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Program Orientation Night

In conjunction with our social on Monday, January 21st, our council will be hosting a Knights of Columbus Program Orientation Night. Every member of our council is strongly encouraged to attend. Guest speakers will include:

Gordon Becker - Church Director
Rick Myers - Community Director
Kevin Coleman - Family Director
Randy Schmidt - Youth Director
Mike Nygra - Pro-Life Director
Pat Rondinella - Council Director

Each of our council's Directors will provide an overview of their annual program activities, and discuss upcoming events and opportunities for volunteer service.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about everything our council does, help you find new ways to help it be successful, and share in the fellowship of your fellow Knights!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wise Men still seek him...



New Home for Monument for the Unborn

This past July, Jarrod Owen, of St Malachy Boy Scout Troop 358, took on a task of "monumental" proportion.

To fulfill his Eagle Scout Service Project, he approached the St Malachy #12540 Council leadership requesting to move



K of C Unborn Monument & Blessed Mother & Child

the monument for the Unborn from the Green Street location to the new Church. Jarrod completed the move and also added a landscape mural of the Blessed Mother & Child.

The Council contributed \$200 to defray the cost of labor and materials.

Letter from the Desk of Our Grand Knight...Tony Shriner



Brother Knights,

The beautiful season of Advent is upon us and we are again reminded of the most amazing gift ever given to humanity; Christ Jesus.

While it is true that these next few weeks may be busy, let's be mindful of the need to quiet ourselves in order to listen to God speak to our hearts.

May this Advent season be one of a renewed commitment to prayer. I

challenge all of us in the council to pray the rosary with our families so that we can rely upon the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring us closer to her son, Jesus.

Please take notice of the special event that the council has planned for Monday, January 21st @ 7pm in the Holy Family Room. Our goal in 2013 is to increase participation among all members of the council.

If it's been awhile since you have attended a council meeting, event or activity – this is the perfect chance

to get reconnected.

May all of us heed the words of Christ: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."*

Peace in Christ,

Tony

40 Days for Life - 4000 Crosses



4000 crosses at St Malachy Church, Brownsburg, IN

As part of the 40 Days for Life, the Saint Malachy Respect Life Ministry setup up 4,000 white crosses on the front lawn of St Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

These crosses symbolize the loss of life every day in the United States at the hands of abortion providers.

Larry and Kay Sendelbach of St Joseph Parish in Cold Spring, Ky., created this "Cemetery of the Innocents" ministry after hearing about similar "Crosses for Life" traveling exhibits in other states.

This also helps to raise awareness of our belief that all hu-

man life is sacred and should be respected and protected, from conception until natural death.

Hendricks County Sycamore Services

Hendricks County Sycamore Services provides services to individuals from birth to retirement and beyond. Early intervention therapies assist children in reaching developmental milestones for success in school and in life. Cornerstone services are provided to



DGK Dave Latka presents the check for \$1250

children through age 18 to promote greater independence and skills enhancement.

After a brief history and description of the services provided by Sycamore Services, DGK Dave Latka presented a check for \$1250 to the organization's

representative. The proceeds were from our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Sycamore Services representative expressed her gratitude for St Malachy's Council #12540 continued support of these much-needed community services.

Council Earns 500 % Vocations Award

Grand Knight Tony Shriner, accepted on behalf of Council #12540, the 500% Vocations Award from District Deputy Warden Tim Shaw.

The Vocation Sponsor's award is granted by the Knights of Columbus' Indiana Headquarters to local Councils for contributions to seminarians and promotion of vocations in 2012.

The Council provided financial sponsorship and spiritual support to our local seminarians across the State of Indiana.

Council #12540 was able to donate 5 times the amount of our goal; thus the 500% award.

Other 2012 Vocation Activities:

- Support of seminarian Michael Conner - Camino de Santiago ("The Way of St. James")

- Seminarian Cookout and Volley Ball Game

The Council continues to look for additional ways to support our local seminarians in the coming year of 2013.



District Deputy Warden Tim Shaw presents Grand Knight Tony Shriner with the 500% Vocations Award

Council #12540 Award for Excellence in Website Design



District Deputy Warden Tim Shaw presents Sir Knight Rick Mroz with Excellence in Web Design Award

Sir Knight Rick Mroz received a Special Award from District Deputy Warden Tim Shaw for his design and maintenance of the St Malachy website.

Rich created the website in October 2000 to provide an online pres-

ence for our council and make it easier to get Council news to the membership. The site received national awards in 2001, 2003, 2003-2004, & 2005.



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Council #12540 Serves at Mary's Way Dinner

On October 4, 2012, nine Brother Knights of Council #12540 provided waiter services for the 2nd Annual Mary's Way (Women Answering Yes) Dinner.

This annual event is an evening of dinner and fellowship for the women of St Malachy Parish. Keynote speaker, Beth Leonard, presented an evening of reflection. Women attending the dinner commented throughout the evening how much they

appreciated being "pampered" by men of the parish.

Brother Knights Maurice Nichols, Bob Uhrich, Mike Doades, Larry Gates, Roger Manternach, Scott Miller, John Martin, Joe Knueven, and Mike Balensiefer participated in the event.

"Way" to go Knights!



SK Maurice Nichols discusses the evening's festivities with the Mary's Way Dinner coordinator Stephanie Engleman.

Upcoming Events

January 2013

1/5 1st Saturday Adoration & Reconciliation

1/7 Business Meeting

1/9 Feed the Homeless

1/21 Program Orientation Night - Knight Nite Social Meeting

1/26 Know-It-All - Noll Hall

February 2013

2/2 1st Saturday Adoration & Reconciliation

2/4 1st Degree & Business Meeting

2/13 Feed the Homeless

2/16-17 St Malachy Men's Retreat - St Meinrad

2/17 Knight Nite Social Meeting

March 2013

3/2 1st Saturday Adoration & Reconciliation

3/4 Business Meeting

3/13 Feed the Homeless

3/15 Lenten Fish Fry - Noll Hall

3/18 Knight Nite Social Meeting

Resources

Word Among Us
www.wau.org/

United State Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.usccb.org

Catholic Answers
www.catholic.com

Knights of Columbus - Supreme Council
www.kofc.org

Knights of Columbus - Indiana State Council
www.indianakofc.org

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