



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

May 2009

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

Dates to Remember:

- April 18, 2009
5K Run
- April 26, 2009
Knights Mass and
Open House
- May 13, 2009
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room
LAST RAFFLE
TURN-IN!
- May 27, 2009
Social Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

As this fraternal year is coming to close, there are a few important things going to be happening. One of the most important is elections. At our May business meeting, we will hold nominations. Please pray over this and see if you are being called to be an officer or chairperson. If there is a cause that is close to your heart, the pro-life cause for example, please stand up and help us to share your interest and determination for your cause. A wise man once said, "many hands make light work." This council is only as strong as its leaders and active members.

Another activity that is very important to me is the Family Mass and Open House. I would like this to be an opportunity to show to the parish, during the Mass, who we are and that we are comprised of people from all walks of life. From young to retired, married to single, with or without children but altogether helping do charitable works. Those men along with their families can then join us at the open house to talk to us and learn more about what it takes to be a Knight and how our lives are affected by being a Knight. Please join us on the 26th at the 10AM mass.

There will be one slight change at May's business meeting. Only those people who attend will have their names put into the hat for the 50/50 drawing. They will stay in there until the end of the fraternal year. Then we will start fresh. This will allow the people that regularly make it to the meetings to win the drawing.

I know that there are a lot of new and fresh ideas for activities out there. Please do not be afraid to bring them to me or any of the officers to bring them up for discussion and possible implementation.

Fraternally,
Brian Novotny

Measure Up!

Measure-up is set for April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. Please contact Wayne Stertzor or Dale Takach to sign-up for a shift collecting in the streets. We will also be collecting on Sunday after all Masses. With the purchase of a dozen new signs, we should be able to collect more money as long as there are people in the intersections. All the money goes to help the mentally disabled.

Charity Raffle

The Reverse Raffle is off to a great start. Our First Turn-in netted 365 tickets which is over our goal and increases the amount of money that we will get returned from the ticket sales. Keep selling and turn those in for the second and final turn-in on May 13th. Please bring them to the meeting that night or get them to Wayne Stertzor or John Sherman before that date.

Spring Clean-up

We will be having a Spring Clean-up of the area around the PSC in preparation of our open house. Primary date is April 18th, after the 5K run is over. The rain day will be Sunday April 19th at 1PM. We will be mulching and hopefully, putting the finishing touches on the Horseshoe courts.

Family Mass

Family Mass/ Open House will be at the 10AM mass on April 26th. Please Join us in our reserved section at mass. Help out to fill the roles of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher and Altar Server (for the kids). After Mass, we will have Coffee and Doughnut at the Council Chambers and invite the Parish over to Learn more about the Knights and the good work that we do in the Church. If you have any questions, Contact me.

John Hage Update

“Tom Hage called. He said John is not doing well at all. He’s aspirating and failed a swallow test and needs a feeding tube. John is being stubborn, though, and is refusing the feeding tube, which puts him at great risk. He’s being monitored at the Kingston Care Center (a nursing home) in Toledo”

Please lift up our brother knight John in your prayers.

Lenten Dinner Wrap-up

Our Fish Fry/ Lenten Dinners for the season have concluded. They were a great success and raised a great deal of money. Once all the numbers are finalized, there is about \$2200 profit, to help out our Scholarship Fund and General Fund. We were able to help out some groups for their assistance with working the Fish Fry. These groups included the DeSales Golf Team and the OSU PACI group. The last Fish Fry was a special because the wives came out in force to help serve our guests. Thank you to everyone for their help and we look forward to more great Lenten meals in the years to come.

Pennies For Heaven results

The Pennies for Heaven collection in March was our best ever. After the Masses, we collected \$1584 to help support our seminarians.

Donation to Divine Ministries

We approved a motion to donate some of the proceeds of the Reverse Raffle to an organization by the name of Divine Ministries.

“A Kid Again” Presentation

Prior to the April business meeting, We proudly presented A Kid Again (formerly Adventures for Wish Kids) with a check for \$2000. Mr Jeff Damron was there to graciously accept our donation and tell us about his organization. To learn more, check out www.akidagain.org.

Upcoming 1st Degree Opportunities

There will be a second and third degree at St Andrew on April 26th at Noon. Let me know if you are interested in going.

4/20/2009	1st Degree	08:00PM	St. Joan of Arc, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio 43065 - Lavelle Social Hall	7:30pm
4/26/2009	2nd-3rd Degree	12:00PM	St. Andrew's Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus, OH 43220	11:30am
6/1/2009	1st Degree	07:00PM	St. Brigid of Kildare, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017	
6/4/2009	1st Degree	07:30PM	Church of the Resurrection Ministry Center (6300 East Dublin-Granville Road; New Albany, Ohio 43054)	

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will take place May 1st and 2nd. It is still not too late to attend.

Our New Insurance Agent

Our new Insurance agent, Matthew Vitartas, introduced himself and told us a little about the status of our Insurance program at our last meeting. Rest assured that the Knights of Columbus Insurance is one of the few safe places for your insurance and annuity business. Please contact him for all your questions.

Phone 493-8895 E-Mail Matthew.Vitartas@kofc.org

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Over the past few months, I have been required to spend a few more hours at work, and work related tasks, than I would have preferred to spend, partly because of an increase in business, (not necessarily a good thing when you consider that I work in a funeral home), but also because of helping cover vacations of my co-workers. On top of that, I have had a series of health issues that have become a source of stress, and a significant source of discomfort. For one who has been blessed with good health for 65 + years, it has not been an easy adjustment. All of this makes me wonder if the Social Security Checks that come every month, are worth the price of growing old.

However, I have found that there is much to be learned when less than perfect health works its way into one's life. I have never had a true appreciation for the relative ease with which I have been able to keep up with the schedule I have settled into over the years. It's not very hard to push myself when everything is working, and nothing hurts. Now, since I am required to move more slowly, turn more carefully, and hang-on to something when I bend over, I seem to lack the energy I once possessed, or at least find I have to push harder to keep up with my schedule.

All of this makes me want to put things into proper perspective. Can you imagine the challenges men and women face when they are confronted with real life-threatening health issues, or real life-style threatening work related issues? In these difficult times when financial and employment deterioration confronts so many families that are already burdened with poor health as well, it seems to me that each of us are challenged, even more, to reach out to them with compassionate care, understanding, and concern.

Jesus gave us the perfect example. As the Gospels reveal, Jesus was the champion of the poor, the sick, and especially those down and out. During this season of Easter, which continues until May 31st, may God give each of us, a genuine desire to continue to provide help to all in need through the fine programs of St. Jude Council, Knights of Columbus at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, and perhaps move us to consider, as well, increased donations to our Charitable Works Committee, which provides such wonderful care to those in need in the Gahanna Area and beyond. May God continue to bless you and your families during this Holy Season of Easter.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Deacon Harry L. Turner

May: St. Jude Council Activities

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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- John Hage
- Bonnie Adams
- Sherry Royer
- Carico Family
- Mike Norman
- Arata Family
- Anne Wolfram
- Nick Tackach
- John Wayne Stertz
- All Service Men/Women
- Debbie Gerardi
- Zach Volkay

Knights of the Month

Our Knight of the month is John Hage. He has taken a turn for the worse. Please keep John in your prayers for strength and peace.

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?

