



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
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August 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- August 12, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- August 26, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

It's hard to believe that August is here. School will be starting up again and the weather will start getting cooler. This means that our events will be starting to ramp up and we will have a few events a month. We will need to start thinking about anything that we want to hold in the fall and winter. We need to decide what and who will chair up these events. At the meeting, we will need to formalize who our activity directors are. Those directors are in these areas are Youth, Family, Pro-Life, Membership, Veteran, and Church. By using the General Program Manual as a guidebook, we can figure out what events other councils have held and worked well and try and mold them to fit our council. There are a few areas that I believe that we could expand our activity and I will talk about this further at the meeting.

One thing that has been talked about a lot and stresses many people on a regular basis is participation. There are many members of the council but when it comes to participating in an event or coming to a meeting, the same 40-50 guys are there regularly. If we could, as a council, make a new fraternal year resolution to increased participation. After attending a recent First Degree, Lee Brock talked to the new members about how to make the most of your membership by doing things in 3's. Attend 3 business meetings a year, PARTICIPATE in 3 events a year and receive your Third Degree within your first year. I think that these are great goals for everyone every year. If every member attended at least 3 business meetings and 3 events a year, our events would be amazing successes. The amount of help we could be for our charities would be incredible.

Lets make this an incredible year.

*Fraternally,
Brian Novotny*



Remember who was....?

Last meeting, we discussed the creation or completion of plaques for Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Past Grand Knights. I do not have an exact estimate but I do believe that this will be fairly expensive. Probably over \$500. Since we are looking at this much expense, we will need to have two discussions on this to be able to allocate the funds. Here is the scope of this project. We have one plaque for Knight of the Year but only goes to 1992. We need to finish this plaque and start another to be up to date. We don't have one at all for Family of the Year. We don't have records to show how long we have given the award out but we can go back about 10 years and have winners. For this award we would need one plaque. In our old chambers we had pictures of the Past Grand Knights. Right now, those pictures are in a crate in the storage room. Instead of trying to track down the pictures that we don't have and post them on a wall in the new chambers, we could list their names on a plaque and put them on the wall. I believe that it is very important to recognize our past to know who we are. In creating the list of Past Grand Knights, I found out that I the 45th Grand Knight of our council. I am very humbled by this honor. To create this plaque we would need 2 plaques for all the names. All said we would need 4 new plaques to get us up to date. We wouldn't need to spend much money each year to add the names of the award recipients. This would be a one time expenditure to get us up to date. If you want to discuss this expenditure further, please attend the next meeting.

Parish Anniversary

Sept 19th is the parishes 50th Anniversary. After the 5pm mass, the Knights have been asked to help grill for the parish. Please stay tuned for more information.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books should be available at our next meeting. Everyone finds uses for them. How many will you need? Come to the meeting and you can take them home that night. Gus is the chairperson.

Calling Tree

To help attendance at the meetings, let me know if anyone is interested in forming a "calling tree" to call a portion of the membership to remind them of the meetings. If you are interested, let me know.

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I happened to overhear bits and pieces of a conversation taking place among several adult men and women who were gathered close by. Their language was so offensive to me, that I finally simply walked away until I was no longer exposed to their foul manner of speech. Unfortunately, this was not an isolated incident. It has happened many times before, one time causing me to turn and confront the youthful offenders, asking them if their mothers knew they used that kind of language, and telling them that even if they had no respect for me, to at least show some respect for my wife, who happened to be present. Surprisingly, that silenced them, at least for a time.

It was through speech that God gave human beings the ability to communicate in greater detail than any other animal, and yet some people are so gross in its use! Speech can be mightier than fighting. Speech can be poetry, speech is civilization itself, speech was intended to open one person to another, but so many allow their use of speech to degrade their integrity. We allow our art forms to take advantage of the fact that nowhere in the world is speech freer than that given us by our Constitution's First Amendment. But then we use it in order to produce not only art, but dialogue that's brutally vulgar. From the speech we hear on the streets, I wonder just how much of our speech is the improvement on silence that it's supposed to be. I have come to believe that speech is a mirror of the soul; as a person speaks, so he is!

It was in the 50's that Bishop Fulton J. Sheen commented that "The world is losing its manners." I think he may have a more serious assessment if he were here in our times. Certainly as Knights of Columbus, we, as well as our families, are called to provide an exemplary example, wherever we happen to be, of Christian Values that reflect the respect we show for all people, recognizing them as members of God's family. That respect begins with the language we use, and continues with our actions and reactions in all our relationships with the people of God. I must say, I feel I am always safe in the presence of my brother Knights, and am confident that we do set the standard of decency that is so reflective of our rich Catholic Heritage.

Thank you for the fine example each of you provide, of what it means to be Christian in such a secular world. May God continue to bless you and your families, and bring you peace, and happiness, and joy.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

August: St. Jude Council Activities



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9	10	11	12 Business Meeting	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26 Social Meeting	27	28	29
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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- The Hage family
- The Black family
- Deacon Turner
- Nick Takach
- Albert Takach
- Roberta Gastaldo
- Military
- John Wayne Stertzner
- Murphy Family
- Sherry Royer
- Jason Feeney
- Nancy Jordan
- Jim Doran
- Josphine Anzelmo
- Bob Blatts
- Bob Fenning
- Bonnie Adams
- Dewitt Lewis

Knight of the Month

Knight of the month goes to Frank Everson. Frank came out on short notice to help serve breakfast to the delegation of State K of C officials before the Grand Knights Meeting. Thank you Frank for helping out.

Officer Installation

Our Installation of officers by the District Deputy has been moved to the business meeting in September.

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake breakfasts are coming up. Stay tuned for more information.

First Degree Opportunities

Upcoming First Degree dates 10/19 and 10/28 here in Columbus. I will have more details next month.

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?

