



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

December 2007

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

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, December 9,
Pancake Breakfast
*Contact Tom LeFever
to volunteer*
- Wednesday,
December 12,
Business Meeting 8 p.m.
New K of C Room
- Wednesday,
December 12,
Last Day of PDHC drive
- Saturday, December 22,
Santa's Helpers
*Contact Bill Holehouse
to volunteer*
- *There will be no social
meeting on December 26*

Merry Christmas!

From Our Grand Knight:

Advent is upon us. Those sun-filled evenings have given way to dark, cold nights. Yet, soon the daylight hours will once again increase just as we will soon celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ later this month.

However, before we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we go through this waiting period of Advent. It is a time to pray, reflect and prepare for the celebration. Admittedly, this time of preparation proves challenging given other demands imposed upon us, such as the Christmas shopping rush, the barrage of commercials urging us to want and buy more, and the myriad of social gatherings held this time of year. Nonetheless, by overcoming these demands, and by using this Advent to pray and reflect on the gift of the birth of Jesus, we will truly experience joys of Christmas.

James Anzelmo

Santa's Helpers

Our council will once again take part of Santa's Helpers in conjunction with St. Matthew's School. We need Knights and their families to deliver Christmas gifts to families in need. The event takes place on Saturday, December 22 at 8 a.m. Meet at the St. Matthew School lobby. To volunteer, contact Bill Holehouse at bholehouse@cottsystems.com or 614-939-9591.

Pancake Breakfast

Tom LeFever is heading up the pancake breakfast fundraisers again this year. Thanks, Tom! Tom needs volunteers for the pancake breakfasts.

Our next fundraiser pancake breakfast is Sunday, December 9. Tom needs help for set up at 7 a.m. and also needs help between 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for cooking and serving. He also needs a lot of help for the clean up after the 11:00 a.m. rush. Hope you can help!

Pro-life activities

Our pro-life activities continue:

- 1) Brother Knight, Joe Hartings, is coordinating the sale of Entertainment Books to benefit pro-life causes. To purchase a book, contact Joe at 202-1340 or hartings_1@hotmail.com. Sales end sometime in December.
- 2) Until Friday, December 7, 2007, we will collect from brother Knights new or very gently used items to donate to a Pregnancy Decision Health Center. Please drop off items in the Knights of Columbus room, or give items to an officer. For example, you can contact the Grand Knight, James Anzelmo, at 476-9304 or Janzelmo@columbus.rr.com to make arrangements to give him the items. Please do not leave items outside the Knights of Columbus room.

Items needed include:

- disposable diapers (*sized-newborn, small, or preemie*)
- diaper wipes
- baby wash cloths and towels
- baby blanket
- crib sheets
- bibs (*no inscriptions please*)
- bottles
- pacifiers
- small stuffed animals
- baby lotion, shampoo and soap (*no powders, please*)
- clothing (*size preemie to 12 months*)
- bibles

Stars Among Us

As a result of the soccer challenge St. Jude Council 5801 held in September, we had two representatives advance to the November 3, 2007 Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge Championship in Grove City. They were John Roach age 10 and Monica Mueller age 12.

The results are in from the State competition, and John Roach is the State Champion for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge for 10 year old boys !!

Congratulations!

Prizes

As you know, at the end of each business meeting, we draw a name from our roster to award 50% of the money donated in our "pot" by our door entrance. (The other 50% goes to the council). If the individual drawn is not present at the meeting, we keep the money in the "pot" and re-draw at another meeting until we have a winner present at a drawing. At our November business meeting, Gary Frazee's name was drawn. Had Gary been at the meeting, he would have taken home some cash! Oh, well. We'll keep the money in the "pot" for our next drawing at our next December 2007 business meeting.

Needed: Deputy Grand Knight

You might think it's too early to be concerned about the 2008-2009 fraternal year, but that year does come to mind given that we *still* have no Deputy Grand Knight (an officer who, traditionally with our council, becomes Grand Knight the next fraternal year).

Please consider whether you are able to serve St. Jude 5801 this fraternal year as Deputy Grand Knight. If interested, contact James Anzelmo at 476-9304 or janzelmo@columbus.rr.com.

FINANCES: Will “Subprime” Loan Crunch Affect You?

You’ve probably heard about some of the problems associated with “subprime loans.” But will the fallout from these loans affect your investment strategy?

It shouldn’t. Although the real estate industry is slumping, the rest of the economy remains relatively strong. Furthermore, inflation and interest rates remain low and stable, and corporate profits still exceed expectations. Consequently, we are still looking at a relatively favorable investment environment.

And no matter what happens in the investment world, you can help yourself by following some tried-and-true techniques.

For example, look for quality investments, such as the stocks of strong, established companies. And hold these investments for the long term, or at least until your investment needs change.

By sticking with good investment habits, you may well escape some of the problems caused by the subprime fallout - while you stay on track toward your long-term investment goals.

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Chuckle with Eckl

- Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- My wife and I had words, but I didn’t get to use mine.
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Most of the animals of the world look downward, toward the earth. Unfortunately, we human beings, the animals best suited to look upward, too often allow ourselves to be earthbound, just like the other animals. In looking only at the earth, we witness terrible things; Murders, abortions, children starving, and individuals pursuing self, to the exclusion of others. And now, in looking only at what the earth has to offer, more and more people are saying that they dread Christmas! That it has become a time of strain, and anxiety, and stress. What’s wrong with this picture?

Fortunately, that is not the case for all people. Sometimes people become wise enough and look upward. It is then that their spirits rise, as they begin to see hills, and mountains, and in the night sky, the stars. There are far more stars in the universe than grains of sand on the average beach: by some estimates, about 1000 times as many. For instance, in the lower left-hand corner of the great square of Pegasus, we can see the spiral galaxy of Andromeda. It is 750,000 light years away. It consists of a hundred billion suns, each one larger than our own.

When, on a star-lit night, we contemplate the vastness of the universe, we might think of our smallness and insignificance. Instead, it should prompt us to think of our grandeur. The spirit of the human being is much greater than all these universes, because the human can contemplate and comprehend all of these, whereas all of these worlds put together, cannot comprehend a single human being. All of these worlds are silent. But we, human beings, are the voice and the consciousness of these worlds. And so, in the wonder and vastness of it all, we think of God, especially at this time of the year when we celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation.

To the children of the world, it’s about Santa, and the gifts he brings. But to us, it should be about the Great Giver of Gifts, God, who so loved us that in the gift of Jesus, became one of us. In doing so, we have been given the gift of eternal life! Unlike the rest of the universe, in all its splendor, we will not pass away. It seems to me if only more of this world’s inhabitants would look upward instead of downward, then perhaps more would sense and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, which neither strains nor stresses, but lifts us up.

A Most Blessed Christmas Season to you and to your families. May each of us embrace the gift of Eternal Love we have received in Jesus!

Yours in Christ!

Deacon Harry L. Turner

DECEMBER: St. Jude Council Activities



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9 Pancake Breakfast	10	11	12 Business Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Santa's Helpers
23	24	25 Christmas	26 NO Social Meeting	27	28	29
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The Good Of The Order:

Please pray for:

- John Hage
- Joe and Mamie Murphy
- For those in our armed services
- Mike and Carol Ferrier
- Gerald Strike
- Jim Vonau and family
- Dorothy Giet
- Family of teenaged girl who died in a hit-skip accident while she was visiting Columbus from Nevada to attend the National Youth Conference

December Knight of the Month

We congratulate as Knight of the Month for December John King, our financial secretary, who coordinated the collections for the Troops last month.

December Family of the Month

We congratulate as Family of the Month Mike Flora and his wife Theresa and their children Hannah, Jack and Samuel.