



# Council Crier

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**Next business meeting is Wednesday, October 4, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!**

## Building on a decade of success

In preparation for writing this article, I reviewed the September editions of the *Council Crier* going back to its first edition in 2010, surveying in particular what my Worthy predecessors wrote about.

Initially, the articles were more about the immediate reporting of activity we did as a council. Gradually, they developed into congratulatory notes on overall success, setting goals for the fraternal year, recollecting the past and looking forwards to the coming year.

As the tenth anniversary of our charter date approaches (Jan. 20, 2018), it seems appropriate to reflect on the memories of the past decade and our successes. As Evelyn Waugh wrote in his memorable work, *Brideshead Revisited*, “These memories, which are [our] life — for we possess nothing certainly except the past.”

Ten years is not a long time, especially compared to most other councils or even the Order itself, nor in comparison to our parish, but in that time we have done a lot. Every year since 2010, we have completed at least 24 activities across six program areas, earning us at least a Columbian Award; five of those years we also grew in membership enough to qualify for the Star Council Award, twice con-



### THE GRAND OPENING

**Daniel Knight  
Grand Knight**

secutively qualifying for Double Star Council.

Our programming is solid due in large part to former officers and directors, each contributing their talents toward new activities and reinvigorating existing ones.

In one of his columns, Brother Brian Murrey, at that time program director, commented that we had donated \$1,000 toward the Ultrasound Initiative and were well on our way to the next \$1,000 donation. We have now donated \$4,500.

In 2015, we inaugurated the Indulgence Walk which encourages all to pray for the dead and, through the research of Brother David Walden, imparts the stories of some historical Hoosier Catholics. This activity, an award recipient from the State Council, will observe its third annual occurrence this November.

If I were to describe every significant activity we have completed over the past ten years, this column would require several pages, but we have done a lot:

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Fish Fry Fridays, First Friday Adoration, Nights of Reflection, parish breakfasts and picnics, Café Rosario, blood drives, food drives, Gibault toy drives and so on.

The awards we receive from Supreme Council are not the goal, but they serve as a metric of our activity and vitality. As our history shows, the Knights are more than a “drinking club” and we should continue to build upon the successes we have had.

Our ability to continue to provide charitable and social activities in the parish and community depends on our membership. Share with Catholic men what the Knights of Columbus means to you and how we are involved, and bring them to our events (other than business meetings, of course).



**Charles Stevens**  
Deputy Grand Knight  
& Culture of Life Director

*Make plans to join us  
for 40 Days for Life*



**Ned Hummel**  
Church Director

*A great picnic,  
now it's time  
to go on a Walk*

October is always a busy month for Pro-Life activity. It began this year with the observance of Pro-Life Sunday on the first day of the month. After Mass at the cathedral celebrated by our new archbishop, the Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, we conducted the annual Life Chain. This is a Pro-Life demonstration where people line Meridian Street holding signs and maintaining a silent, prayerful witness to the sacredness of every life from womb to grave. Once again, Holy Rosary parishioners were assigned the west side of Meridian Street between 22nd and 24th streets.

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life is already underway. The prayerful vigil outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic at 86th Street and Georgetown Road will continue through Sunday, Nov. 5. Holy Rosary parishioners have been asked to participate especially on Saturdays between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Members of our Council in particular are asked to be there from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. I'd really like to see a great number of our Knights there, so please make plans to join us at least one Saturday if not every Saturday afternoon throughout October and the first weekend of November.

Rite to Life of Indianapolis had its annual Celebrate Life Dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis. Holy Rosary had two tables, including one for the parish Youth Group.

Two other ongoing pro-life events continue to be worthy of your attention and possible participation. First, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil is the third Saturday of every month. It begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Afterward, participants process prayerfully to a nearby abortion facility and say the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet. It concludes by 10:45 a.m.

Second, the Faithful Citizens Procession is every fourth Saturday following 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary. Following Mass, they process through the surrounding neighborhood reciting the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet in witness to and defense of Life, religious freedom and Holy Matrimony.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Parish Picnic another success. We had picture-perfect weather and great attendance. A special thanks goes to Brothers: Don L. Murphy for getting the pulled pork; Patrick Preston, Edwin Barron and Aaron Hodge for manning the grills; Frank Oliver for getting the hamburger and hot dog buns donated by Kroger's Indianapolis bakery; Bob Evanich for providing the goal and running the annual Soccer Challenge; and David Walden for making the event fliers and publicizing it.

Speaking of Brother Walden, the Council's next Church event will be the third annual Indulgence Walk on Saturday, Nov. 4. Details about the event are on Page 3 of this newsletter. David has been combing the cemeteries since last year, and says he has found five more interesting stories and gravesites for us to visit this year. We are looking for volunteers to help read the biographies; please contact David in the parish office if you'd like to help.

**Family of the Quarter:  
Brad Love**

We are pleased to announce that Brother Brad Love has been named the Council's most recent Family of the Quarter. He has done a masterful job in recent years organizing events for Knights, their spouses and families. Recently, as he continues to battle cancer, he has served as an edifying example for us all by offering his suffering for the good of his family.



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

# INDULGENCE WALK

prayerful tour of historic  
Holy Cross/St. Joseph Cemeteries

SATURDAY

NOV. 4  
2017 *Requiescant in Pace*



- Join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at **10 a.m.** at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Those going on the tour will depart from the church parking lot immediately after Mass.
- Or meet us at **10:45 a.m.** by the cemetery gate on Pleasant Run Parkway near Bluff Road.

## WHY ARE WE HAVING AN 'INDULGENCE WALK'?

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted Nov. 1-8 to those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. The following conditions must also be met for the faithful to gain the indulgence:

- A sacramental confession must be made within a period of about 20 days before or after the work performed.
- Eucharistic Communion must be received within several days of the work, although it is fitting that it be done on the same day.
- Prayer for the intention of the Pope must be made within several days of the work, although again it is fitting that it be done the same day.

Pray for the dead and hear the stories behind some who are buried there:



- † The Little Sisters of the Poor;
- † An Illinois State Trooper gunned down in the line of duty;



- † A member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame;
- † An educator whose murder led to a controversial arrest and conviction; and



- † A son of Holy Rosary who served his parish, city and country well.

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**Jerry Friederick**  
Lecturer

## *Spots are filling fast for the Father/Son Campout*

**T**he annual Father/Son Campout scheduled for Oct. 27-29 at Shades State Park is getting closer. The Youth Campground there allows only 30 people on that particular site, and we already have more than half of those spots filled. All boys are welcome as long as they can hike with us — or their dads carry them. If you want to go, please contact me as soon as possible. I am hoping to get a priest to go along, too. If you know one, please tell me!

We will pray the rosary around the campfire both nights and sing songs (such old Boy Scout songs, military songs and other silly songs like “Road Kill Stew,” “Battle of New Orleans,” “Toast,” etc.). Then there’s the “death march” hike on Saturday, plus all the good vittles cooked by Knights (and the Dutch-oven cookies).

In the past we’ve read the Bible around the campfire and had a fire-starting competition (always popular with the boys if I can keep the dads out of it). And then there’s the great fun of just enjoying the beautiful natural surroundings God has given us. We’ll be back home in time for Mass on Sunday.

As of now, the cost will be \$15 per boy, \$20 per adult. Also, we will need a grubmaster: someone to buy the food and help cook.

Lastly, the fall colors are always wonderful! *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*. I hope to see you there!

### ***Marian Shrine and church courtyard: works in progress!***

With this being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady’s apparition at Fatima, I decided as a Knight that I would repair/upgrade the Marian Shrine in the church courtyard — and to clean the courtyard with help from Lumen Christi students. The Shrine was built by lifelong parishioner Gus Stinnett, who died not too long ago. (Rest in Peace, Gus! He’s also the one from whom I took over the church bell maintenance). There is a plate on the Shrine with the names of Gus and his wife, Ruthie.

So far, I have “sunk” about 100 screws into the Shrine, replaced the plaques on both sides of the Blessed Virgin Mary, stained the wood and built new flower boxes. Now I’m hoping to put new casters under it, and stain and repair the small roof.

With the addition of three foldable picnic tables/benches built by my son Bryce for his Eagle Scout project, the courtyard now seems to be a pleasant place for people to sit and pray. If anyone is interested helping me with the Shrine and/or the courtyard, please contact me.



**The annual Father/Son Campout provides a fabulous weekend of wholesome fun and fellowship in the great outdoors at a beautiful state park.**

## **Santo Rosario Council Officers 2017-2018**

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### **Council Crier**

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# **COUNCIL CALENDAR**

Wednesday **Business Meeting**  
**OCT 4**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)

Friday-Saturday **First Friday Adoration**  
**OCT 6-7**  
Holy Rosary Church  
6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Saturday **Biking for Babies Rosary Rally**  
**OCT 7**  
Holy Rosary Church  
approx. 12:30 p.m.

**40 Days for Life**  
86th Street & Georgetown Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday **Parish Breakfast**  
**OCT 8**  
Priori Hall  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday **40 Days for Life**  
**OCT 14**  
86th Street & Georgetown Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday **40 Days for Life**  
**OCT 21**  
86th Street & Georgetown Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday **Officers Meeting**  
**OCT 25**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday-Sunday **Father-Son Campout**  
**OCT 27-29**  
Shades State Park  
Waveland, Indiana

Saturday **40 Days for Life**  
**OCT 28**  
86th Street & Georgetown Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday-Saturday **First Friday Adoration**  
**NOV 3-4**  
Holy Rosary Church  
6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Saturday **Indulgence Walk**  
**NOV 4**  
Holy Cross/St. Joseph cemeteries  
10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**40 Days for Life**  
86th Street & Georgetown Road  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

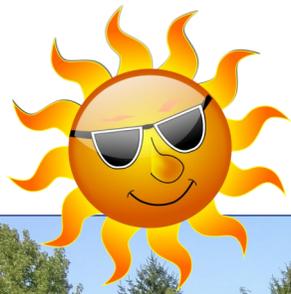
Wednesday **Business Meeting**  
**NOV 8**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. (social hour until 9)

Wednesday **Officers Meeting**  
**NOV 29**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday **First Friday Adoration**  
**DEC 1-2**  
Holy Rosary Church  
6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m.



**Men's Holy Hour:**  
*First Wednesday every month*  
**9 p.m. @ Holy Rosary**



# Parish Picnic 2017



Photos by  
Sean Gallagher  
and David Walden

**Top:** Turnout was great on a picture-perfect day.  
**Left:** The parish's first-ever Ministry Fair proved to be a tremendous success.  
**Bottom:** Brother Bob Evanich and others watch Simon Ecoff take his turn at the Soccer Challenge.





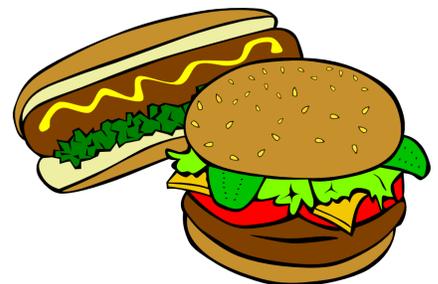
**Top right: Father McCarthy blesses the food.**

**Center right: Brothers Edwin Barron and Aaron Hodge at the grills.**

**Bottom right: Caris Roller applies her artistic talents to the festivities.**

**Bottom left: Brother Walt Janiec mans his end of the goal as Grand Knight Daniel Knight gives a thumbs up to the next Soccer Challenge contestant.**

**Left: hungry parishioners make their way down the heavily laden food tables.**





**SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF**  
Field Agent

## *The value of referrals from current members*

**A**s a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put them in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

Don Murphy  
317-532-7330  
Don.murphy@kofc.org

## *Welcome, new Knights!*

This past quarter, our Council gained two new Brother Knights: Owen Duckett and Sam Rosko. Both are in formation at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary at Marian University.



Bro. Duckett



Bro. Rosko

## *Have you considered working for the K of C?*

Dear Brother Knight,

If you love the Knights of Columbus, the church and your faith, you'll love the career!

When I first started with the Knights of Columbus on Nov. 1, 1999, I was searching for a career where I could:

- 1) Be my own boss.
- 2) Help others.
- 3) Have excellent benefits.
- 4) Have an unlimited income potential.

This career exists with the Knights of Columbus!

### **Qualifications:**

- Self-motivated;
- Good time management;
- Goal oriented;
- Genuine concern for people;
- Ability to create a sale out of a "no sale";
- Desire to succeed.

### **Benefits:**

- Income potential of a professional;
- Noncontributory pension;
- Training allowance;
- 401K;
- Intensive training program;
- Flexible hours;
- Incentive award trips such as Rome, Hawaii, St Thomas, Cancun and Ireland.

I would love to tell you more about how it has been the best career choice I could have made and how it could be for you too! I look forward to our conversation.

Fraternally,  
Jason Brewer  
General Agent  
317-859-0824



**Carl A. Anderson**  
**Supreme Knight**

*This was originally sent to all Knights as an e-mail on Aug. 4.*

## **Convention highlights and historic announcement**

**D**uring the first week of August, more than 2,000 Knights and their families gathered in St. Louis for the 135th Supreme Convention, which was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the last fraternal year, and to chart the course for an even brighter future for the Knights of Columbus.

A Papal Message to the convention conveyed the prayers and good wishes of Pope Francis who praised the Order's efforts to strengthen family life and provide relief to persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Just days before the convention, the Board of Directors authorized a \$2 million effort to save Karamdes, a predominantly Christian town in the Nineveh Plain region of Iraq, which was liberated from ISIS late last year.

During my annual report, I announced the "Knights of Columbus Campaign to Save 1 Million Children." Through our Ultrasound Initiative, we have already provided 829 ultrasound machines and this new campaign aims to

reach the goal of 1,000 machines as quickly as possible, so that by 2019 — the 10th anniversary of the initiative — we will have saved an estimated total of 1 million lives.

The Order reached new heights in its charitable works, donating more than \$177 million and 75 million hours to charitable causes. Our industry-leading program of insurance "by brother Knights, for brother Knights" continues to provide the finest protection to our families, issuing a new record of more than \$8.54 billion of new life insurance last year. We also celebrated the achievements of our fraternal leaders and insurance field force, and presented the Order's highest honor, the *Gaudium et Spes* Award, to a courageous Maryknoll priest, Father Gerard Hammond, who has travelled to North Korea more than 50 times to provide humanitarian aid.

The convention was also the occasion for a historic announcement: the introduction of the new uniform of the Fourth Degree. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors took this action motivated by the best interests of the Order as whole and of the Fourth Degree in particular. The new uniform is part of a comprehensive and necessary effort to keep our Order relevant and attractive to men, particularly younger men.

In light of this significant change, I thought it would be helpful to address some of the questions that have been asked about the new uniform.

1. The cape and chapeau, while popular among some Fourth Degree members, have become dated and are increasingly cited as a reason that eligible Catholic men, especially young men, do not join the Knights of Columbus.
2. Today there are nearly 2 million members of the Order, but only 358,000 of them are Fourth Degree Knights — less than 20 percent. The old regalia was one reason often given by brother Knights for why they did not want to advance to the Fourth Degree.
3. We understand that some Fourth Degree members are fond of the old regalia. The cape and chapeau regalia will still be allowed, for a time, in those assemblies and districts that wish to use it, though the preference is for the new uniform.

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**Pope Francis**  
**Supreme Pontiff**

*The Holy Father delivered this address in St. Peter's Square at his weekly General Audience of August 2, 2017.*

## ***Do you remember the date of your baptism?***

*Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!*

**T**here was a time when churches were oriented toward the East. You entered the sacred building from a door at the west end and, walking along the nave, you moved eastward. It was an important symbol for old-world man, an allegory which, in the course of history, has gradually died out. We men and women of the modern epoch, much less accustomed to grasping the great signs of the cosmos, hardly ever notice details of this sort. The West is the cardinal point of the setting sun, where the light dies out. The East, however, is the place where the shadows are overcome by the first light of dawn and it reminds us of Christ, the Sun risen on high, at the world's horizon (cf. Lk 1:78).

The ancient Rites of Baptism called for the catechumens to pronounce the first part of their profession of faith keeping their gaze turned to the West. And in that stance they were asked: "Do you renounce Satan, his service and his works?" — And the future Christians repeated in chorus: "I do!" Then they turned toward the apse, in the direction of the East, where the light is born, and the candidates for Baptism were again questioned: "Do you believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" And this time they responded: "I do!"

In modern times the appeal of this Rite has been partially lost: we have lost sensitivity to the language of the cosmos. Naturally there remains the profession of faith made according to the Baptismal interrogation, which is proper to the celebration of several sacraments. However its significance remains intact. What does it mean to be Christians? It means looking to the light, continuing to make the profession of faith in the light, even when the world is enveloped in darkness and shadows.

Christians are not exempt from external and even internal shadows. They do not live outside of the world, however; by the grace of Christ received in Baptism they are "oriented" men and women: they do not believe in darkness, but in the dim light of day; they do not succumb to the night, but hope in the dawn; they are not defeated by death, but yearn to rise again; they are not covered by evil, because they always trust in the infinite possibilities of good. And this is our Christian hope: the light of Jesus, the salvation that Jesus brings to us with His light that saves us from the darkness.

We are those who believe that God is Father: this is the light! We are not orphans; we have a Father and our Father is God. We believe that Jesus descended among us; He shared our life, making Himself companion above all to the poorest and most frail: this is the light! We believe that the Holy Spirit works unceasingly for the good of humanity and of the world, and that even the worst suffering of history will be overcome: this is the hope that awakens us each morning! We believe that every affection, every friendship, every good yearning, every love, even the most minute and neglected, one day will find fulfillment in God: this is the power that spurs us to embrace our daily life with enthusiasm! And this is our hope: to live in hope and live in light, in the light of God the Father, in the light of Jesus the Savior, in the light of the Holy Spirit who urges us to go forth in life.

There is then another very beautiful sign of the baptismal liturgy that reminds us of the importance of light. At the end of the Rite, the parents — if it is a child — or the baptized themselves — if they are adults — are consigned a candle, whose flame is lit from the Paschal Candle. It is a large candle that on Easter night enters the completely dark church, to demonstrate the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection; from that candle everyone lights their own candle and passes the flame on to those nearby: in that sign is the slow propagation of the Resurrection of Jesus in the lives of all Christians. The life of the Church — I will say a rather strong word — is

contagious light. The more light of Jesus we Christians have, the more light of Jesus there is in the life of the Church, the more alive She is. The life of the Church is the contagion of light.

The most beautiful exhortation that we can address to each other is to always remember our Baptism. I would like to ask you: how many of you remember the date of your Baptism? Do not answer because some may feel embarrassed! Think, and if you do not remember it, today you have homework to do: go to your mom, to your dad, to your aunt, to your uncle, to your grandma, grandpa, and ask them: “What is the date of my Baptism?” And never forget it again! Is that clear? Will you do it? Today’s task is to learn or remember the date of Baptism, which is the date of rebirth; it is the date of light; it is the date in which — allow me to say — in which we were infected by the light of Christ. We are born twice over: the first time into natural life; the second, thanks to the encounter with Christ, at the Baptismal font. There we died unto death, in order to live as children of God in this world. There we became human as we never could have imagined. This is why we all must spread the fragrance of the Chrism, with which we were anointed on the day of our Baptism. In us lives and operates the Spirit of Jesus, first born of many brothers and sisters, of all those who oppose the inevitability of darkness and death.

What a grace it is when a Christian truly becomes a “*cristo-foro*”, which means “bearer of Jesus” in the world! Above all for those who are experiencing situations of grief, of despair, of darkness and of hate. This can be understood from many fine details: from the light that a Christian conserves in his eyes, from the foundation of peace which is not undermined even on the most complicated of days, from the wish to begin to love again even when we have experienced many disappointments. In the future, when the story of our days is written, what will it say about us? That we were capable of hope, or that we put our light under a bushel? If we are true to our Baptism, we will spread the light of the hope — Baptism is the beginning of hope, that hope — of God, and we will be able to pass on to future generations the meaning of life.

## Highlights from the annual convention

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4. Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree.
5. The new uniform is designed to be much more versatile than the older regalia and can be worn at a much wider range of functions.
6. Our choice of uniform, while important, has always been ancillary to the work we do carrying out the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and this should always be the case.

We have been testing the new uniform over the past year with key groups of Knights, including those brother Knights who participate in our annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. The feedback we received from these groups has been very positive.

During the convention, the Good of the Order Committee spoke in words I wish to make my own:

“We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride.”



New 4th Degree Uniform

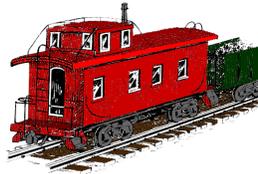


Former 4th Degree Uniform



## THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

David Walden  
Editor



### *Afraid of werewolves? Here's the saint for you!*

**A**s director of communications for the parish, I am privy to any number of e-mail messages that come from sometimes distant — and sometimes strange — corners of the world. One of those arrived just the other day bearing the subject line, “Halloween with Nuns4Fun.”

Written rather irreverently, it related the story of St. Hubertus whom, it said, is the patron saint of werewolves. This set off the fact-check warning bell inside my head, and in a flash I was searching the Internet.

Quickly I ascertained that St. Hubert, as he is commonly known, *isn't* the patron saint of werewolves. The Church wouldn't designate a patron for werewolves any more than it would for gnomes, fairies, ghosts, monsters or demons. But, in times past, he *was* invoked as the patron saint against the *fear* of werewolves.

More popular, though, is his invocation as patron saint of hunters. And this, it turns out, has sparked a remarkable *cultus* dating back many centuries and continuing today.

Before getting into that, let's explain who St. Hubert was.

We know he was born to a noble family in the mid-seventh century, and was ordained a priest by St. Lambert. He became the 31<sup>st</sup> bishop of Maastricht and then the first bishop of Liège. He died — after prophesying the date of his own death — on May 30, 727, in rural Belgium, where he was dedicating a church. He was called the “Apostle of the Ardennes,” as he emphasized preaching to and converting the oft-dangerous pagans who lived in those woods.

We also know that he wasn't always such a religious man. In fact, it's his wild and wacky conversion story that endears him to hunters. It's even been memorialized on bottles of a German liqueur, Jägermeister.

According to the legend, Hubert's wife died in childbirth. Despondent, he withdrew into the Ardennes and dedicated himself to hunting. There, on Good Friday, while the faithful humbly observed the Lord's Passion in churches, Hubert pursued a mighty stag through the forest.

Suddenly, the stag turned to face the hunter. Hubert observed a crucifix shining between its antlers. If that wasn't enough to make Hubert question his sanity and swear off liquor, the stag began to speak.

“Hubert,” it said, “unless you turn to the Lord and lead a holy life, you shall quickly go down into hell.”

Hubert knelt and replied, “Lord, what would You have me do?”

“Go and seek Lambert, and he will instruct you,” the stag instructed.

It then lectured Hubert about the need to hold animals — God's creatures — in high regard and to hunt ethically: shoot only when a clean and quick kill is assured; kill only animals past their prime breeding years; relinquish a shot at a trophy to instead euthanize a sick or injured animal that might appear on the scene; and never shoot a female with young in tow, etc.

This story inspired the 1695 founding of the International Order of St. Hubertus, an organization of hunters who are also wildlife conservationists and respectful of traditional hunting ethics and practices. It remains active to this day. (The late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was a member.)

And in parts of Europe and Canada, St. Hubert's Day shuts down schools every Nov. 3 and brings hunters in full hunting gear to churches, along with their dogs, falcons and weapons, for Mass and special blessings. In some places, hunting horns play liturgical music that is centuries old. By all accounts, it is quite the spectacle.

In his life — and continuing after his death — St. Hubert was said to cure rabies. That is probably why he was invoked by those who feared werewolves. You might want to keep that in mind on Halloween.

*St. Hubert, pray for us!*