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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Family members, and honored clergy,

Thanksgiving is almost here so please allocate some precious time in prayer in thanksgiving for the gifts in our lives; our faith, our families, our friends, but also for those less fortunate then ourselves. Please look for how you can help someone this holiday season. I am thankful for all of your support in my role as Grand Knight. Our council only runs because of the actions of all the members. Thankfully, we have many participating to keep our activities running smoothly.

A motion was accepted at October's business meeting to move our newsletter to electronic delivery unless specifically requested to provide a hardcopy starting in January 2010. Our council currently spends $1200 a year on the physical production and mailing costs for the newsletter. We have had conversations discussing charity donations where fifty dollars would have made a difference, but we have been spending so much more here. Additionally an electronic version will allow us to provide it in color and several other enhancements over time. If I do not have your email and you still want to receive the electronic version, please send me a note at dkjbjcoffey@att.net so that I can add you to the list. If you desire to continue to receive the physical copy, since you do not have email, then please contact Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892) or myself (614-523-2564).

Please continue to keep recruiting in mind, even though "Blitz" month is coming to a close. We will be taking four new candidates on Oct. 26th to their First Degree. This is a good turn out, but we can do better, if everyone of us is actively sharing the opportunity with our friends. The more hands we have the lighter the work and therefore more we can do as a council. Invite someone today and see what happens.

Father Dave was extremely appreciative of our efforts in cooking for his celebration and approximately 400 parishioners. Thank you to all that assisted with that effort. Additionally

our second breakfast of the year was held with one hundred and thirty-eight paying customers. Thanks to the breakfast committee and all of you who were able to participate. Please plan to attend the next breakfast on Nov. 15th and invite your friends and neighbors to stop in. Pending approval from the parish, we will be allocating profits from Nov. to the building fund. We are exploring options for additional ways we may fund vocations.

November's business meeting will be held on the 4th in the Parish office basement meeting room at 7PM. We had 26 members in attendance last month and hope that trend continues. If you are interested in playing cards afterwards, please bring a drink or snack to share and we will go to the PAA house.

DGK Kris West and I have collected about 50% of the council's volunteer interest forms so that the committees have a list of who to call for their particular events. Saying you are interested is not a commitment, but only puts you on a list to be contacted when they are putting this year's event together. Participating in these events is a great way to have fun, meet your brother Knights and serve others at the same time. Please take a few minutes to provide this information.

If you know a Knight that you would like to recognize for his efforts for the Council or Parish, now you can do so. Send an email to knightofthemonth@kofc5776.org or contact Bruce Jackson and provide your reasons why you are recommending that Knight. The Knight of the month committee will take these recommendations each month and determine the winner for that month and eventually from the winners select the Knight of the year.

Please know that my family and I will keep you and your families in our prayers. We lift our prayers of thanksgiving for your gifts of time and talents to our Council, community, and Church. We humbly ask you to lift the needs of our Council, community, and Church in yours.

VIVAT JESUS!
Don Coffey

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday November 4, 2009 at St Paul's in Room 2 of the Parish Office. Please give me (614-523-2564, dscoffey@ix.netcom.com or PGK Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892, koconnor@gci2000.com) any written articles by the end of the month so they can be included in next month's newsletter.

Electronic Newsletter

The costs for printing and mailing of the newsletter are rising and this is reducing the funds available for the Council to provide to worthy charitable causes. At the October business meeting, the Council voted to begin distribution of the newsletter via email in January 2010. If you don't have access to email or would otherwise like to continue receiving a paper copy please contact Don Coffey (614-523-2564) or PGK Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892).

Election Day
Tuesday November 2

Be sure to fulfill your patriotic duty and get out to vote on Tuesday November 2. There are several state and local officials and issues on the ballot. Prayerfully consider your choices and vote your conscience.

Saturday November 7
Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights

St. Paul's Church
November 7, 2009
8:30 am

Please attend if possible. Please wear a blue sport coat or jacket and sit near the front of the church.

Sunday November 15
"Cooking for the Church"

The next breakfast of this Fraternal year will be on Sunday November 15. We will be serving after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 masses. Proceeds will be given to benefit the St Paul Building Campaign. Many hands make light work. Simply show up to help or call PGK Gary Koonce for details. ***We especially need help with clean up after the 10:30 mass*** (614-898-3823, email:GKoonce@aol.com).

Council November Birthdays

Rev. Thomas M. Barford
Craig J. Blaine
Elmer Cabotage
Dan Caplin
Michael Corbitt
David M. Dauer
Michael D. Herrick
Charles Kramer
Roger Richards
William Sedor
Steve J. Zehala, Sr

Saturday December 12
"Breakfast with Santa"

Breakfast with Santa will be held in Miller Hall at St Paul's. Seating will be at 8, 9, 10, and 11 am. Please come to help. Contact Katy and Don Coffey (dkcoffey@ix.netcom.com, 614-523-2564) or Chris Dolnicek (dolnicec@ameritech.net, 614-794-0042) for more information.

Sunday December 6
"Keep Christ in Christmas"
Council Christmas Parade Entry

Once again, the Council will have an entry in the Westerville Christmas Parade. The theme is "Keep Christ in Christmas." It will feature the Virgin Mary and Joseph accompanied by an entourage of shepherds and angels. This year's entry will feature a color corps of 4th Degree Knights. If you know young people who be interested in participating, please contact Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892, koconnor@gci2000.com).

As we near the celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, let us remember what the season is all about. Christ gave of himself so others might live in His mercy. Do we give so others may live? Or do we give to make sure our present is the best?

Let us endeavor to do the little things to keep Christ in **Christ**mas and in our lives. If you send a card to a friend or family, choose a card that depicts the love of Christ. Show your friends and family that you have a relationship with Christ by proudly displaying a "Keep Christ in Christmas" sticker or magnet. Pray for peace during this season and pray especially for our young men and women serving our country who will not be home with their families. And most of all keep Christ alive in Christmas.

Vivat Jesu!
Carl Haaser, PGK

Magnets and stickers may be purchased at the Marion gift shop or at any of the K of C events. Or call me at (614) 891-1962 for pick-up or delivery of magnets.

Dec 24 and Dec 25
" Santa Visits the Crèche"

At the requests of Fr, Charlie, the KofC will be taking part in the Christmas Masses as Santa paying a visit to the Crèche. We need one member to volunteer for each Mass. Please contact GK Don Coffey (614-523-2564, dscoffey@ix.netcom.com

Meals on Wheels

Brother Knight Paul LeCorgne has taken over responsibility for Meals on Wheels. This is a main fundraiser for the Council, and requires but a little time on Saturday or Sunday. ***Nobody is scheduled every weekend. If you can help or want more information, please contact Paul*** (614-794-0071, paul.s.lecorgne@chase.com)

Council Shirts Available

Don Gray has shirts (M, L, XL, and XXL) available for immediate purchase at a price of $27. They provide a wonderful medium for emphasizing unity and fraternity. They make us look good too!!

In Support of Priests and Religious Vocations

Pray for Pope Benedict XVI
Pray for Bishop Frederick Campbell
Pray for Fr. Dave Gwinner as he recovers
Prayer for Pastor, Fr. Charlie Klinger
Pray for Fr. Raymond Lavelle
Pray for Fr. Rod Damico
Pray for Fr. Joseph Murphy
Pray for Deacon Mickey Hawkins
Pray for Deacon Tom Barford
Pray for Seminarian Andrew Pasternack
Pray for Seminarian Adam Pasternack
Pray for Seminarian Jimmy Hatfield
Pray for Seminarian Nick Droll

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Pray for Brother Knight Martin Haas. ***He is in need of a kidney donor.*** If you feel that you could respond to this critical need please contact Martin at 614-794-2169

Pray for PGK Bill Sedor and please visit with him
Pray for Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein
Pray for Brother Knight John Marzec
Pray for Brother Knight Eusebio Lee and his wife, Alice
Pray for Brother Knight Ray Emsweller
Pray for Louise Fisher

Pray for Brother Knight Don Gray and his family

Pray for Anthony Kinslow, Jacob Spann, Dustin Derga, Ryan Miller, Samuel Pearson, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

Council members can make a contribution to the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial Park, which is being constructed in Sunbury and continues to be a major beneficiary of the efforts of PGK Bob Turner.

Thought for the Month

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"Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong"

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Council Calendar

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Wed November 4 (**NOTE**)- 7:00 PM
Business Meeting
Room 2 Parish Office

Sat Nov 7 8:30am
Memorial Mass

Sun November 15
Breakfast after all Masses

Wed November 18 (**NOTE**) - 7:00 PM
Officers' Meeting
PAA House

Thur November 26
Thanksgiving

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Wed December 2 (**NOTE**)- 7:00 PM
Business Meeting

Sun December 6
Westerville Children's Christmas Parade

Sat December 12
Breakfast with Santa
Contact Katy and Don Coffey
or Chris Dolnicek

Wed December 16 (**NOTE**) - 7:00 PM
Officers' Meeting
PAA House

Wed-Thur Dec 24-25
Santa Visits the Crèche

Rocky Lomano, Wendy Lomano, and Matt Weldon were among the members of St Paul Parish that participated in the 40 Days for Life vigil outside the abortion clinic on Cleveland Avenue

Tom Crotty was recognized as Knight of the Month during the Council meeting in October. Rocky Lomano and Bruce Jackson awarded him the certificate.

Glen Keating, Don Coffey and Chuck Romano were among the members who served food during the celebration of Fr Gwinner's 25 Year Anniversary celebration

Gary Koonce watched carefully over Tony Lloyd, Kevin Svitana, Carl Haaser, and Pat Ryan as they prepared food for the celebration.

The hospitality of Council members was well received by the large number of people who attended the celebration in Miller Hall.

HONOR FLIGHT OCTOBER 2009

Charles Kramer and Al Surette acknowledging the throngs of people awaiting their arrival back from Washington, DC on the Honor Flight

Among the members there to greet them were Al Lang, Carl and Patricia Haaser, Don and Addie Gray, and Kevin and Jill O'Connor

Gary Pietrangelo, a Vietnam Veteran, participated as a guardian. WWII veterans Dick Marflak, Al Surette, Bill Sedor, and Charles Kramer were among the Honorees who made the flight.

5776 Home Association News

At the business meeting of the officers and directors of the 5776 Home Association held on October 20, several items were addressed.

1. Purchase of flooring for the house owned by the association
The renter has requested that the Association purchase materials so he can install new flooring. It is proposed that wood flooring be installed in core rooms such as the living room, while ceramic tile or vinyl flooring will be installed in bathrooms. Possibly new carpet will be installed in bedrooms.

2. Purchase of lights to use for meetings at the house being shared with the St Paul PAA
Inexpensive floor lamps and a desk lamp will be purchased for use during meetings.

3. Utility payment for the use of the PAA house
Get information on anticipated utility costs and propose to pay a budgeted amount each month

4. Electrical upgrading of the PAA house
Get an estimate from a licensed electrician for work on exterior and interior wiring

5. Changing banks
Move the Association account from Key Bank to Kemba Credit union. This will decrease costs for check writing. Also set up Certificates of Deposit; purchase a 3-month CD, a 6-month CD, and a 12-month CD. This will make it possible to increase earnings and flexibility to modify investments as the CD's mature.

Thank you for your support.
Carl Haaser, President
5776 Home Association