



# St. Malachy Council 12540 - Knights of Columbus

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## **Building Fund — 4 Proposed New Policy Statements Discussion & Voting**

As a result of investigating the process of amending the Council 12540 bylaws, the officer team learned from Supreme that it is not possible to make custom modifications to the bylaws (the bylaws are automatically generated based on the answers supplied to standard questions with no means of adding custom text). Supreme also indicated it is common for councils to create “policy statements” as a means to document council practices that cannot be addressed via the standard bylaws template. After discussing this with both the officers and past Grand Knights, there are 4 proposed policy statements that we would like to discuss and vote on. There will be discussion on the 4 proposed policy statements during our business meeting on Monday February 3, 2013 and a vote on each during our business meeting on Monday March 3, 2013. The 4 proposed policy statements to be discussed and voted on are as follows:

**Policy #1 - Use and description of Council Policies**—Council Policies shall be used as a means to amend the information stated in the Council By-Laws. The requirements for creating/ amending Council Policies are the same as that described for amending Council By-Laws in Article IX of the Council By-Laws. A printed current copy of the Council Policies shall be maintained along with the a printed current copy of the Council By-Laws

**Policy #2 - Distribution of Council funds in the event that Council 12540 becomes inactive.**- In the event that Council 12540 becomes inactive, all council funds, including those in the gaming fund, shall be donated to St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, Indiana.

**Policy #3 - Changes to the Building Fund**—Section 5 of Article VII of the Council 12540 By-Laws adopted on March 20, 2000 which refers to the Building Fund shall be replaced with the text that follows in italics: *Special Opportunity/Insurance Fund—Sec. 5. The Council shall maintain a special fund to be known as the Special Opportunity/Insurance Fund. Until 2014, this fund was maintained as the “Building Fund”. The purpose of this fund, which is to be maintained separate from the “General Fund”, is to hold funds that may be used for Special Opportunities as they arise. The money held in this fund may also serve as “Insurance” for the council should an unforeseen event occur (eg. if the council suddenly had to pay rent for meeting space). It is not a requirement that the council makes an annual contribution to this fund, and any investment proceeds from this fund shall remain in this fund. The voting requirements for withdraws from this fund will be the same as that required to amend the Council By-Laws as described in Article IX of the Council By-Laws.*

**Policy #4 - 12540 Investment Committee**—The council shall establish a committee comprised of at least 3 members of the Council who are responsible for making a recommendation to the council for how the money in the Special Opportunity/Insurance Fund is invested. The council must approve any recommendation prior to implementation.

Policy #2 is driven by the Indiana Charitable Gaming Commission where there is a need to designate a 501 (c)(3) organization to donate remaining monies in the gaming account if our council becomes inactive. During the meeting of the past Grand Knights it was suggested that we expand this to all council funds.

Policy #3 concerns the Building Fund. The proposal is that the existing building fund be eliminated and that the funds currently in the building fund be transferred into a new fund named the **“Special Opportunity/Insurance Fund”**. The primary change is the money in this fund will no longer be limited to “providing and maintaining a permanent home for the Council” as what is currently listed in the bylaws for the existing Building Fund. Additionally the council will no longer be obligated to make an annual contribution to this fund. Note that any withdraws from this fund requires a two thirds vote of the members present and requires two business meetings.

**Please be sure to attend the upcoming council meetings on February 3, 2013 & March 3, 2013 to participate in the discussion and have your vote counted!**

## Life of a Grand Knight in 1 minute



Early Spring 1973, southern Wisconsin, a Catholic family, a teacher and a registered nurse give birth to their 2<sup>nd</sup> baby boy, David James.

First four sacraments and grade school at Saint John Vianney, including the addition of the confirmation name, Peter.

High school achievements include advanced placement courses, National Honor Society and a swimming record that still stands to this day.

College at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, major in Civil Engineering with emphases in environmental and geotechnical with minors in French and mathematics, graduate December 1995.

Work at a small consulting firm in Minnesota, home parish, the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.

Off to Alaska to my cabin to study for the professional engineering examination, strayed from local Russian Orthodox and Roman Catholic parishes.

2000, moved to Indianapolis, worked at Civil Engineering consulting firm

on the north side, attended Saint Pius X parish.

2002, west side engineering firm, attended Saint Gabriel Parish, then Saint Malachy.

2008, Honaunau, Hawaii, St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church (the painted church) overlooking beautiful and historic Kealahou Bay on the big island, celebrated the sacrament of marriage with non-catholic wife Amy, family and friends.

Talk with Gene Barnard and introduction to the Knights of Columbus.

2013, Grand Knight with two children Eva Rose, aged 24 months and Jacob Henry 9 months.

2014, March : Fourth Degree.

**David Latka**



## Tootsie Roll Proceeds Benefiting the Community

Many Brother Knights were on hand to present the 2013 Tootsie Roll proceeds at the December 2, 2013 Council Meeting. Deputy Grand Knight Dan Stephens presented checks in the amount of:

- \$10,000 Special Olympics of Hendricks County
- \$1250 Sycamore Services

Proceeds from the annual Tootsie Roll Drive helps to fund their outreach for early intervention therapies assisting children to reach developmental milestones and the those with other developmental needs of the Brownsburg community-at-large.



## 12th Annual Know-it-All—Save the Date!

**Supporting the St Malachy Council #12540 Scholarship Fund**

**January 25, 2014**

**The Palms—Plainfield**

Banquet & Conference Center (formerly Primo West)

Contact:

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**Reserve Your Spot Now!**

## Help bring Christmas to Gibault!

We can all make Christmas at Gibault a wonderful memory that they will cherish for years to come.

Please bring an item to the Knight's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th or drop off in the Parish Office during business hours.

The following items will make great gifts for the kids:

- Children's books/Sports books
- Remote control cars
- Hot wheels garages and other sets
- DVD Movies (G, PG & PG-13)
- Wii Games (Rated E or T)
- Wii Controllers
- Craft Supplies
- Small hand held games
- Children cartoon movies
- Fishing equipment (lures, rods, reels)
- Board games
- Coloring books and crayons
- Body Lotions

A Special Gift caravan is scheduled for Tuesday, 12/17 to deliver the gifts to the Gibault kids.

Please join Maurice Nickels & Will Loberger ([WilliamLoberger@AOL.com](mailto:WilliamLoberger@AOL.com)) to visit Gibault's campus and have lunch with the kids.



## Knights Usher Inaugural Hendricks County Right-To-Life Dinner



On Thursday, November 21, six Knights provided usher services at the Inaugural Hendricks County Right-To-Life Dinner.

Additionally they passed out important legislative information at the end of the evening and collected pledge cards from those in attendance. The evening included several informative talks from speakers including U.S. Representative Todd Rokita and Indiana Right-To-Life Director Mike Fichter, and the keynote address Indianapolis Radio Talk-Show Host Greg Garrison. Each of the speakers encouraged the attendees to stay engaged in the pro-life battle and highlighted several recent successes. Of particular note was the recent purchase of the two-acre plot of land immediately adjacent to the Planned Parenthood clinic located in northwest Indianapolis.

The Fort Wayne-based pro-life group that made this purchase plans to build a \$2 million women's care center at this location to combat the gruesome work going on next door at Planned Parenthood.

As with all Knights events, the night included great camaraderie, and our group was thrilled to hear some of the personal history from Brother Maurice Nickels, who explained some of his exploits as a U.S. Navy Diver (the next time you see Maurice, ask about his first-hand experience with killer whales and skinny dipping in 70-degree-below-zero weather).

Many thanks to Brothers Maurice Nickels, Jeff Gaerke, Dan Stephens, Larry Timko and Bob Uhrick for participating.

## 2013 Council #12540 Christmas Party

**Date: December 14, 2013**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Noll Hall**

**Dinner by South of Chicago**

- ***Come hear Father Joe read his traditional Christmas Story.***

- ***Please bring a gift from the gift list for the kids at Gibault!***
- Contact: Kevin Coleman
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## Upcoming Council Activities — Winter 2013

Event	Coordinator	Tentative Dates
Christmas Party	Kevin Coleman	12/14/2013
Christmas Caroling	Mike Worden	12/16/2013
Substance Abuse Poster Contest	Ralph Boberg	1/14/2013
Know It All	Mike Waters	1/25/2014
Youth Free Throw Contest	Ralph Boberg	1/25/2014
Blood Drive January	Pat Rondinella/Tony Shriner	1/26/2014
Knight Bowl	Tom Arnold	2/1/2014
Polar Plunge for Special Olympics	Paul Zielinski/Mike Worden	3/1/2014
40 Days for Life - Spring	Mike Nygra	3/5-4/20 2014
Lenten Friday Night Meals	Bob Uhrick / Will Loberger	3/7/2014
Eucharistic Adoration Guard - Lent Sundays	Mike Worden	3/9/2014
8th and 12th Grade Scholarships	Mike Waters	4/14/2013
Tootsie Roll Drive	Rich Mroz /John Mullens	4/29-5/4 2014
Ladies Appreciation Event	?	5/17/2014
Family Day @ Turkey Run	Kevin Coleman/Ron Strahle	6/7/2014

## Upcoming Meetings — Winter 2013 & 2014

### December 2013

12/2 Business Meeting  
 12/6 First Friday Rosary  
 12/14 Christmas Party—Noll Hall  
 12/16 Knight Nite Social Meeting /  
 Council Christmas Caroling  
 12/17 Gibault Toy Caravan

### January 2014

1/3 First Friday Rosary  
 1/6 Business Meeting  
 1/20 First Degree Exemplification-  
 Knight Nite Social Meeting  
 1/25 Know-It-All –Palms

### February 2014

2/3 Business Meeting  
 2/7 First Friday Rosary  
 2/17 Knight Nite Social Meeting -  
 Speaker: Greg Giles—World Fire-  
 fighters Wrestling Competition  
 3/17/ Seminarian Michael Con-  
 nor—Camino del Santiago

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Council #12540 4th Degree Color Guard  
 2013 Brownsburg 4th of July Parade



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