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*Stand for the flag and kneel for the Cross
Knights in solidarity with our Priests*

The Defender

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Grand Knight Reflection... I like to once more welcome our newest members—Steven Garber, Ralph Lingo, Russell Emerick, Charles Aigner. We also welcome transfer member Dana Wannemacher. We also have a new member awaiting his Exemplification—Richard Nichole.

I would like to send out a Thank You for all the members for all of their hard work with the membership drive and for the tootsie roll drive. Both of these endeavors were very fruitful.

Looking forward, we have a couple of opportunities that are coming up that we could use more help.

Please see Mike's email about helping out with the cutting up, chopping, moving, and staking of wood for Mark Miller. I will paste Mike's email at the bottom just in case someone did not receive it. I am sorry that I will not be able to help with this since I am on vacation with my wife until after late on Saturday of this week.

Another thing that we could use help with is the youth group's pancake breakfast on Nov. 30th between the Masses. Help will be needed with set up, cooking, serving then with clean up.

Thank You in advance if you can help out with either of these events.

I have some Wonderful news to share about my wife. It has been over a year since we found out that she has stage 3 cancer. Thank you all for all the prayers and support that you have showed us during this very difficult time. She had some CT scans done on Fri the 24th of last month to see how she was doing and we received the Great news on Mon of 27th that she is CANCER FREE at this time. She has some issues that the radiation caused and she still has to go in for infusion treatments, We will deal with those issues, I can not thank you all enough for everything.

Pray the Rosary often

Grand Knight Dick Miller

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Meeting Day/Time

3rd Monday of the Month

Rosary @ 6:45 pm

Meeting @ 7pm

What's happening in Council 18497 and St. Michael's ...

- ◆ Next Membership meeting Nov. 17th — Rosary 6:45pm, Meeting 7pm.
- ◆ Rosary before every weekend Mass, please sign up in the back of Church to help.
- ◆ **November 8, 2025—Wood cleanup—see email.**
- ◆ **St. Nick Breakfast Nov. 30. between the Masses**
- ◆ Breakfast for First Communion Class— March 29, 2026

If you can help with the wood cleanup contact Mike Blomeke (see his email in the news-letter)

If you can help with the St. Nick breakfast contact Ken Bloom. We will be working with the Youth Group on this but could use about 4-6 Knights. We will finalize things at our next meeting Nov. 17th.

Birthdays !!

James L Comment 11-02

Rev Levi U Nkwocha 11-10

Officers for 2024-2025

Chaplain	
Grand Knight	Dick Miller
Deputy GK	Mike Blomeke
Chancellor	Roy Charleswood
Financial Secretary	Ken Bloom
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Treasurer	Dalton Smith
Advocate	Michael Maxwell
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Recruitment Committee	OPEN
Recruitment Committee	OPEN
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Note from Financial Secretary: (email from Mike Blomeke)

At the meeting the date of November 15, 2025 was tentatively set to move the downed fire-wood from Matt Blomeke's to Mark Miller. Matt has a conflict on November 15, 2025, so we are setting this **for November 8, 2025**. I went to Matt's and we cut the downed trees into poles and moved them up by the driveway to be cut to length. We did this in case the renter was to come and chisel plow the field and so branches could be piled and burned.

If I could get a couple of volunteers with chain saws some day next week to cut blocks, we could move and split the wood on the 8th. We would meet at Matt's at 3:00 in the afternoon. If anyone is available, let me know the day(s) and we can set it up.

On the 8th, we can start loading the wood at 9:00 and meet at Mark's to split and stack at 10:00.

Jim Comment, are you and your trailer available on the 8th?

I would like to have 4 other guys to meet at Matt's at 9:00 to load the trailer.

The rest can meet at Mark's at 10:00 to unload, split and stack.

Each of you let me know when you are available and also if you are not. Mark is going to do a simple meal to say Thank You so I want to have an approximate count.

I know some of you are not able to lift and stack wood. I thought it might be nice to have a prayer circle and pray a rosary for Mark's recovery while the wood is being processed. Mark and Amy do not know about this. If you are available for this at 10:00 at Mark's on the 8th, let me know so I can include you in the count for the meal and fellowship to follow.

I think we can be done and ready to eat at Noon or soon after.

Matt's address to cut and pick up wood is:

Matt Blomeke
2692 County Rd 14
Waterloo, IN

Mark's address to process wood and pray is:

Mark Miller
4877 County Rd 12
Waterloo, IN

Mike Blomekie