



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

March 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- March 6, 2009
Cheese Lasagna Night
- March 7, 2009
Columbus Men's Conf.
- March 8, 2009
Pancake Breakfast
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- March 11, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- March 13, 2009
2009 Fish Fry
- March 14-15, 2009
Pennies For Heaven
Collection weekend
Please help after Mass
- March 19, 2009
Knights serving at the
Stations of the Cross
- March 25, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
- March 26, 2009
Knights serving at the
Stations of the Cross
- March 27, 2009
2009 Fish Fry

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

During my time as Grand Knight, I have been witness to some great things. One of these things happened last Saturday as I attended the Exemplification of the Second and Third Degrees at Saint Andrew's Bryce Eck Center. Over seventy Catholic men made it known how much being a Knight of Columbus meant to them and how dedicated they are to this great organization.

This event along with discussion at our business meetings about what events we used to have and what other councils are doing or have done brought me to think deeply about our situation. I think that I may have some points to ponder.

The large councils are flourishing because with everyone helping out the work is easy and not much is asked of everyone just the people that chair and organize the events. People want to join because the impact of the help they give to their charities is impressive with little effort and time needed from the Knights. The small new councils are growing by leaps and bounds because of the enthusiasm of their few members to help others. Their attitude is contagious.

I believe our council is somewhere in the middle. We have successful events with enough help for things to run smoothly. We don't introduce many new events or programs for lack of the personnel to organize and chair the event. If it was organized, we would have enough help but getting to that point is tough. Our council has 200+ members on the books. My rough estimate is that 25% regularly attend meetings, events and volunteer when asked. Another 25% have one event that is what holds a special place in their heart and they are there every time and they disappear for the rest of the time. That leaves the last 50%. I am not sure what the reasons are that these people are not active. I am sure that the reasons are as varied and the people that have them but it would be nice to hear from these people every now and then and to know how they are doing. We are Brother Knights and I am sure that anytime one of us needs help there will be another Knight there to lend a hand. That is what this brotherhood is about.

I hope to have some family activities planned and a few events for just the Knights in the next few months, as the weather warms up. I also hope that this speaks to the Knights that are not actively participating to reach out and get in touch with a Brother Knight and let us know how things are going and to let us know what is keeping you from the meetings and events. As always, we are here for our Church, Community and especially our Brother Knights.

If you need to talk to someone, here is my contact information.
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Email- 5801GK@live.com

*Fraternally,
Brian Novotny*

Columbus Men's Conference

The Central Ohio Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for March 7, 2009 at St. Joan of Arc in Powell, Ohio. The conference is from 8am- 2pm and includes personal testimonies and penance and Mass with the Bishop.

In years past, our Council has seen from 8-15 men attend. We are hopeful we can get 15 men this year. Also, we will provide a carpool, meeting at St. Matthews at 7:15. Tom Mignery will register all Kof C men in our Council ahead of time and you can contact him by email at tmignery@burnip.com or by phone at 614-855-0784.

If you cannot make it for the whole day that is okay. But if you have a few hours for personal reflection and/or to interact with your fellow brothers, we welcome you. If you have never attended this conference, give it a try!! If you are a veteran of the conference, you know it can be a positive experience and we would like to see you again!

Please Help with Confirmation

Saturday March 14th Confirmation at Saint Matthews. It is tradition that the councils helps with ushers for the event. It would be nice to have some 4th degree Sir Knights to help with this. Mass starts at 11. Arrive at 9:45 AM

Knights at the Stations of the Cross

We need Knights to be servers for the last two Stations, which the Knights will "sponsor" on March 19th and 26th.

Cash Bonanza

Cash Bonanza tickets should be in your hands already. The letter with it explains everything. Contact John Sherman (855-2414) or Wayne Stertzler (861-3241) for more info.

Reverse Raffle Report

The 2009 Reverse Raffle to benefit "A Kid Again" (Adventures for Wish Kids) was a huge success. The Happy Hour and a Half, and dinner were wonderful! In addition, the side board numbers sold out by 7:10pm, the bingo was very well received and the Texas Hold-em games at intermission were enjoyed by all! As for the main raffle, the final 3 ticket holders elected to equally distribute the \$1,500.00 top prize. As it turned out, the Macynski ticket (#94) would have been the winner! On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank all of the Knights who volunteered their time that evening as well as all those attended the event. Hope to see everyone next time!

Lenten Dinners 2009

The Knights' Lenten Dinners are scheduled 3 times during March. Cheese Lasagna night will be held in the St. Anthony room in the Church Undercroft on March 6. The remaining Fish Fry dinners will be held in the Hutta Gym starting at 5:15 and ending at 7:30 on Friday March 13 March 27 and April 3.

Other changes this year include the substitution of cheese pizza for fish, the option of baked fish and the option of purchasing canned pop at an additional cost. For those interested in food content and ingredients, these will be displayed at the table where you pay for your dinner.

This is NOT an all you can eat event, however the same high quality Cod Fish that has become the trademark of our Council will still be featured. The price of the dinner AGAIN HAS NOT CHANGED; \$8.50 for adults, \$7.25 for seniors, \$5.00 for students with ID, \$4.50 for children in the 8th grade and younger, and special pricing for families. For example, Mom and Dad with 2 of their children, \$24.00, Mom and Dad with 3 of their children, \$27.00, Mom and Dad with 4 of their children, \$29.50!!

100% of proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Charities primarily Catholic High School Scholarships for 8th graders at St. Matthew Parish. Last year, we raised over \$1,826 in proceeds. Volunteers are needed especially during the earlier hours. Call or email Andy Rose at 614.554.4222 or arose@wowway.com.

The Knights are also planning on getting help from the youth at St Francis DeSales, Bishop Hartley, St Charles, St Matthew as well as the Knights Spouses!

The Knights will again continue to be socially conscious on two fronts. First, all leftover food will again be donated to the Men's Shelter on Long Street. Second, all used frying oil will be recycled into diesel fuel and most of the cardboard and aluminum will also find its way to recycling centers!

Take out is available!! Check out the web site <http://www.stjude-kofc.org> for further information!

March Pancake Breakfast

Last chance to help out this year. If you've got some time on Sunday morning, why not give Tom LeFever a hand. 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 **LAST PANCAKE BREAKFAST** of the year is:

- Mar 8

Support Our Troops

Brother Knights, please pass this request on to all councils.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

We appreciate your willingness to advertise our need for volunteer drivers in your local news letter. We are finding it difficult to fill these positions, especially during the afternoon hours. We would need someone who could volunteer for at least a 4 hour shift due to the need to both pick up and drop off the patients. The major duties of the drivers include:

1. Drivers pick up patients at their homes and bring them to medical appointments at the VAACC. They provide transportation services to veterans in need of medical care at the Columbus VA who have no other means of transportation. Drivers work in conjunction with the DAV transportation office. Drivers operate 7-passenger vans with no more than 6 passengers at one time.
2. To meet and deal with disabled (both physical and mental) veterans and their families. Vans are not wheelchair accessible. Drivers are not expected to lift or assist patients into the van.
3. Maintain accurate and complete trip reports.
4. Use the most direct routes to and from assignments in order to remain within the scope of said assignment.
5. Keep vehicle clean at all times.
6. Driver has the right to refuse rides to individuals with unacceptable behavior.

The qualifications include:

1. Must possess valid up-to-date automobile insurance coverage as well as valid State driver's license (documentary certification required).
2. Must possess ability to meet and relate to veterans of varied races, colors, religions, sex, national origins, ages and handicaps. Tact, courtesy and balanced demeanor required.
3. Accept, understand and respect the confidential aspects of the assignment.
4. Participation in Volunteer Orientation, Driver Training and other related skills training, as required.
5. Must possess and exercise tact, patience, empathy, congeniality, warmth and kindness.

The required documents needed:

1. Driver's license
2. Proof of insurance
3. Safe Driver Record
4. Physical Fitness Inquiry self-assessment

The drivers are required to use their own car insurance while volunteering and also need to pass a physical administered by our physician.

The physical includes an evaluation in optometry, an assessment to ensure there are no handicaps that would affect driving abilities, and an assessment of overall health (are they generally able to move about without getting overly fatigued).

Again, we appreciate your help in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

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From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

In last months' column, my theme was wrapped around a quote from Sacred Scriptures: "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!" I didn't realize it at the time, but, as it turns out, that column was an unintended preface to the Lenten Season we have just entered. I mentioned that the silence, that is so necessary for hearing God speak to us, is not provided by chance, but by plan. Our modern day society provides scant time for reflection. Worries about family, finances, job security, (whatever that is), and an abundance of other concerns, distract our attention from providing the quiet and silence that is necessary for discernment in our spiritual lives. Each of us, deep within our souls, feel the need to re-connect with God in order to reaffirm our call to Holiness.

This Lent provides a perfect opportunity for the reflection that is so necessary for our Spiritual growth and development.

- Weekday Mass 6:30am. Monday - Friday
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- Praying of Rosary (dear to all Knights) after 8:30 Mass
- Weekly Stations of the Cross and Benediction Thursdays 7:00 pm
- Weekly Stations of the Cross Fridays 1:15pm (with school children).
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday March 25th at 2:00pm concluding with Benediction at 7:00pm.
- Parish Mission (Called to Conversion by St. Paul) begins with the weekend Masses of March 7th - 8th, continuing with conferences Monday through Thursday March 9th - 12th. 9:30am and repeated at 7:00pm.

I certainly recommend each of these Lenten opportunities for your consideration during this Holy Season leading up our celebration of Easter. It is my hope that we never lose sight of our Call to Holiness, which is nurtured not by our worldly concerns, but by our thirst for God, who calls each of us to become all that He created us to be.

*May our loving God Bless you and your families,
especially during this holiest time of the year! ,
Deacon Harry L. Turner*

March: St. Jude Council Activities

1	2	3	4	5	6 Cheese Lasanga Night	7 Columbus Men's Conference
8 Pancake Breakfast	9	10	11 Business Meeting	12	13 Fish Fry	14 Pennies For Heaven
15 Pennies For Heaven	16	17	18	19 Knights at Stations of the Cross	20	21
22	23	24	25 Social Meeting	26 Knights at Stations of the Cross	27 Fish Fry	28
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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Leslie Love
- Sister Mary Patres
- Nick Takach
- John Wayne Stertzner
- Carol Lenton
- Ken Novotny
- Zachery Volkay
- Bishop Campbell
- Phyllis Black

Knights of the Month

Knights of the Month go to Dave Macynski, Bill Holehouse, Tom Eckl, Greg Schmiedebusch for a wonderful evening at the Reverse Raffle. Not only was it a great evening out with our friends but we raised a lot of money for a great charity. Thanks guys and I look forward to another great event next time.

Measure Up is coming!

Our Measure Up campaign will be April 31 and May 1-2. Mark your calendars!

Upcoming 1st Degree Opportunities

For those just joining our council, there are a number of opportunities available:

3/25	St Brendan	7pm
3/26	St Elizabeths	7:30pm
3/30	St Andrew	7:30pm
4/2	Resurrection	7:30pm
4/26	St Andrew	2nd and 3rd degrees Noon
6/1	St Brigid	7pm
6/4	Resurrection	7:30pm

Join the 4th Degree

Interested in joining the 4th degree? Your chance will be May 1st and 2nd at Cherry Valley Lodge Deadline for registration is April 15th.

5K Run

The 5K Run to help our kids get to the National Catholic Youth Conference will be April 18th.

We are also looking for sponsors. A \$100 sponsorship will get their logo on the website and printed on the back of the t-shirts. Contact Rich Schlagheck for more information 476-4501.

Sign up online. Registration website is <http://premier-races.com/2009Races/KnightsofColumbus.html>

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?

