



THE ST. JUDE JOURNAL

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

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

Dates to Remember:

- December 10, 2011
Council Christmas Party
- December 11, 2011
Pancake Breakfast
- December 14, 2011
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- December 24, 2011
Santa's Helpers
- December 28, 2011
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

Brothers,

Tis the season for giving. I think there is no better example of giving than what we Knights stand for – Charity. Whether it is with the Knights, our families or other organizations, lets show our families what charity means by our actions. Its one of the greater gifts we can give our children and each other.

Come to the Knights Christmas Party on December 10 after the 5:00 Mass at 6:00 at the Knights room. Food (chicken, rigatoni & meatballs, etc) and drink are being provided by the Knights, however, we are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. All those families, whose last name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish, while those families beginning with M-Z bring a dessert. Lets enjoy the night and each other as Knights in Action. Please call 614-725-9787 or email Jeff Bernard at Jeff.Bernard@cat.com. Mario Serraglio is assisting Jeff. Thanks guys!

Come to the Pancake dinner for the benefit of our church and other Council functions. Bring the family!!!

Finally, it is with sadness and best wishes for his future, that I inform you Mike Wypasek is moving on from Gahanna. Mike has been the newsletter editor for the last 5 years. I have come to know Mike as a Knight and a Man of Faith. Mike is a very humble man, which has always impressed me. Mike, Thanks for all that you have done for us over the last five years. I have enjoyed your friendship, support, input and energy into the Council. You will be missed as a friend and Brother, however, you always have a home here as a member of 5801! Please let Mike know that we have appreciated his efforts. He has an article of his notification within. Thanks and Best Wishes!

We need someone to step up and assist in writing the newsletter each month. Won't you help us!

*Fraternally,
Tom*



Field Agent's Notes:

The Life Insurance Management Research Association (LIMRA) states that less than 50% of households have any individually owned life insurance. In the same study, a total of 37 percent of households admitted that they plan to buy life insurance in the next 12 months. How about you? Do you have any individually owned life insurance? If the answer is no, but you group insurance, hang on to that job! Because if it goes, so goes the group coverage. If the answer is no and the second part of the answer is you don't plan to get any, I probably can't help you. If you fall into the category of those 37 percent—don't have any of enough, and plan to go get some in the next 12 months—here is my question: why are you sitting there doing nothing?

Call me and leave me a message. I promise that I will call you back. Then it is a matter of scheduling an appointment with me at your convenience, and talking to me about your situation. You're at your kitchen table, with your wife, talking to a brother Knight who has had many conversations just like this one.

At the conclusion of the meeting, you may choose not to purchase any protection from the Knights. You may decide that now is not the time. At least you would have talked about it. At least you would have examined your options. It is better than doing nothing.

Let's talk-740-277-7381
Stan Krulia-Field Agent

Kinder Women's Care Center

From Brother Knight Jim Gernetzke:

I would like to better expose the Council to The Kinder Women's Care Center – a *CATHOLIC* crisis pregnancy center. My wife, Susan, is a counselor there. Their mission is to help women “chose life” rather than abortion.

<http://www.womenscarecenter.org/Columbus.html>

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club

Fr. Ryan Schmit - Newly Ordained Priest
Friday, December 2nd, 2011
St. Patrick Church, Downtown Columbus, Ohio

11:45am - 12:10pm (Mass)

12:10pm - 12:30pm (Lunch)

12:30pm - 1:00pm (Speaker)

Reservations are Not Needed

Please Bring \$10 To Cover the Lunch and Meeting

Please join a strong tradition at the CMLC to hear the testimony of a newly ordained priest to the Columbus Diocese. Fr. Ryan Schmit currently serves as the Associate Pastor at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna.

This tradition is a great benefit to all that attend to gain inspiration to continue answering the call to holiness and to serve as an example to and support of future vocations. Fr. Schmit will speak on his journey to his vocation.

By hearing the testimony of Fr. Schmit, we hope all of us can learn from this newly ordained priest to examine our own lives and ensure that we respond to Our Lord's unique and individual calling.

Please promote the CMLC by forwarding this to men who you know would enjoy attending. For more information contact Jim Maholm, CMLC Club President, at jim@maholm.com or visit www.ColumbuCatholicMen.com

March for Life Trip to Washington

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council #11187 is again sponsoring a trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. to remember the 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

The two day, one night trip will leave from Seton Parish in Pickerington early on Sunday, January 22nd and return late Monday, January 23rd. We will attend the Vigil Mass for Life, stay in a nice downtown Washington hotel and attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life before going to the March itself. The cost of the trip is \$150 per person, based on 2 people per room occupancy and includes breakfast.

For registration forms or more information, please contact Edd Chinnock at echinnock@aol.com or 740-927-5099.

Becoming Santa...

By J.P.Leo Thomas

For many of us, we get into the habit of sharing only what we need to share with each other, the necessities of life such as food, water, medicine and care. We forget that the hunger is not only from sustenance but from our spirit as well. Constantly on the move this busy time of year, many of us do not see the need to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to stop and simply breathe. When we allow time to reflect in prayer, we see ourselves from within, and look at our actions in a different way. We can all use this as a time to prepare for the majesties of advent. Just as Mary was prepared to receive the Christ child, our thoughts are getting ready for His birth and our renewal of hope in this dark world. Today, society is broken apart from responsibility and our sins are magnified. To be without sin, to be pure of both mind and heart is the true gift from God and even though we cannot celebrate this act, we can surely be witnesses to its ideas.

Centuries ago, an imperfect man was born. He shared all the trappings of original sin and lived among his brethren in relative peace and harmony. He was a craftsman by trade. He was not without his flaws but believed that Christ had a role for him to play in this life. The story goes that a citizen of Patara in Greece had lost all his money, and had moreover to support three daughters who could not find husbands because of their poverty; so the wretched man was going to give them over to prostitution. This came to the ears of Nicholas, who thereupon took a bag of gold and, under cover of darkness threw it in at the open window of the man's house. Here was a dowry for the eldest girl and she was soon duly married. At intervals Nicholas did the same for the second and third; at the last time the father was on the watch, recognized his benefactor and overwhelmed him with his gratitude. It is here that the first yarns about Santa Claus were born and in time, he became known as the child's saint. Santa saw the world through the eyes of a child, suffering and lonely, heartbroken, rich or poor, he did not care. Every child to him was born without pre-conceived sin, as Mary was, and deserved his undying attention, prayer and love.

Père Noel in France, Sinterklaas in Deutschland, Topo Gigo in Africa, Hoteiosho in Japan. Whatever he is called, he is honored for his dedication to loving just as we are called by Christ to love Him with all our mind, body and soul.

In a little manger in the middle of everyday life, a child was born. Born of light, out of the darkness, to a world yet unknown. A select few were chosen to witness this miracle, guided by a star in the long Bethlehem sky. We gather together at this moment and look back on what we have left behind. What is our legacy to be? Are we to be remembered or just a passing glance in a mirror? Let us be renewed by our faith, in love, hope and charity. Love each other, pray with each other, be with each other. Let us also remember those lost to us and cherish every moment we have with one another. I miss my mom this time of year. I miss her scent, her touch, her friendship and the way she would just listen to all my problems but most importantly I miss her love. It makes us realize that there are many people, homeless, hungry, sick and alone who make our problems seem so small. We begin to put aside our differences and our prejudices and concentrate on their needs. We come closer to Christ and his vision for a better world.

In our most ignorant of ways, with each step we take towards our meeting with God, we all strive in becoming Santa...

May the wind be at your backs and especially this time of year, may His peace be with you, always. God bless you all and have a very merry and holy Christmas.

*Like foolish folk of old I would not be,
Who had no room that night for Him and thee.
See, Mother Mary, here within my heart
I've made a little shrine for Him apart;
Swept it of sin, and cleansed it with all care;
Warmed it with love and scented it with prayer.
So, Mother, when the Christmas anthems start,
Please let me hold your baby--in my heart.*

By Sr. Maryanna, O.P.



DECEMBER: ST. JUDE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

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Entertainment Books

Enjoy eating out for less. Gus still has Entertainment Books for sale. The money from this will be for our “Pro Life Program”. The cost for each book is \$30.00. Thank You

From My Heart

Brother Knights,

This is the last newsletter that I will do for our Council as the Lord moves me on to some other purpose. I have enjoyed doing this for you over these last 5+ years. You are great Catholic men and I have felt honored to be in your midst. It has been a blessing to know so many of you, even if only a little bit. And thanks to Anthony Perk for taking over the Council’s website.

I wish you all the best that Our Lord Jesus can give you, especially with our new parish Men’s Ministry. You will continue always to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Michael Wypasek