



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

June 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- June 10, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- June 24, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

One year has gone by and another one is about to start. There have been some rough times but many more times that I have been blessed. Seeing how much good a great group of guys can do for the church and the community is amazing. There are some initiatives for the past year which have been achieved and some that are still in the works. Overall, we are strong, we are growing and we are in a good position for the future. In next month's newsletter, I will lay out my goals for the next year.

You might be wondering why you are receiving a newsletter via email. If you want to receive the newsletter via email, send me an email with a completed directory form and an email address and in the months ahead you will receive the newsletter in an email. This will help to clean up my email and continue to complete our directory. Thanks for your assistance with this issue.

Since this is the last month of the fraternal year, I will recognize Tom Lefevre as Knight of the Year and the Schlagheck's as Family of the Year. Please join us at the social meeting this month to celebrate these awards and all Knights of the Month for this fraternal year.

Fraternally,
Brian Novotny

Knights Host Open House

Grand Knight Brian Novotny invited parish men and families to visit the Knights Room following the 10 o'clock Mass on April 26th for the Knights Open House. "We had a nice turnout" said Brian, "Many former Grand Knights came to visit and I think we'll also sign up 2 or 3 new members".

Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of beverages to go along with a wide variety of doughnuts. "I made sure to get low calorie doughnuts" said Tom Migerny, "That's only because you cut them in half" laughed Allen Perk.

Brian also proudly presented the new horse shoe area outside the Knights room and the new dart board inside. "We're working at getting a Pool Table" added both Dale Tachach and Steve Dinan.

Rack 'em up Boys!



1st Annual 5K Run

An absolutely gorgeous April 19th morning greeted 126 runners for the 1st annual Gahanna council 5801 Knights of Columbus 5K run and walk to benefit local youth wanting to attend the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City. The theme for this year's conference is "Christ Reigns"!

Organizers John Ahler and Rich Schlagheck came up with the idea of a Knights sponsored 5K run and walk as they each were training for an upcoming half Marathon. "We wanted to bring together our parish with the local community" said Ahler. "The race course went throughout the Gahanna neighborhoods and we raised over \$1,200 for parish youth to attend the upcoming NCCYC in November", added Schlagheck.

The NCCYC offers youth ministry leaders wonderful opportunities for professional formation and networking led by nationally respected presenters. Workshops specifically designed for leaders and volunteers in youth ministry include:

- Forming Catholic Identity in Teens
- The Adult Spiritual Journey
- Youth Ministry and Technology
- Recruiting and Nurturing Volunteers

The K of C 5K was won by Don Frissora of Gahanna in the Men's division with a time of 18:14 while the Women's winner was Kari Loughman of New Albany with a time of 25:27.

"This was a brand new event for our council", added Grand Knight Brian Novotny, "It's a tribute to the dedication and hard work that's displayed by our council all year".

Both Ahler and Schlagheck credited their wives and their brother Knights for the extra help and support needed to make the event a success. "We're looking forward to next year's event" said Schlagheck. "But it IS nice to have a rest stop" said Ahler as he laughed out loud.

At our last business meeting, a check was presented to Meagan Thompson and the Youth Group for \$1700.





Measure Up!

Measure-up brought in \$8000. Thank you Dale and Wayne for organizing another successful year

Interfaith Network Dinner

Interfaith Hospitality Network Dinner Monday June 8th, 2009 5-7:30ish Contact Allen if you can help.

Officer Nominations

Nominations for next fraternal year include:

GK- Brian Novotny
DGK- Tom Mignery
Chancellor-Ern Stovall
Recorder- open
Treasurer- Steve Dinan
Advocate- Gus Gustaldo
Warden- Wayne Stertz
Inside Guard-Mike Wypasek
Outside Guard- Jeff Lieser

New First Degree Team

We are forming a First Degree team. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gus.

Open Social Meeting

June 24th 8pm Our social meeting will be open to all members and their wives. We will honor our Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Please join us to honor our brothers and close out the fraternal year.

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Finally! Spring has arrived! It is such a pleasure to once again find the trees in rich green shades, and to be able to admire the simple beauty of newly bloomed flower-beds with their fresh, new and colorful manner of greeting this most pleasing and pleasant time of year. In a sense, it gives even more meaning to Paul's observation of "Eye has not seen." Imagine just how wonderful Heaven must be, not only to behold, but to dwell in for eternity. I thank our loving God each day, for the overwhelming beauty of Creation.

As wonderful as God's Creation of the works of Nature are, you and I are of more importance than all of them together. We have been created in the very image and likeness of God, and it is we who are to share in the gift of eternal life. We are infinitely more important than all of nature combined.

But, as a result, because we have been made in the image and likeness of our Creator, we are called to a much higher order of existence: one in which personal responsibilities and accountability for our actions are as much a part of our existence as greening is for trees, and blossoms are for flowers. We have been given the ability to know right from wrong, through reasoning, and to act upon our beliefs in a manner that is proper to the question at any given moment. This gift is unique to humans. Because we possess these abilities, it is we who shape the order of our existence in our world and chart the course our human family will follow, not only in the present, but in the future.

In these times, we are faced with many critical questions that need to be re-stated and clarified if we are to continue to follow what God has revealed as TRUE, and what human reasoning has confirmed as RIGHT. I do not intend to overstate the issues, but I certainly feel the obligation to reiterate two of the most significant of these that we uphold as Catholic Christians in an increasingly secular world: a world that seemingly is willing to change the definition, in order to have their own selfish way.

- **Marriage Is The Lifetime Union Of A Man And A Woman!**
- **Abortion Is Wrong!**

Please never waver on these issues. Stand firm, and know that while humans have always been given the FREEDOM (by God), to choose sinful acts, they have not been given the RIGHT to choose sin.

May God continue to bless you and your families as we complete this season of Easter.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

June: St. Jude Council Activities



	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Interfaith Hospitality Network Dinner	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Open Social Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30				

For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Thurman Black (Corey's dad)
- Deacon Harry
- Military
- John Wayne Stertzner
- Nick Takach
- John Hage
- Joe Murphy
- Debbie Gerardi
- Roberta Gastaldo
- Sherry Royer

Upcoming 1st Degree Opportunities

Let Brian know if you are interested in going.

6/1/2009	1st Degree	7:00PM	St. Brigid of Kildare, 7179 Avery Rd, Dublin, 43017
6/4/2009	1st Degree	7:30PM	Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center 6300 East Dublin-Granville Rd; New Albany, 43054

50/50

More reason to attend the meetings- Our 50/50 drawing is going to change a little. The shoebox of names is going to be replaced by an empty box that will contain the names of people that attend the meetings. So come to any meeting and put your name in the box and it will remain there for the rest of the fraternal year.

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?

