



KNIGHT NEWS



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Longest-Serving
Knight**



**Seminarian
Lance
Tony**

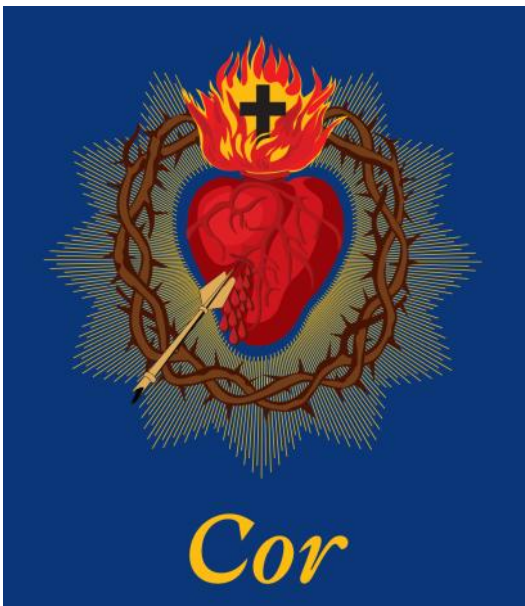


**Commit to
Devotion

Pray the
Rosary**



From the Grand Knight



Brothers,

We are planning a lot of events in the upcoming months, mostly Faith and Charity centered, which is great!

· One new initiative we are starting is called *Cor* (Latin for Heart.) The mission of *Cor* is to refocus Catholic Men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation and fraternity. Ethan Apsley has stepped up to be our Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director. He will lead this group. If you would like more info about *Cor* it is available on the K of C website <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>. We expect to have monthly meetings. There will be more communicated on this soon.

· The upcoming Knights 5th Sunday on August 31 will also include showing the Blessed Father Michael McGivney Movie after 10 o'clock mass and we will hold a recruiting event.

· We have formed a committee to start planning a Golf outing in October to raise funds for the St. Joseph Capital Campaign. The

state Events Director also reached out to me about our council running the state golf tournament next July. I am not a golfer, but I know many of you are and I am excited to see this come to fruition.

Stay safe and if you or any other Brother you know of needs assistance, please reach out to me and I will do my best to get the help needed.

On that note a huge thank you to Brother Scott Kremer for stepping up to help a St Joe family that needed help.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Christian, Grand Knight



We've heard from a few people that the previous format and font were a bit small, so we've made a few changes. Let us know if this is better.



Our St Joseph parish has been truly fortunate over the years to have known and sponsored a number of seminarians. We are currently blessed with two - Antonio Harbert and Lance Tony. In this issue, we're happy and honored to profile Lance and ask for your prayers and support of his vocation. We profiled Antonio in the previous newsletter.

Profile - Seminarian Lance Tony

What is your vocation story? *I decided to become a priest when I was very young. I had a great passion to serve in the Church as an altar server and later as a cantor, and I was also engaged in various other things in the Church. I had a lot of priests and nuns who appreciated me and encouraged me that I might be a priest one day in the future. That sounded good for me because that is what I also envisioned. It was right after high school that I had to decide whether to choose the priestly life or to choose a family life and I kept thinking about it and my insight was to choose to the priestly life to serve the Church and the people of God as a priest, celebrating all the sacraments, not being a family person in a small group but to be a priest so that I can help and serve a big group of people. That's how I decided to become a priest and I ended up in the seminary.*



Why do you want to become a priest? *To serve people in poverty.*

Who is your favorite saint? *St Anthony of Padua. I love the way he lived his seminary life and priestly life.*



If you could talk to anyone in the course of our history (dead or alive), who would it be and why? *If I could talk to anyone, that would be St. Mother Teresa. I would ask her about her patience with those tough people.*

What is your favorite pastime or hobby? *Listening to music.*

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine." Isaiah 43:1b*

Did anyone (priest, religious sister, friend, etc.) make an impact on your decision to enter seminary? *There were some who inspired me on religious life, but it was all about my own decision to make it.*

What is your favorite form of prayer? *The rosary.*

What is your favorite title of the Blessed Mother and/or Jesus? *My favorite title of Jesus is The Good Shepherd.*

Any advice for someone discerning the priesthood or religious life? *It's not everyone who feels like being called to be a priest, so, if you do so try entering into seminary or to the religious house you want to go, Pray to God and He will let you know if you are supposed to be there or not at some point.*

Lance's home parish is St Simon in Indianapolis, and he is a student at St Meinrad Seminary and School. Lance Tony Antony Samy, originally from Rajagopalaperi, India, is affiliated with the Diocese of Palayamkottai, and has earned his Master of Arts degree in Catholic Philosophical Studies from St Meinrad. Materials in this article are excerpted from the Archdiocesan Vocations Office and other websites. Special thanks to Lance for organizing the Pilgrimage of Hope in March! That event was amazing!!!



Saint Anthony of Padua was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. His life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God.

In canonizing Anthony in 1232, Pope Gregory IX spoke of him as the "Ark of the Testament" and the "Repository of Holy Scripture."

In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared Anthony a Doctor of the Universal Church.

It is in Anthony's love of the word of God and his prayerful efforts to understand and apply it to the situations of everyday life that the Church especially wants us to imitate him.

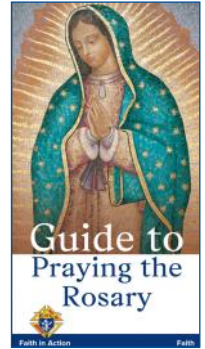


Knights of Columbus Rosary Program Encourages Devotion

The Knights of Columbus encourages devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer time.

We encourage devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family.

If you don't have a rosary, contact us and we'll make sure you get one, and a colorful Knights of Columbus rosary guide at no charge, courtesy of Fran Chigi!



Your Council and Your Impact



In June 2025, Sacred Heart Council #822 donated:

» \$250 to Seminarian Antonio Harbert toward the cost of his cassock
More details next month ...

Our Treasurer is on a well-earned vacation in early July!

In order to continue these good works, we rely on you! Thank you for your dues, donations, and support!

Save The Date!! SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT August 31!

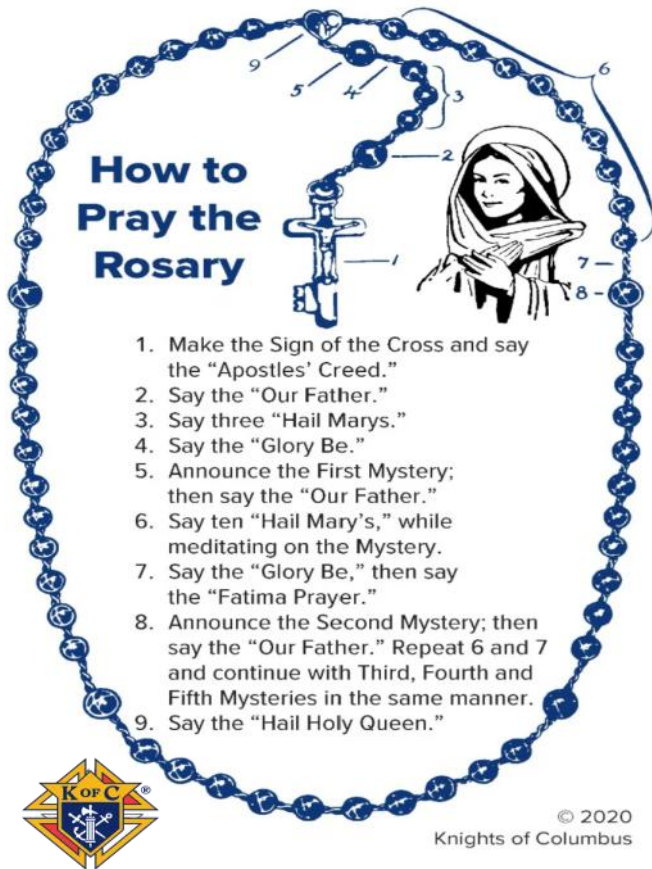
Join the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #822 for a screening of the documentary "Fr Michael McGivney: An American Blessed" in the basement at St Joseph parish. This 27-minute film explores the life, legacy, and impact of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. [Free refreshments!](#)



St Titus Brandsma was a Dutch Carmelite priest and a professor of philosophy. Brandsma was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before World War II. He was imprisoned at the Dachau concentration camp, where he was murdered in 1942.

Canonized in 2022 by Pope Francis, he is remembered as a journalist who refused to let his Catholic presses print Nazi propaganda.

We ask for St Titus Brandsma's intercession that the contents of this newsletter might bring its readers information and insight, and inspire in them a desire to serve the community.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Divine Mercy
Perpetual Adoration
Chapel at St. Joseph has
already produced many
great fruits.



Parishioners take turns
filling the hours, so that
around the clock, every day, at least
one person is praying. All are welcome
in the chapel. You do not need to
register for an hour to spend time with
Jesus there.

However, all are welcome to sign up
for a weekly hour. Contact the
adoration chapel coordinator, whose
name and number are in the bulletin.

Give the
Gift of Life
Donate
Blood



**Wednesday
July
23**

4:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.
Please remember to bring
your ID!



**Knights of Columbus
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love!

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for someone else to be the hero.

Be the reason someone gets another birthday.

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James “Dick” Hanahan

Longest-serving Knight still going strong at age 92

By Michael Daniels

LONGEST-SERVING, I.E., SEASONED, EXPERIENCED, VETERAN, PRACTICED, BATTLE-SCARRED, WELL-VERSED. ALL OF THESE ADJECTIVES AND MORE ARE CERTAINLY APPLICABLE TO BROTHER KNIGHT JAMES “DICK” HANAHAN, THE LONGEST-SERVING KNIGHT IN COUNCIL #822.

BROTHER HANAHAN WAS BORN IN 1932, WHEN FDR WAS PRESIDENT AND PIUS XI WAS POPE, AND RECEIVED HIS FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ON JUNE 1, 1969, DURING THE EISENHOWER PRESIDENCY AND THE PONTIFICATE OF POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII.

THANKS TO THE HELP OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATE SHONA DUERSTOCK AND DICK’S LOVELY WIFE OF 65 YEARS, LINDA, I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THIS AMAZING YOUNG 92-YEAR-OLD.



Dick Hanahan

Dick Hanahan came into the Knights of Columbus as a family affair. “My younger brother was at Notre Dame and had joined the Knights,” he says, “and he encouraged me to join as well. I’m not much of a joiner, though. Some people become part of every service unit they can, but that’s not me. But after talking to my younger brother, I decided to join, and I think my Dad and my older brother joined at the same time.”

Dick grew up Catholic and “there was never any thought on my part of changing Churches,” he says. Growing up on a farm, he says, “we would wake up on Sunday mornings, milk the cows, then head off to Church.” He stayed in the family business, attending Purdue University and earning his degree in agriculture. “After college, I joined the Army, and served 16 months in Korea in the US Army Ordnance Corps,” he says, “from 1954-56. I was 21, maybe 22 years old then.” After the Army, Dick returned home, worked in other jobs, mostly in the insurance field, but eventually returned to farming in 1966 with his brother.

“We attended St Joseph for a while, then attended Nativity (Catholic Church, in Indianapolis),” then returned to attending the Shelby County parishes. “We lived in Boggstown, so it was about the same distance to go to St Joe or to St Vincent, and while I liked both, I was really at home with the old farmers and the small parish out at St Vincent, and so that’s where we went most of the time.”

I asked if he thought that the election of John Kennedy in 1960, the first Catholic US president, had any significant impact on the Knights or the Church. “I don’t think so at all,” Dick says. “The Church has been around for 2,000 years. The election of one man wasn’t going to make big waves.”

When asked about the Knights of Columbus, Dick smiles and says, “Well, for me it was more of a social thing than a Church thing. Now I know that’s not the answer you wanted,” and he laughs, “but its true. I just enjoyed going there for a meal on Friday and connecting with friends.” He specifically recalls being a fan of the fried chicken and calls out Luther Smith by name. “He knows how to fry a bird, that’s for sure.”

Dick recounted a trip he once made to Medjugorje and that he was able to meet the four young people who saw the vision of the Virgin Mary there. “They were being interviewed, and we got a rosary there. When you buy a rosary, they’re not already blessed, but there was a young priest visiting from Chicago and he blessed them for us.” In the back of my mind, I was thinking, I wonder if that young priest is now Pope Leo XIV, but we’ll never know. I like to think that



*Our Lady of
Medjugorje*

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it could have been.

Dick has fond memories of Fr Paul Landwerlen, and nothing but praise for his successor, Fr Mike Keucher. "The parishes are lucky to have him," Dick says. "And we'll be lucky to keep him. He has his hands full with two parishes and the St Joe remodel, but he's young and talented. I don't know what his ambitions are – if he wants to remain a parish priest or do other things," and Dick and I agree that the Archbishop and the Church in general see Fr Mike's talent and he's destined for big things in service to the Church.



Dick and Linda Hanahan on their wedding day in 1960.
Courtesy of Linda Hanahan.

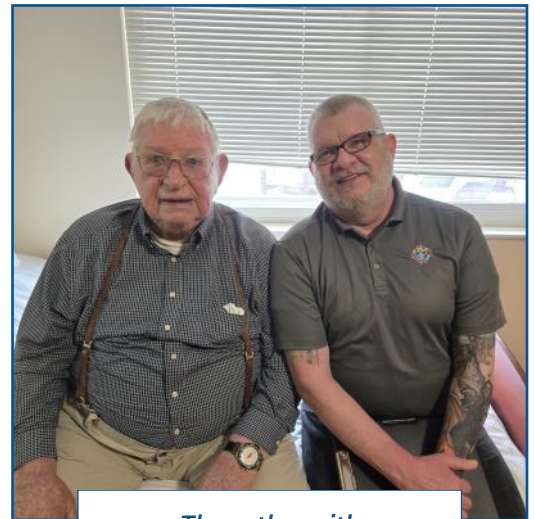
Dick hasn't been able to attend services at either parish for a while as he's currently living at The Willows. "I've been here about six months," he says, "and I don't think about how much longer I'll have to be here. I had a couple of falls at my house, and my wife can't pick me up off the floor and we'd have to call the fire department and that was getting old, so I came here." It's difficult being separated from his wife of 65 years, he admits, "and it's probably tougher on her than on me because there are so many people here for me to talk to and she's by herself. But she visits me a lot, and she has her girlfriends she plays cards with. We're making it work." Additionally, the Hanahans have three children, two sons and a daughter.

Dick also is thankful for members of the parish who come to The Willows every Monday and bring Holy Communion. "The Giestings (Deacon Charlie and his wife Mary Louise) and Paula (Perry) always come out, so I get to take Communion every Monday." He proudly considers himself a practicing Catholic, even though unable to get to Sunday Mass.

As our interview was winding down, I offered him a couple of prayer cards that I'd brought with me, but he very politely declined. "I already have my prayers," he said with a smile.

Following that, I asked Dick to pray the Our Father with me and he immediately and graciously agreed. It was a very special moment with a very amazing gentleman. I am richer for knowing him.

***"With long life I will
satisfy him, and show him
My salvation."
- Psalm 91:16***



The author with
Brother Knight Hanahan

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FEATURE STORY?

We're always looking for ideas of things you want to read. Want a profile on a specific person? Always wondered about a certain Catholic topic? Have a juicy tidbit you think we all should know about? [Let us know](#) and we'll work on it! Email Michael at mdanielscmh@gmail.com.



Fourth Degree Knights - Patriotic Degree reminds us of duty to God and country

Who are the Fourth Degree Knights? They are the Knights on Main Street, the men you probably envision when someone says Knights of Columbus to you. They're present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist.



But there is more to being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join the Fourth Degree. Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title Sir Knight, participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. The Order is open to all Third Degree Knights in good standing.

Excerpted from the Knights of Columbus national website. For more information on the local Assembly, Father Vincent Bacquelin Assembly #2693, contact the Grand Knight, Jeff Christian.

Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #822

Meeting at Columbian Homes, 413 E South St, Shelbyville, IN 46176 - tel: 317.398.9914
Monday-Friday, 3p - close; Saturday, 9a - close



Your 2025-2026 Council Officers

Grand Knight: Jeff Christian	Chaplain: Father Mike Keucher
Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Welch	Chancellor: Jim Boksa (also serves as Membership Director)
Financial Secretary: Patrick Bohman	Recorder: Michael Daniels (also serves as Program Director)
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Lecturer: Randy Foreman	One Year Trustee: John Schoentrup
Two Year Trustee: Dan Weaver	Three Year Trustee: Greg Hall

Recurring Events

We can ALWAYS use more volunteers for these events!

- » 1st Tuesday of the month: Council business meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 3rd Tuesday of the month: Council social meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » Wednesday nights: choice of wings or shrimp dinner (6-8p), drawing & 50/50 raffle. 1/2 order (5 pc w/fries) - \$9; Full order (10 pc w/fries) - \$13; Fries only - \$2. Open to the public.
- » Thursday nights: BINGO! (6:30p). Open to the public.
- » Friday nights: dinner (6-8p) - Open to the public.
- Jul 11: (Kim Knight) - Smoked pork chops and sides - \$12
- Jul 18: (Greg Hall) - Fried chicken and sides - \$12
- Jul 25: (Edgar Flores) - Chef's choice, Latin cuisine - \$12
- Aug 1: (Steve Lancaster) - Ribeye steaks, baked potato, salad - \$18
- » Saturday lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, breaded or grilled tenderloin - \$6; with fries, - \$9. Open to the public.

Please email story suggestions to our Recorder, Michael Daniels, at mdanielscmh@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, dedicated to promoting charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and supporting Catholic causes and families. Founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus welcomes practicing Catholic men aged 18 or older who are in union with the Holy See.



We are Men on a Mission, committed to a Catholic brotherhood that is changing the world. For more information, visit www.kofc.org or www.sacredheartcouncil822.org



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Saturday, October 4

*18-hole shotgun
start: 10am*

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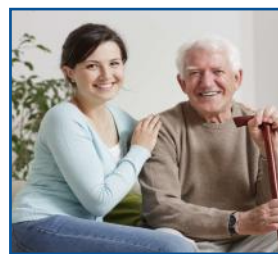
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