



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

June 2008

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

Dates to Remember:

- June 11, 2008
Business Meeting
8 p.m. K of C Room
- June 25, 2008
Closing Social
8 p.m. K of C Room
*Bring a guest
and a snack.*

From Our Grand Knight

Another fraternal year is coming to a close. I enjoyed serving as Grand Knight, and I thank you for your help in all the many activities we conducted this past fraternal year.

We did many acts of charity this past year for families, the community and the Church. We sacrificed time and we provided treasure and talent in selfless acts of charity. In doing so, we led an example on the need for Christians to love and serve one another.

We provided crucial service because one need not look too far to see the crisis of immorality that plagues our culture. As Catholic men, we are duty bound to live the message of Christ in the midst of this troubled culture. Specifically, we must love our neighbors and speak out against injustice. We must support and defend our families and Church. We must provide moral guidance and leadership to our youth.

Living Christ's message is not easy, and while there may be trials, we remember, as St. James has said, "[c]onsider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (James 1 v. 2-3). In so persevering, we act, in the words of St. Benedict, and in the words of our theme for this past fraternal year, "[s]o that in all things God may be glorified."

*Fraternally,
James Anzelmo*

Elections:

We will hold elections at our June 11 business meeting:

Here are the nominations

Grand Knight: Brian Novotny

Deputy Grand Knight: All nominees declined

Chancellor: Ern Stovall and Tom LeFever

Recorder: Corey Black

Treasurer: Erin Delffs

Lecturer: Joe Murphy

Advocate: Gus Gastaldo

Inside Guard: Ern Stovall

Outside Guard: Dave Baird and Rob McNair

As was the case last year, we are in need of a deputy grand knight. Please consider this worthy position.

Awards

St.Jude 5801 received honorable accolades at the 109th Annual Ohio Knights of Columbus Convention in Columbus this past Memorial Day weekend.

First, we received the Administrative Award.

In addition, Deacon Turner, our chaplain, was named "Religious of the Year" for the Columbus Diocese.

Lastly, Brother Allen Perk was named "Knight of the Year" for the Columbus Diocese.

The nomination letters for Deacon Turner and Allen Perk are included at the back of this newsletter.

And Honorees:

In addition to Allen Perk and Deacon Turner, we congratulate the following honorees:

Wayne Stertzler -- Volunteer of the Year

Andy Rose Family -- Family of the Year

Matthew Takach -- Youth of the Year

New Third Degree Knights

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights who obtained their second and third degrees in April 2008:

Erin Delffs

Rob McNair

Ern Stovall

Patrick Weyers

Annual Columbus Diocese Chapter

James Anzelmo brought a good looking crew to the annual event, where awards were given for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year



Our own Allen Perk with wife Regina



Andy Rose with wife Jayne and sons Chris and Adam

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I can't help but ponder just how much things have changed since the time I was growing up. Yes, I know that was a long time ago. I was born in the Year of the Lord 1943. That was indeed more than a few years ago. I know that because my last birthday, May 8th 2008 came with a Medicare Card, and a wagon full of offers to provide me with the "BEST" Supplemental Health Care Plan in the known world. "Sign up now before it's too late." The staggering amount of choices available made me think that I should have continued my education well beyond second grade. Certainly even a rocket scientist could not have made sense out of so many choices. Please pray for me!

On the more serious side, much more than health care has changed. We now live in a very secular world that seems to live their lives as if there were no God, and there is no accountability, and no personal responsibility for the life-style one has chosen. Everything seems to have been "someone else's fault." People no longer feel they are to blame for the consequences of what they have done. Someone else can always be found to have been the cause of their poor choices or impetuous actions, leaving them "blame free and only victims of a cruel society."

I personally think that at least a part of the problem is the lack of, (or choice of) "role models." When I was growing up, there was no other reasonable choice of "role model" than our parents. Parents who modeled not only "how to live", "but why we live." Parents who themselves modeled the faith they professed, and, not relying on their words alone, demonstrated with their actions, the way Christians ought to live. It's true: children are "hard of hearing" when it comes to matters of faith, but are quick to understand what is demonstrated to them by the actions and live-style of those they admire and respect. My dear friends, our children would never tell us so, but the ones they admire and respect most are you and me!

In our world, many religions have made it very difficult to understand the articles and dogmas of faith. Others have gone the other way, and oversimplified. Obey the rules, go to Church, pay the tithe, and somewhere in all of that, we are saved. Still others say, profess your belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and you will be saved. All of these are not without merit. But Jesus core message was very simple, very easy to understand. In fact a child could grasp it! "Love one another as I have loved you!" And "If you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will come to dwell in you, and you in me, that all might become one. Love does conquer all!"

Sometimes, it seems as if we stand alone. With all the things the world has to offer, we still seek after the things that will last to eternal life. As faithful members of the Knights of Columbus, and their Ladies, we demonstrate daily, what it means to live our lives as an expression of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, by loving God, and loving one another. Our charitable works stand as a model of how life should be lived. O.K. I'll admit we do that imperfectly. But with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, given in Baptism and Confirmation, and strengthened by the breaking of the bread in Eucharist, we stand as witnesses in a world so much in need of visible signs of God's love. Carry-on, good and faithful servants. Your reward will be great in Heaven. Thank you for your faithful witness to the Catholic Faith!

Yours In Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

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THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

- **Law of Gravity**
Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
- **Law of Probability**
The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- **Law of Random Numbers**
If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
- **Law of the Alibi**
If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
- **Variation Law**
If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
- **Law of the Bath**
When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
- **Law of Close Encounters**
The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- **Law of the Result**
When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
- **Law of Biomechanics**
The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- **Law of the Theatre**
At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.
- **Law of Physical Surfaces**
The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.
- **Law of Logical Argument**
Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
- **Law of Physical Appearance**
If the shoe fits, it's ugly.
- **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking**
A closed mouth gathers no feet.
- **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy**
As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
- **Doctors' Law**
If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

June: St. Jude Council Activities

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| 1 | 2 Cook for Homeless Shelter | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- John Hage
- Debbie Gerald
- Tom Huth
- Joe and Mamie Murphy
- Rebecca Gebhart--
Bryan Gebhart's new baby
- Harry Turner, Sr.
- Victims of Burma and
China natural disasters
- Bill Arthur
- Roger Miller
- Nick Takach
- Marion Lever's mother
- Hildegard Schmiedebusch
- Father Michael J.
- Adam Boyden
- Nick Shonk

Closing Social

The last meeting for the 2007-2008 fraternal year will be Wednesday, June 25 at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Room in the Parish Support Center. Bring your family and friends to the meeting for a celebration to close the fraternal year. Bring a snack to share, too.

Steak Challenge

At our closing social on June 25, we will draw a winner for our Steak Challenge. All Knights who nominated a candidate who actually entered the order are eligible. The winner will receive a gift certificate to a local steak restaurant. You must be present to win!

Those eligible:

Gus Gastaldo

Dale Takach

Carl Tisone

Ern Stovall

Jim Brosnahan

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Mike Wypasek--Knight of the Month for June 2008. Mike coordinated the high school scholarship contest.

Measure Up

Thanks again to all who participated in Measure Up this year. Thanks also to Wayne Stertz and Dale Takach for coordinating the campaign. With all your help, we are turning in \$9,000 for the campaign.

Scholarship

Congratulations to the following 8th grade recipients of the 2008 Kevin Heidrich Memorial Scholarship:

Emily Bommer

David Shanks

Laura Schlagheck

Sarah Turville

Ushers Wanted

If you have ever thought of being an Usher at the weekend Masses here at St. Matthew, this is the time to step up. Ushers are needed for the Sunday 8am, Noon and 5pm Masses.

Presenting the Gifts

If you and your family want to present the Gifts during the Offertory at Mass, simply ask an Usher prior to the start of the Mass.

Missing keys

Were you given keys to the Knights Room with the number 34 on them. If so, WE NEED THEM BACK! These keys are the “master” set and are wanted by the Parish Office. It’s OK, you can make a copy first and then return the Original to the GK.

Tips on Gas mileage

1. Stop aggressive driving. You can improve your gas mileage <http://www.amazon.com/Improving-Fuel-Economy-Money-Pocket/dp/1401883672/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1202825721&/yousou-20> up to five percent around town if you avoid “jackrabbit” starts and stops by anticipating traffic conditions and driving gently.
2. Remove excess weight from the trunk. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk can reduce a typical car’s fuel economy by up to two percent. Avoid packing items on top of your car. A loaded roof rack or carrier creates wind resistance and can decrease fuel economy by five percent.
3. Keep your engine tuned. Tuning your engine according to your owner’s manual can increase gas mileage <http://www.amazon.com/Improving-Fuel-Economy-Money-Pocket/dp/1401883672/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1202825721&/yousou-20> by an average of four percent. Increases vary depending on a car’s condition.
4. Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. It can increase gas mileage <<http://kjansales.WATER4GAS.hop.clickbank.net>> up to three percent.
5. Change your oil. According to the U.S. Department of Energy(DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), you can improve your gas mileage <<http://kjansales.WATER4GAS.hop.clickbank.net>> by using the manufacturer’s recommended grade of motor oil. Motor oil that says “Energy Conserving” on the performance symbol of the American Petroleum Institute contains friction-reducing additives that can improve fuel economy.
6. Check and replace air filters regularly. Replacing clogged filters can increase gas mileage <http://www.amazon.com/Improving-Fuel-Economy-Money-Pocket/dp/1401883672/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1202825721&/yousou-20> up to ten percent.
7. Carpool the kids and team mates to and from sports practices. This way, several different parents can save BOTH time and money.
8. Be skeptical of claims for devices that will “boost your mileage by an extra 6 miles per gallon,” “improve your fuel economy up to 26 percent,” or the like. The EPA has tested over 100 supposed gas-saving devices -- including mixture “enhancers” and fuel line magnets -- and found that very few provide any fuel economy benefits. The devices that work provide only marginal improvements. Some “gas-saving” devices may damage a car’s engine or increase exhaust emissions.

Movie Review: Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed

There is a lot of buzz that is gathering over the Ben Stein documentary, "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" <<http://www.expelledthemovie.com>>. The goal of the documentary is to expose the scientific community and universities <<http://www.associatedcontent.com/theme/679/universities.html>> around the world for discriminating against any scientist who wishes to explore the possibility of, "intelligent design," as an alternative to Darwin's theory of evolution.

Background In 1859, Charles Darwin published his work, /On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life/ (Commonly called "The Origin of Species"). The book <<http://www.associatedcontent.com/theme/1492/book.html>> explained that the world had been taught the wrong ideal for years as to how humans came to Earth. He (Darwin) explained the course of evolution and let the world know about how we evolved from apes.

While this theory has been debated for years by scientists, and religious, evolution has been predominately taught in schools <<http://www.associatedcontent.com/theme/630/schools.html>> and universities. The majority of the members of the scientific community has scoffed at the other two theories of creationism and, "intelligent design," for decades.

"Intelligent design," takes both creationism and evolution into consideration and blends them into a congruent theory. "Intelligent design, (ID)" teaches that evolution does happen, but NOT TO THE DEGREE proposed by Darwin.

In the documentary, "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed", Ben Stein will be looking into the reasons why the theory of, "intelligent design," has been ignored for so long by the majority of the scientific community.

Stein will also be looking into different cases in which professors have been harassed by universities <<http://www.associatedcontent.com/theme/679/universities.html>> for teaching the alternative theory of, "intelligent design."

There is another reason to see this documentary. Our First Amendment right to speak out and discuss opposing theories is in serious jeopardy. In our mass media and on college campuses, believers in ID are being silenced by the opposition in the form of verbal attacks and worse, abolishment from the "superior thinking academic society".

To say the least, this documentary was eye-opening. See for yourself.

Nomination letter for Deacon Turner

Named "Religious of the Year" for the Columbus Diocese at the 2008 Ohio Knights of Columbus Convention

Background

Deacon Harry Turner serves as chaplain for St. Jude Council 5801. Deacon Turner was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1984. Since 2000, Deacon Turner has been assigned at St. Matthew Church in Gahanna, Ohio.

Deacon Turner is married to Melody. They have been married for 45 years and have six children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Interaction with Knights of Columbus

Deacon Turner has been a Knight since the mid-1970's. He maintains extensive interaction with St. Jude Council 5801. He attends most meetings and leads the council in prayer at the meetings. Additionally, Deacon Turner provides informative, spiritual and inspirational chaplain reports at the meetings.

Furthermore, Deacon Turner writes an article in St. Jude Council 5801's monthly newsletter. (See attached sample). Again, the articles address issues of the day, reflect on the pertinent religious season, or provide inspirational commentary.

Deacon Turner is a past-Grand Knight of Council 1968 in Shelby, Ohio. He served as Grand Knight there from 1981 to 1983. He also served as Deputy Grand Knight there from 1981 to 1983.

Church Activities

At St. Matthew Parish in Gahanna, Deacon Turner is involved with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. He also works with invalid marriages, helping couples to have their marriages validated in the Catholic Church. Furthermore, Deacon Turner practices his liturgical ministry at Sunday Mass and preaches at some weekend Masses. Likewise, Deacon Turner ministers Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. In addition, Deacon Turner leads Benediction and during Lent he leads Stations of the Cross.

Interaction with the community

Deacon Turner provides a valuable service to the community at large through his employment at a local funeral home as bereavement minister. He also performs funerals and graveside committals for the funeral home.

Reasons for Nomination

St. Jude Council 5801 is grateful for Deacon Turner's service to the council, St. Matthew Parish in Gahanna and the community. Indeed, Knights of St. Jude Council 5801 are enriched by Deacon Turner's chaplain reports, articles in the monthly newsletter and personal interaction at council meetings and events. In turn, such enrichment motivates Knights of St. Jude Council 5801 to fully live their Catholic faith and to exemplify charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism as Knights. Thus, St. Jude Council 5801 nominates Deacon Turner as Religious of the Year.

Nomination letter for Allen Perk

Named “Knight of the Year” for the Columbus Diocese at the 2008 Ohio Knights of Columbus Convention

Background

Paragraph 1889 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

... Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: “Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

It must be of no coincidence that the above paragraph aligns with the first principle of the Knights of Columbus: charity. As the above paragraph stresses, and as the Knights of Columbus embodies, a life in charity is a life of self-giving, and a life in charity is a Christ-centered life that respects, appreciates and even loves the neighbor as Jesus so commanded. As detailed below, Brother Allen Perk lives such a life.

A Legacy of Knights

Brother Allen’s father, Ralph J. Perk, was a Knight. Indeed, he was a Fourth Degree Knight and was named Knight of the Year for the State of Ohio in the 1970’s. He was mayor of Cleveland at the time. As Brother Allen recalls, “The Knights were a special organization to him.”

It is quite obvious that Brother Allen’s father played a major impact in his life. Brother Allen states, “My parents played the most important role in my life. . . . They are my heroes. . . . Making my parents proud was always important to me. I mostly lived up to that.”

Like his father, Brother Allen joined the Knights of Columbus, and Brother Allen also became a Fourth Degree Knight.

Brother Allen is passing on the tradition. His son, Anthony, joined the Knights of Columbus in 2006.

Family

Brother Allen Perk is married to Regina. They have been married for twenty-five years. Brother Allen and Regina have three children: (1) Anthony, twenty-two years old; (2) Brian, twenty-one years old; and (3) Christina, sixteen years old.

Brother Allen’s family help volunteer for Knights of Columbus activities.

Participation with the Knights of Columbus

Brother Allen has been a Knight for eleven years. Brother Allen recalls why he joined the Knights of Columbus, “I always wanted to be a Knight because my Dad was a Knight and I saw all the terrific benefits of being a Knight. . . . After spending five years as a Cub Scout Cub master at St. Mathew Parish and retiring as such, I joined the Knights when asked . . . by the then Grand Knight. It was good timing as I wanted to meet other Knights and perform God’s work while enjoying the fellowship of this terrific organization.”

Brother Allen served as Grand Knight for St. Jude 5801 during the 2006-2007 fraternal year. Brother Allen had a successful term as Grand Knight. Under his leadership, St. Jude 5801 was awarded the Columbian Award, and during his term, St. Jude Council 5801 raised \$10,200.00 for Measure-up, and we placed third in the state on the Measure-up campaign.

Previously, Brother Allen has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard and Youth Director. Currently, he serves as a Trustee.

As a Knight, Brother Allen started St. Jude 5801’s involvement in the Soccer Challenge. He also started the council’s involvement with a “Food Booth” at the annual Gahanna community festival to raise money for scholarships for Catholic High School students. At the “Food Booth,” the council serves a variety of food and drink and raises a profit averaging \$650 for the past eight years.

Brother Allen also started a local parish church collection to increase the amount of money St. Jude 5801 provides for Knights of Columbus vocations programs, i.e., Pennies for Heaven and RSVP.

For the past eight years, Brother Allen has either chaired or co-chaired the annual Free Throw contest for our council.

For the past six years, Brother Allen has also either chaired or co-chaired the annual Fish Fry for our council.

Participation with St. Matthew Parish in Gahanna

Brother Allen serves as an Usher at Mass. He has been doing so for thirteen years.

Brother Allen is a former Vice President of the Parish Council for St. Mathew Gahanna. He was on Parish Council for three years. According to Brother Allen, “My biggest accomplishment [while serving on Parish Council] was resurrecting the Parish Newsletter in 1997. . . . It had previously ‘fallen out’ for the previous seven years.”

Brother Allen is a former President of the East Columbus Vicariate. He was on the vicariate for three years and, while on the vicariate, he coordinated events related to the increase of Catholic vocations to the priesthood.

Community Service

Brother Allen served as cub scout leader and cub master for five years. He also was a youth basketball coach for 4th grade through 9th grade (boys and girls) for eight years.

Brother Allen also volunteers monthly with the Bishop Hartley High School Bingo fundraiser. Brother Allen notes, “I am trusted to handle over \$10,000 in cash whenever I am volunteering at the Bingo.”

Summary

It was noted above that Brother Allen lives a life of charity, and the above details confirm as such. As Grand Knight for this fraternal year, I can wholeheartedly say that I and other members of St. Jude 5801 look to Brother Allen for guidance, assistance and, most importantly, for insight on how to live a selfless, Christ-centered life focused on charity and love of neighbor.

It is refreshing to know that in today’s society there are people like Brother Allen working hard to promote the interests and welfare of others and the Catholic faith. We need such people to actively live the life of charity and service to others, like Brother Allen and like his father Ralph J. Perk, not only because of the service they provide to society and to the Catholic Church, but because of the inspiration they provide to others, like me, to model their lives in charity and to develop a strong sense of service and faith in the Catholic Church. Such a life can be difficult today with the competing interests to promote the self, to promote one’s own luxury and to place value on doing things only to the extent that they advance one’s own interest or concerns.

Looking at the lives of people like Brother Allen reminds us not be selfish, but to live a life of charity. Such is as Jesus Christ commanded when He said, “ ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ ” Matthew 25:45.