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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Family members,
and honored clergy,

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and may you and your families have a blessed holiday month. Enjoy the festivities, family and friends but keep in mind the reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ.

A quick reminder, our newsletter moves 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 that will now be used for charitable activities. If I do not have your email and you 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 with a physical copy, since you do not have email, then please contact Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892) or myself (614-523-2564).

December will provide plenty of opportunities to participate, so I hope to

see many of you at these events. Our business meeting is on Dec. 2nd at 7PM in the Parish office basement Room 2. Dec. 6th is the Westerville Christmas parade. Meet us at 12:15PM if you can march and help support our Keep Christ in Christmas theme (go to Roush Honda and turn down Brooksedge Blvd, then look in the staging area for the KofC entry). Bruce Jackson is your contact for more information. Then on Dec. 12th Breakfast with Santa is back in production. If you have not already let Bruce know that you are participating please do so soon. Bruce's contact info is BJWesterville@aol.com or 614-882-8994.

This is a great time of year to recruit new members at social gatherings and parties. If nothing else, ask a person who you feel would be a great Knight to join. Worst case, you will give him a compliment. Better case, you plant a seed for the future. Best case, we gain a new member. By the Grace of God, we are actually helping bring some good men into the Church through RCIA. It is

a win-win for everyone. Invite someone today and see what happens.

November's breakfast was a success in Miller Hall. We raised almost \$500 for the building fund and had 192 customers enjoying the additional space and accommodations.

DGK Kris West and I have collected about 60% of the council's volunteer interest forms. Please, if he or I contact you, respond in some manner even if you are not able to participate this year. Progress has been slowed due to the number of times we have to reach out to the same folks repeatedly. Saying you are interested is not a commitment, but only puts you on a list of members to be contacted when they are organizing this year's event. 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 when contacted.

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 December 2, 2009 at St Paul's in Room 2 of the Parish Office. Please give me (614-523-2564, dkbjcoffey@att.net 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).

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 (dkbjcoffey@att.net , 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).

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS

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 Christmas 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 December Birthdays

*Dale B. Acree
David C. Bianconi
Morey J. Brady
Richard M. Danko
Thomas Foos
Gordian U. Igwilo
Michael E. Kenny
David R. Kreuzer
Charles J. Lamb
William Messerly
Eugene F. Meyer
Anthony J. Omlor
Michael Pavolino
Gary P. Pietrangelo
Albert Rachuba
Edward Spiers
Christopher Zoky*

Knight of the Month Program

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 select the Knight of the Year.

Family of the Month Program

If you know a Knight's family that you would like to recognize for their efforts for the Council or Parish, now you can do so. Send an email to familyofthemonth@kofc5776.org or contact Elmer Cabbotage and provide your reasons why you are recommending that family. The Family of the Month committee will take these recommendations each month and determine the winner for that month and eventually select the Family of the Year.

January 2010 K of C March for Life

The 37th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be held in January 2010. The march marks the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion. If you cannot attend the march, please consider attending mass.

Sunday January 31 K of C Free Throw Tournament

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2009 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament. The local competition will be held Sunday January 31. There is no fee for participating in the free throw

tournament. Contact Chris Dolnicek for more information and if you would like to help during the tournament (dolnicec@ameritech.net, 614-794-0042)

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 Brother Knight Bruce Jackson's step-father

Pray for Brother Knight William Laidley's wife, Patty

Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight Michael Pavolino's mother

Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight William Grubb

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.

Thoughts for the Month

If God is your co-pilot – swap seats!

Don't give God instructions – just report for duty!

Council Calendar

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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

Thur-Fri Dec 24-25
Santa Visits the Crèche

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Wed January 6 (NOTE)- 7:00 PM
Business Meeting

Sunday January 17
Breakfast after all Masses

Wed January 20 (NOTE) - 7:00 PM
Officers' Meeting
PAA House

Sun January 31
Free Throw Contest

Saturday February 6
Blood Drive



GK Don Coffey presenting a Measure Up check in the amount of \$2553 to Pam Potter for Westerville City Schools Special Education



PGK Rocky Lomano presenting GK Don Coffey with the VIP award for recruiting ten new members



GK Don Coffey presenting a check to Evan Doney in support of his Eagle Scout project



Todd Mislán, Rocky Lomano, Duane Probst, Sebastian and Teresa Mauricio, and Ben Coffey as well as Don Coffey and Gary Anderson raked leaves for Barbara Burns.



Our newest members: Bill Ryan, Dr. Steve Suh, Gary Norris, and Doug Winbigler



Knight of the Month Gary Pietrangelo receiving his certificate from Bruce Jackson. Among his many contributions, Gary has been a guardian on two Honor Flights.

Don Gray and Bruce Jackson were among the fourteen members who attended the Council Memorial Mass in November



The November breakfast was held in Miller Hall and was a success with almost \$500 raised for St Paul's building campaign