



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

January 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- January 11, 2009
Pancake Breakfast
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- January 14, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- January 28, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

Happy New Year!!

I hope that your holidays were both relaxing and filled with great times with family and friends. I wish that I could say that we had a white Christmas but it wasn't in the cards for us. As much as you might want to think that this is going to be a mild winter, I think we are going to be surprised by this winter.

Anyway I want to thank everyone who helped make the Christmas party a success and to all those that attended despite the less than desirable weather. It seemed to me that everyone including the kids had a great time. The magician had the kids puzzled by the tricks and laughing with the ventriloquism.

Now for some business. We are officially halfway through the fraternal year. There are some goals that I want to accomplish by summer:

- 6 New Members
- A good group of Knights to get either their Second and Third or Fourth Degree
- Finish the landscape of the PSC, possibly including a Horseshoe pit and an area for the bag toss game (Cornhole)
- An increase in the number of members attending the business AND social meetings
- Completion of the Retention Survey

Any ideas or help you can offer to accomplish these, please talk to me. Let's finish off this fraternal year strong. Thanks for everything you do to make the Knights a great group.

*Fraternally,
Brian Novotny*

Contact our Grand Knight: 5801GK@live.com

Reverse Raffle *ᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ*

Our Reverse Raffle will be Friday, Feb. 20, 2009 at Jefferson Country Club. To reserve your space or for more information, call Tom Eckl (471-7102), Bill Holehouse (939-9591) or Dave Macynski (855-0176).

January Pancake Breakfast

If you've got some time on Sunday morning, why not give Tom LeFever some help. There's only a few opportunities left for this year.

Set up normally starts at 7 a.m. Cleaned up and home by 12:30. The big rush is after the 10:00 Mass.

The remaining schedule is:

- Jan 11
- Feb 8
- Mar 8

Big 50-50 Drawing Time

As you know, we have a 50-50 drawing at our business meeting each month. So far this fraternal year, we've been drawing lots of names of people who weren't in attendance. So, no one has claimed the kitty that's been growing for more than six months.

At our January business meeting, we will enter the names of all present into the 50-50 drawing. This means that someone present at our January 14th meeting will win a very nice chunk of change!

Free Throw

This year's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be coming soon. Stay tuned for more information.



St. Gabriel Catholic Radio News

Jim Vanau passed along this news about catholic radio in Central Ohio:

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio now reaches all of Central Ohio! The non-profit catholic radio ministry began broadcasting on 1580AM starting Christmas Eve.

St. Gabriel is now 1580 AM. Rejoice! What a blessing to be able to provide a clear signal that will now reach all of Central Ohio. Like all AM stations, the daylight signal is much stronger than the night-time signal. During daylight hours the new signal reaches Newark, Lancaster, Mount Vernon, Marion, Marysville, and Circleville and, after dusk, the signal reaches those inside the I-270 outer belt.

Of course this exciting news would not be possible without you, our faithful supporters, generous benefactors and volunteers. Thank you. By sharing your gifts, we are now able to provide good, solid Catholic programming to nearly 2 million people.

Although this is joyful news, now is not the time to just hope that people will listen. Please help us get the word out to our family and friends.



A local magician entertains at last month's Knights Christmas party.

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I certainly hope you and your families had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. I know that sounds as if Christmas is over and done, but it is not! The Christmas Season lasts through January 11th this year, concluding with the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. Since we celebrate the “tidings of joy” for that extended period of time, I would like to share some thoughts from a book by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), “The Blessing of Christmas.”

When St. Elizabeth of Hungary lay dying on November 16, 1231, she spent her last hours telling about the life of Jesus, as she had learned to see and understand it in the Bible and in the preaching of the Church. Toward midnight, she asked those present to be utterly silent: “Let us speak about the Savior and about the Christ child, for midnight is close at hand, when the sweet child Jesus was born.” In the hour of her dying, she entered the silence of Christmas night. In the night of her dying, she entered the night of light.

This shows just how deeply she had imbibed the words and the realities of the faith, so that these now totally filled her soul and her senses. She had allowed the history of the faith to structure the rhythm of her own time to such an extent that for Elizabeth, the hours of the day were no longer merely phases in the movements of the sun and the stars: they were hours that told the story of God’s love for us.

Saint Elizabeth asked those around her to be utterly silent, since a child was about to be born. This might seem playful – the child wants to sleep, and one should not disturb him! But this apparent playfulness is in reality the expression of that reverence which alone is able to open up the path to the mystery. Silence is the space of this child. Silence is the sphere where God is born. It is only when we ourselves enter the sphere of silence that we reach the point where God is born.

“Let us be silent, let us speak about the Savior, for midnight is close at hand.” Let us return to Saint Elizabeth. Her last words were: “Then he created a new star, which had never shone before.” As she looked at this star, she passed away. The star she had followed throughout her life shone for her in her last hour, too, on her last path, which thus became a path into light. It is true! The star of Christmas night is the incarnate Son himself.

How different Christmas is to Christians! What a wonderful understanding of what it means to be living in the Kingdom of God, which is indeed among us!

Have a very Blessed Christmas Season, and a Happy New Year!

Deacon Harry L. Turner

Chuckles

Kids Are Quick:

Teacher: Jennifer, go to the map and find North America.

Jennifer: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

Class: Jennifer.

Teacher: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

John: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell ‘crocodile?’

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L’

Teacher: No, that’s wrong

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it’s H to O.

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn’t have ten years ago.

Winnie: Me!

Teacher: Glenn, why do you always get so dirty?

Glenn: Well, I’m a lot closer to the ground than you are.

Teacher: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ‘I.’

Millie: I is..

Teacher: No, Millie..... Always say, ‘I am.’

Millie: All right... ‘I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.’

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father’s cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, do you know why his father didn’t punish him?

Louis: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

Teacher: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

Simon: No sir, I don’t have to, my Mom is a good cook.

Teacher: Clyde , your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?

Clyde : No, sir. It’s the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher

January: St. Jude Council Activities



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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Phyllis Black
- David Davies
- John Hage
- Frank Everson's wife
- Sue Stovall
- Troops overseas
- Brian Barringer
- Jeff Miller
- Sam Palmer's son
- Bob Fenning
- Tom Eckl

Family of the Month

The family of the month is the Perk Family for all the help with the Christmas Party. Regina and Christina helped to keep the kids entertained with crafts, while Allen set up the magician and kept the kitchen in order, not to mention being the emcee of the night.

Thank you Allen, Regina and Christina for helping to make the Christmas Party a huge success.

Where's Your Directory Form?

Help us build a council directory. The information form is the last page of this newsletter. Please print it, fill it out and bring it to a meeting.

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?

