



The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801
Gahanna, OH

November 2008

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

Dates to Remember:

- November 9, 2008
Pancake Breakfast
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- November 12, 2008
Business Meeting
8 p.m., K of C Room

Letter From Our Grand Knight:

**"We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love."
-Blessed Mother Theresa**

Election Day is over. We now know who our next president is going to be for the next four years. However, the troubled times continue. Over the past few months, I hear the word CHANGE coming from every angle. We need CHANGE. Expect CHANGE. Who will bring CHANGE? These are all valid questions dealing with a wide view of life. This type of grandiose change takes time, if everyone is waiting for that big idea that will fix the problem, keep waiting. In the Presidential sense, that change takes just a little bit more than the first term will allow.

I think that you would agree with me that the Knights of Columbus will never solve the economic crisis. Foreclosure crunch, probably not. Rising unemployment, doubtful. The Knights of Columbus aren't there to solve all the world's problems. We are here to help that Deacon continue his studies toward the priesthood. The child with learning disabilities, yea, the Knights can offer support. Our local catholic high school needs help to provide adequate athletic facilities for their students; the Knights are here. We can't fund universal health care or secure the retirements of our seniors, but we can touch the members of our community with an example of Gods outpouring love. As Blessed Mother Theresa said, let us focus on doing our service with great love for our community.

*Fraternally,
Brian Novotny*

Christmas Party

Knights Christmas Party is going to be Saturday December 6th in council chambers. It looks like it will be a potluck style dinner. Time will probably be from 5-9ish. Open to the whole family. Ali and I are undertaking this and it would be much appreciated if I could get an estimate as to how many will be attending. I wanted to plan this early because I know that it gets hectic and the schedules tighten the closer we get to the Holiday. Please any help would be appreciated.

Pennies For Heaven Report

Last month the pennies for heaven collected over one thousand dollars. Thanks for your help.

Measure Up Report

The Checks for Measure up came in and have been sent to the respective charities.

\$3600- Northeast School

\$1224- Down Syndrome

\$1224- SPICE program

\$1152- Diocese of Columbus Special Materials Library

No Social Meeting This Month, But...

The usual Social Meeting this month will be cancelled due to Thanksgiving. If you have time on the third Wednesday and want to meet at the Knights room. We might have a new dartboard to break in and as always some cold ones in the fridge.

Entertainment Books

Contact Gus for entertainment books. Only \$20, and it helps Right To Life

Pancake Breakfast Time!

Next Pancake Breakfast is Nov 9. Tom LeFever would appreciate your help.

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

The rest of the schedule will be:

- Nov 9
- Dec 14
- Jan 11
- Feb 8
- Mar 8

Got Keys?

If you have a set of keys to the Knights room, please let Brian know. Your keys will not be taken away. We just need to know who has access, so when someone needs in we know who to get in touch with to give another member access to the room.

Request for Bishop Hartley HS

Bishop Hartley High School (BHHS) is raising funds to update the Outdoor Athletic Fields (OAF). This encompasses a new scoreboard, new track, new lighting, new concession area, real restroom (no more Port-a-Johns), and new field turf. Just so you know, BHHS has not hosted a Track Meet in over 20 years and there has been minimal renovations to the stadium and stadium grounds during that period.

For more information, click on

<http://www.bishop-hartley.org/index.php?id=338>

In exchange for our financial contribution, BHHS will engrave the name and logo of the Knights of Columbus and place it in a prominent area at the entrance of the updated football stadium. Individual contributors are recognized by an 8" x 8" brick paver. I have worked with the Chairmen of the OAF fundraiser and we can get something that will stand out even more ... a bench made of stone similar to what we donated and received for the Gahanna High School War & Peace Memorial.

At the September 10th business meeting, I made a motion that our council donate \$2,500 towards this fundraiser and in exchange we would get a stone bench with K of C logo placed prominently in the entrance to the stadium. In that motion, I outlined how we would pay for our contribution. Here it is:

- We will use an upcoming \$1,000 grant from Brother Andy Rose.
- We will use \$500 from the upcoming 2009 Fish Fry's.
- We will ask for \$500 from our 2009-2010 St. Jude Council budget.

Brothers, the outline above effectively donates \$2,500 but it will cost our council \$1,000 and at the same time, promote the Knights and the Knights charities. I ask for your consideration and I ask for your support.

Past Grand Knight Allen Perk

From Our Chaplain:

My Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

The other day, I came across a very thought provoking article, and it made me think. With a little literary license, I would like to share some of it with you in this month's column. It is not meant to be political, but rather to be thought provoking. I don't know who wrote it, but it seems to me worthy of our consideration, soooooo, here it is!

The other day, I was reading Newsweek magazine and came across some poll data I found rather hard to believe. But, .. given its source, I thought it must be true. The Newsweek poll determined that a full 67% of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed, and 69% of the country is unhappy with the performance of the president. In essence, 2/3 of the citizens just ain't happy and want a change. This got me to thinking, "just what is it that we are so unhappy about?"

Is it perhaps that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day 7 days a week? Or maybe it is a result of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Could it be that 95.4% of these unhappy folks have a job? OH, ... I know, ... maybe it's the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time of the day and see more food in moments than Dafur has seen in the last year? Or maybe it's the ability to be able to drive our cars and trucks from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state?

AHHHH! Maybe it's the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that provide temporary shelter? I guess having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough either. Perhaps it could be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all, and if needed, even send a helicopter to take you to the hospital. Maybe it's because you happen to be one of the 70% of Americans that actually own a home.

You may be unhappy with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames, and in doing so, save you, your family, and your belongings. Or, ... if, while at home watching one of your TV's a burglar or prowler intrudes, ... an officer equipped with a gun and a bullet-proof vest will come to defend you and your family against attack or loss; This all in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90% of teenagers own cell phones and computers. Or, ... How about the complete

religious, social, and political freedoms we enjoy that are the envy of the world? Maybe that is what has 67% of you folks unhappy.

Fact of the matter is, ... we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the U.S., yet has a great distain for its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the country instead of thanking God we live here.

I know! I know! What about the president who took us into war and has no plan to get us out? The president who has a measly 31% approval rating? Is this the same president who guided the nation in the dark days after 9/11? Could this be the same guy who has been called every name in the book for succeeding in keeping all the spoiled ungrateful brats safe from terrorist attacks? The commander in chief of an all-volunteer army that is out there defending you and me? So, why the flat-out discontentment in the minds of 69% of Americans? Did you hear how bad the president is on the news or talk show? Did this news affect you so much, make you so unhappy you couldn't take a look around for yourself and see all the good things and be glad? Think about it ... are you upset at the president because he actually caused you personal pain or is it because the "Media" told you he was failing to kiss your sorry ungrateful behind every day.

Say what you want, but I blame it on the media. If it bleeds, it leads, and they specialize in bad news. Everybody will watch a car crash with blood and guts, but how many will watch kids selling lemonade at the corner? The media knows this, and media outlets are for-profit corporations. They offer what sells, and when criticized, they try to defend their actions by "justifying" them in one way or another.

I have an idea! Turn off the TV. Burn Newsweek, and use the New York Times for the bottom of your bird cage. Then start being grateful for all we have as a country. There is exponentially more good than bad. We are among the most blessed people on Earth and should thank God several times a day, or at least be thankful and appreciative. Oh, and by the way, ... with hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the continuing threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?

Author Unknown

Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Deacon Harry L. Turner

November: St. Jude Council Activities



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For the Good of the Order:

Please pray for:

- Dorathy Grant
- Debbie Gerardi
- Michelle Crown
- Doug Price
- Gus Gustovall
- John Hage
- Nick Tackach
- All Military
- Marilyn Sterzer
- Jim Eck
- Mindy Tisone

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month goes to Gus Gastaldo. Gus has volunteered to take on the Pro-Life chairperson position and sell the Entertainment books but has also agreed to be the Coordinator of Council chambers. Contact Gus if you want to use our new facility for a birthday party, family get-together, etc.

Thank you Gus for all your help and we are glad that you are bouncing back from your recent surgery.

Social Meeting Ideas?

Have any thoughts about activities for our social meetings? Please e-mail Brian with your ideas of what activities would bring more Knights to our social meetings. Cards went over well last month and we hope to continue that this month. Having a dartboard in the room was brought up to interest some members in showing up and sticking around longer. If there is anything else that you would enjoy during our social meetings, please let Brian know.

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?

