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Crown Point Knights Keep Tradition Alive

Sponsors played a big role in making Fish Fry happen in 2015

By Dave Stephenson

Director of Public Relations

This year's Annual Fish Fry was one for the books.

In the past, the Crown Point Knights of Columbus of the Cardinal Stritch Council #4620 have always put on a successful Friday dinner in St. Mary's Hammes Hall during the Lenten season as their annual fund raiser. There were always sponsored donations from local businesses raffled off or bid on in silent auctions. The Knights from the Lowell cooked up more

A tremendous amount of thanks goes out to the following sponsors without whom the dinner could not have went on.

Big Woods Brewing Co.

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Larry Biegel

than enough fish and trimmings to feed everyone in town and the community always blessed us with a great response.

However, due to 2015 being St. Mary's Church's 150 Anniversary, Hammes Hall

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Tootsie Roll Drives allows the community help others

By Larry Biegel

Deputy Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus Cardinal Stritch Council #4620 were out on the streets May 2nd for their annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. Every year the Catholic organization collects donations for local charities to help people with intellectual disabilities in the Crown Point area.

This year proved to be no exception as Council 4620 collected over \$1600.

Taking advantage of the perfect spring weather, groups of Knights were stationed at grocery markets and street corners throughout Crown Point giving out Tootsie Roll candies in return for donations of spare change. Traffic was backed up for blocks at some intersections as the Knights took whatever moneys motorists were able to give.

Last year, the Cardinal Stritch Council



Cardinal Stritch Council 4620 Grand Knight Jim Landers presents a check to Dottie Gwyn-Maas from the Special Olympics Indiana.

#4620 shared the collection with the Special Olympics Indiana, Father Blaney's Share Foundation, and the Arc Northwest Indiana.

The Cardinal Stritch Council has helped the Special Olympics Indiana

throughout the year by volunteering at the Cover Bridge Festival in October and the Winter Walk for Special Olympics in January. Both events were held in Crown Point.



By **Jim Landers**
Council #4620 Grand Knight

Brother Knights...

It has been an exciting year so far and we are looking forward to an eventful summer. We have a night at the races planned for this June 13th at Balmoral Park and with Fourth of July fast approaching we have plenty of things to keep us busy.

One of my top goals this fraternal year was to get our membership roster current. Thanks to the efforts of our fellow brothers we are well on our way and very close to achieving this goal.

The Trustees are currently putting together a slate of officers for the next fraternal year. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer or wants to nominate a fellow brother, please bring this forward at our business meeting in June.

Brothers, if you have not been to a meeting lately, please stop on by as we would enjoy seeing you and getting reacquainted with our fellow Brother Knights.

Yours in Christ,

Jim

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Membership Totals

- Total 115
- Honorary Life 21
- Inactive 4
- Honorary 3

“Mommy’s Haven” Hopes to Provide Expecting Women a Home

By *Eugene Bujdoso*
Culture of Life Director

Last October, I attended a benefit for “Mommy’s Haven” at the Lake County Fairgrounds. “Mommy’s Haven” is a program that hopes to build a residence for pregnant women in need.

It was encouraging to see that hundreds of people stopped by to show their support and also encouraging to see that preventing abortion by helping pregnant women in need is a universal and multi-faith concern.

My parish, St. Matthias, was one of several food vendors for the day. This was not a “Catholic” event. There were churches of all denominations involved.

“Mommy’s Haven” was created to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support during and after pregnancy through a stable, Christian-centered family living environment, mentorship, job development/ placement and other necessities for reaching their full potential.

Their goal is to have a home that will

provide a safe environment for women, ages 18 years-old + who are pregnant and have nowhere to turn. They are offering these women the opportunity to choose life for their baby.

A dinner held on April 18th was attended by 160 people and dozens of vendors donated materially to the benefit and silent auction raised \$5700.

The money will go towards finding a residence for the mothers to live during their time with Mommy’s Haven.

Meetings have been scheduled to continue fund-raising plans for a residence on this land.

St. Matthias has plans in place to start a “Baby Bottle Drive” in August as an ongoing event for assisting Mommy’s Haven.

The “Baby Bottle Drive” will consist of empty baby bottles given to the members of the parish to fill with spare change or a donation. The filled bottles will then be collected after a few months and will be presented to Mommy’s Haven on behalf of the people of St. Matthias Catholic Church at their fundraiser in October.

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offers to find another venue failed, it was clear to Crown Point council that there would be no fundraiser this spring. The Lowell Council offered to cook the fish and all the trimmings on April 24th if they could get the date. They also added chicken and Macaroni and Cheese to the menu since the dinner was held after the Lenten season.

The date was secured, giving the Crown Point Council just under three weeks to put together a dinner that usually took a month and a half.

Since there was no time to collect items to be auctioned or raffled off, some local businesses donated over \$100.00 each to go towards the evening. Parishioners from both St. Mary and St. Matthias donated to the cause as well.

Another new twist was #4620 was granted a liquor license to serve beer and wine. The beer was donated by Knight Mike Haven’s son who runs Big Woods Brewing Company in Nashville, IN. The wine was donated as well.

Brother Havens just recently transferred into Council #4620 in March.

The Dessert table was put together by the ladies of St. Mary’s Alter and Rosary Society.



Santa Claus holds everyone's attention at the Cardinal Strich Council Children's Christmas party in December. (Photo by Sheila Stephenson)

Children of Council 4620 are having a fun year

By **Everett Fritz**
Youth Director

A chilly Saturday in December was not enough to stop over 30 Knights from bringing their families to the Kid's Christmas Party. Games, treats, sing Christmas all lead up to the annual visit of the bearded man in red.

As in years before, all the children under walked away with a new toy and a big smile.

In January, Strich Council 4620 joined with Valporaiso Council 7473 to hold a joint Free-throw Contest at Jerry Ross Elementary School in Winfield, IN.

Four sharp-shooters advanced to the

Regional at St. John the Evangelist in St. John, IN.

In March, the Easter Egg was held at St. Marys Church. It was first time in quite a while that the weather allowed us to hold the event was held outdoors. Over 7 dozen eggs were hunted down in record time by some very happy young people.

Crown Point Council travels to Gibault to make Christmas special

By **Roger Zellers**
Gibault Envoy

In December, my wife, Aggie and I loaded up the 'sleigh' and headed down to Terra Haute, IN with a car full of presents for the children of Gibault. We have made this trip for over five years and it never gets tiring!

Though we don't see the actual opening of the gifts, we are always greeted with smiles from the kids, there ranging from 6-18 years of age as they help us unload.

This year we brought toys and games as well as the 'necessities' we were asked to collect for the older children. We also had over \$500.00 to help the Center.

The Indiana Knights of Columbus founded Father Gibault Home for Boys in 1921 as a home for wayward boys. Over the years, Gibault has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of troubled kids, boys and girls, everywhere. Today, Gibault has provided life-changing opportunities for more than 9,000 children and their families. According to the December 2012 Gibault newsletter, of the 9235 young people who have gone through the Gibault campuses, 90% have maintained their educational success. 80% of them have not moved on to more



restrictive programs such as juvenile detention facilities or prisons.

The Knights will continue to serve an important role in Gibault's future. They serve on the organization's board of directors and provide vital financial funding through many State and Council programs.

For more information on Gibault, visit www.gibault.org



Knights Larry Biegel, on the left, and Everett Fritz, on the right, do some rehab work on the West Merrillville project for Habitat For Humanity. (Photos by Bill Gates)

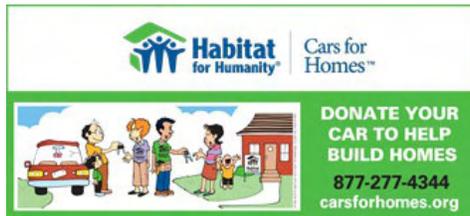
Knights are getting involved in projects for Habitat

By **Bill Gates**

Habitat Committee Director

This year, Council 4620 has gotten involved with Habitat For Humanities in rehabbed or the actual building of many homes in the Calumet Region.

We have received wonderful turnouts of Knights at our two Sherman Avenue rehab projects, a ramp build in Crown Point and a wall-build for a disabled



veteran's house Habitat is erecting in Merrillville, IN.

Our current project is the biggest job

so far. A strip-down rehab in Merrillville that included tearing the structure down to it's frame, getting rid off the mold and waterproofing the base, rewiring, and putting in new plumbing.

I couldn't be prouder of my fellow Knights for all the time and work they have put in on these projects. I hope there will be an opportunity for a project where the only volunteers are from our council.