and thank you for saying “yes” to God’s call!

