



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

April 2009

"So that in all things God may be glorified."—Rule of St. Benedict

Dates to Remember:

- April 2, 2009
Stations of the Cross
- April 3, 2009
2009 Fish Fry
- April 8, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- April 18, 2009
5K Run
- April 22, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- April 26, 2009
Knights Mass and
Open House

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

- ✓ Prioritize
- ✓ Get rid of what you don't need or use
- ✓ A fresh coat of paint can do a lot
- ✓ Clean under and around everything

This is probably what most spring cleaning to-do lists look like. They are all fairly similar. Can we also apply this list to our spiritual life? We have heard many times from religious leaders to take the opportunity in the Lenten/Easter season to concentrate on our spiritual life. We can start that by doing some spring cleaning.

Prioritize. Look deep into yourself and look at what feeds your soul and what just gives us temporary happiness. Put priority into deepening your relationship with our Lord, for He has blessed each of us with so much.

Get rid of what you don't need or use. Often our minds and souls are cluttered with worries about the future. Put your trust in the Lord. He will not overburden you without giving you the strength to handle the situation.

A fresh coat of paint can do a lot. Take the time to attend a retreat, religious conference or bible study. Sometimes being around other people that know and want to show the amazing experience of having the Lord active in their daily life, can help us through our stumbling.

Clean under and around everything. Simply, Go to confession. Develop a relationship with your confessor so that you have someone to turn to when you need help or an encouraging word. Not only is it one of your Lenten obligations but it also helps you to turn over a new leaf with a clean slate.

Easter Reflections

By Helen Steiner Rice

With OUR EYES we see
The beauty of Easter
as the earth awakens once more...

With OUR EARS we hear
The birds sing sweetly
to tell us Spring again is here...

With OUR HANDS we pick
the golden daffodils
and the fragrant hyacinths...

But only with OUR HEARTS
can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE
which redeems all men...

And only with OUR SOUL
can we make our 'pilgrimage to God'
and inherit His Easter Gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

Fraternally,
Brian Novotny

Contact our Grand Knight: 5801GK@live.com

5K Run

The 5K Run to help our kids get to the National Catholic Youth Conference will be April 18th.

We are also looking for sponsors. A \$100 sponsorship will get their logo on the website and printed on the back of the t-shirts. Contact Rich Schlagheck for more information 476-4501.

Sign up online. Registration website is <http://premier-races.com/2009Races/KnightsofColumbus.html>

Stations Of The Cross

Servers for Stations of the Cross needed April 2nd. Arrive at 6:30 for a 7pm start.

Knights Mass

We will have a Knights Mass/Open house April 26th at the 10am mass. We need volunteers for readers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. Please bring your families and join us afterward for an open house in the Knights room.

Meet Our Insurance Agent

Matthew Vitartis, our K of C insurance agent, will be at our April business meeting. If you have any questions please come to the meeting. He will talk to the group and have time for your individual questions.

Cash Bonanza

Charity Raffle first turn in is April 12th. Please bring your ticket stubs and money to John Sherman or Wayne Stertzter at the meeting or mail them to John at home 2770 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd. Blacklick, Ohio 43004

Last Lenten Dinner of 2009

Fish Fry's are continuing to be a great success. April 3rd will be the last dinner for the year. Please come out to help or bring your family to join the masses for this great event that benefits our scholarship fund.

Measure Up!

Measure up April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. Please contact Dale Takach or Wayne Stertzter to help out with this wonderful event. Also, please pray for sun.

Upcoming 1st Degree Opportunities

For those just joining our council, there are a number of opportunities available:

4/2/2009	1st Degree	07:30PM	Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center (6300 East Dublin-Granville Road; New Albany, Ohio 43054)	7pm
4/20/2009	1st Degree	08:00PM	St. Joan of Arc, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio 43065 - Lavelle Social Hall	7:30pm
4/26/2009	2nd-3rd Degree	12:00PM	St. Andrew's Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus, OH 43220	11:30am
6/1/2009	1st Degree	07:00PM	St. Brigid of Kildare, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017	
6/4/2009	1st Degree	07:30PM	Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center (6300 East Dublin-Granville Road; New Albany, Ohio 43054)	

Join the 4th Degree

The exemplification of the 4th degree is being held at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark on May 1st and 2nd. Contact Brian for more information.

Chuckle

The old priest lay dying in the hospital. For years He had faithfully served the people of the nation's capital. He motioned for his nurse to come near.

"Yes, Father?" said the nurse.

"I would really like to see Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi before I die", whispered the priest.

"I'll see what I can do, Father" replied the nurse.

The nurse sent the request to them and waited for a response. Soon the word arrived. Harry and Nancy would be delighted to visit the priest.

As they went to the hospital, Harry commented to Nancy "I don't know why the old priest wants to see us, but it will certainly help our images." Nancy couldn't help but agree.

When they arrived at the priest's room, the priest took Nancy's hand in his right hand and Harry's hand in his left. There was silence and a look of serenity on the old priest's face.

Finally Nancy spoke. "Father, of all the people you could have chosen, why did you choose us to be with you as you near the end?"

The old priest slowly replied "I have always tried to pattern my life after our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The old priest continued...

"He died between two lying thieves. I would like to do the same."

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Given the primacy of the celebration of Easter, it may be obvious that my April column will center on some aspect of that Feast. In past years, I have attempted to cover the entire Triduum, (The Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil), but this year I would like to focus on one event that takes place at the very beginning of the Easter Vigil.

The Vigil begins after sunset the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday. A fire is prepared outside the church by lighting the palms and sacred oils remaining from the previous year, along with combustible supports. After a series of prayers, and the placing of the marks of the cross by the priest, (signifying that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end), the Easter Candle is lit from the fire.

The Easter Candle is then lifted high for all to see, and is carried into the darkened Church, stopping three times to sing "Christ our Light". All present respond "Thanks be to God", while lighting their own candles from the Easter Candle. After the third invocation, the Easter Candle is placed in its holder and is incensed by the priest. Then, the Easter Proclamation is sung, after which the all lights are turned on in the Church and the Vigil continues.

Why is that important? The Easter Candle is a sign reminding all of Christ's presence among us. The Easter Candle remains lit throughout the Easter Season as a reminder of Jesus' ever present love for all God's people. But there is more! That same Easter Candle is also present, and is lighted at each Baptism, and at each Funeral Liturgy, to help us remember that Christ is present to us at every moment of our lives from birth to death.

The Vigil is the high point in our Catholic Christian Liturgy, as well as the celebration of receiving the newest members into the Church. Those who are to be baptized, as well as Confirmed, and receive Holy Eucharist for the very first time, are received into full communion in the church.

As always, I invite all to attend as much of the Holy Week Liturgies as possible. These celebrations remind us of who we are as Catholic Christians, as well as the mysteries by which we have been redeemed. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

April: St. Jude Council Activities

			1	2 Stations of the Cross	3 LAST Fish Fry of 2009	4
5	6	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 5K Run
19	20	21	22 Social Meeting	23	24	25
26 Knights Mass Open House	27	28	29	30		



For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Debbie Gerardi
- Jody Carico
- John Hage
- Nick Takach
- John Wayne Stertz
- Rick Kent
- Family of Mike Wypasek
- Sherry Royer
- Carol Leiten
- Ann Wolfren
- Bonnie Adams
- Bob Fenning
- Ken Novotny
- Zachery Volkay
- Catholic Church in New Hampshire
- Carl Anderson and the K of C
Supreme Officers

Knights of the Month

The Knight of the Month goes to Tom Lefevre. He has championed our very successful Pancake Breakfasts for many years and has gotten them down to a science. Over the years, he has helped to grow our general fund and the Parish Building fund. Tom, Thank you from all your Brother Knights for your dedication to this great event.

Help Us Create A Council Directory

Please tell us about yourself, and bring this Info Sheet with you to meeting or email the information to our Grand Knight so we can compile a directory and make sure our records are up to date.

Name _____ Spouse _____
Address _____ Anniversary Date ____
City _____ Zip _____ Birthday _____

Children Names and Age's _____

Phone Number _____
E-mail Address _____

Degree _____ Year Joined K of C _____

Event Chair _____

Previous Roles _____

Why did I join the Knights of Columbus?

Why should others join the Knights of Columbus?

