



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

December 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- December 9, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- December 13, 2009
Pancake Breakfast
- December 13, 2009
Council Christmas Party
- December 23, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

Another major belief of Knighthood is brotherhood, or fraternity. Answers.com puts the definition of fraternity as a body of people associated for a common purpose or interest. I think that the common purpose or interest of the Knights is well known. Part of being in the brotherhood that is the Knights is being involved in the matters of the council and its activities. Everyone has lots of things going on outside of the council, but there are some that have made the Knights more of a priority than others because those men are at the meetings and volunteering at the events. I would hope that the council business and our events are important enough for a few hours a month be dedicated to our business and events.

As we are going into the holiday season, I hope everyone takes in as much as they can to celebrate the season, whether in the community, in the church and in the council. Don't forget to Keep Christ in Christmas and look out for the less fortunate. I hope to see everyone and their families at the Christmas party coming up soon.

*Fraternally,
Brian Novotny*



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Measure Up Status

Measure-up Checks are in and will be sent out to the charities with a presentation ceremony at a later date.

5K Run, Going the Distance

Our 5k run helped send a few teens from the community to St. Loius for National Catholic Youth Conference. Next years 5k run will be March 27th, 2010.

Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets

We now have the “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets. We sold a few to patrons of the Holiday Bazaar. We will need volunteers to help sell them after the masses in the undercroft. I will have sign-up sheets at the business meeting. Gus and Ken Mason are helping to organize this Fundraiser. We have sold about 50 so far. I would like to see 400 sold this holiday season.

Gahanna Holiday Lights Parade

The Holiday Lights parade went off with a drop of rain to complain about. The Sunday and Tuesday before the event, the Knights were represented in helping out set up Santa’s house in the old Seekers coffee house storefront. Please stop by and see for yourself, and take your kids. Every Saturday from 1-5pm until Christmas, Santa will be there to listen to your child’s wish list and to have pictures taken.

Our \$250 donation was very well received by organizers who agreed that without support from the community the event would not have been able to go off as planned. I hope that this is something that we can be involved in every year.

Christmas Party

Our Council Christmas party will be Sunday Dec 13th after the 5pm mass. The council will provide the main dishes and entertainment. Brothers with last names from A-M please bring a dessert; N-Z a side dish. Please bring a wrapped present that will be donated to Childrens Hospital.

From Our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

After a magnificent – fantastic – super-great autumn that featured mostly one sunny and warm day after another, there now is a crisp change on the horizon. The nights are getting much cooler, and the days are getting shorter – especially with the sunset occurring so much earlier in the evening, and the days now seem more overcast as the winds begin to move much more quickly and crisply.

As a result, I have now retired my golf clubs for the season, (a sure sign that the warm days are pretty much over until spring), and I have begun to move my long – sleeved shirts to the front of the closet and my summer and fall clothes to the back, in order to make things easier to reach in the mornings as I get ready to go to work.

Funny how we almost automatically PREPARE for the changes that occur naturally in nature, and yet find it difficult to set aside the time to PREPARE for the changes in the Church liturgical year that occur just as surely.

This month (December) begins the Church’s new liturgical year. It is, to be sure, a time to PREPARE ourselves to receive anew, the gift of God Himself: the God who “so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that all might have life, and have it to the full.” As we heard in the Gospels of the last several Sundays, BE PREPARED! That was meant not so much as a warning as it was an open invitation to each of us to take the time to PREPARE ourselves not only for the celebration of Christmas, but also to PREPARE ourselves for the second coming of Christ on the last day.

Unfortunately, our culture has effectively obscured the true meaning of Christmas. It is becoming increasingly difficult to even place a nativity scene in a place where it can be seen. Strange, since that nativity scene is the actual reason for the season. CHRISTmas! The word itself shouts its meaning. How could it drift so far from its origin?

It is up to people like us, the Knights and Ladies of St. Jude Council and the members of St. Matthew the Apostle Church, as well as all people of faith, to see to it that we continue to observe the true meaning of Christmas by using this season of Advent to PREPARE ourselves for this great feast which lies ahead. It is first and foremost, a Religious Feast, for HE IS BORN, THE KING OF KINGS, THE LORD OF LORDS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!

May you and your families be graced and blessed by your participation in the PREPARATION during Advent, and the birth in your hearts of Jesus, the Christ.

A Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year to all!

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

December: St. Jude Council Activities



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6	7	8	9 Business Meeting	10	11	12
13 Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Party	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Social Meeting	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Chris Young
- All troops
- Fred Wypasek
- Debbie Girardi
- Bonnie Adams
- Bob Fenning
- Jenny Rimer
- John Wayne Stertz
- Albert Takach
- Mia Lantz

Pancake Breakfast

The December Pancake Breakfast will be on December 13th. Contact Tom Lafever if you can help. Set-up starts about 7-7:30 and clean-up ends around 12:30. We serve following the 8am and 10 am masses.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Clergy Appreciation dinner will be held January 31 at Villa Milano starting at 6pm. Let Brian know if you are interested in attending.

Knight of the Month

Knight of month goes to John King, for all the work he does promoting the Veterans Day Collection for military families.