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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Family Members,
and Honored Clergy,

I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to 2012. I'm excited for the new year because there is hope for a better future and as members of the Knights Of Columbus, we have an opportunity to help shape the future.

It is no secret that even in affluent Westerville, Ohio, there are many people suffering. Perhaps they have lost their job and home. Perhaps they are struggling with failing physical and/or mental health. Perhaps they are hungry and cold. Perhaps

they are dealing with family problems. The list goes on.

Of all the "civic" organizations, none is better suited to assist our fellow parishioners and neighbors than the Knights. Council 5776 is 270 members strong! By giving your time, talent and treasure, you can make a difference in people's lives for a day or forever. You don't have to do anything monumental, just actively participate in the Council and its activities. Here are a few ways you can make a difference.

1.) **Meals on Wheels:** Consider spending a few hours on a weekend delivering meals to those who cannot provide for themselves. Brother Knight, Paul LeCorgne, heads up this effort. If you're interested in helping, Paul's number is 614-794-0071.

2.) **Pray to End Abortion:** Join your Brother Knights and other parishioners in praying the Rosary in front of the "Complete Healthcare for Women" (abortion facility) on Cleveland Avenue (just North of 161) every first Saturday of the month, from about 9:45 am till 10:45am. It takes only one hour, but the

impact is significant based on the reactions we receive from those passing by. If someone is considering abortion, the sight of us praying may influence their decision to save the child. For more information, contact our Pro-life Director, Sebastian Mauricio, at 614-726-5331.

3.) **Parishioners in Need:** Do you know someone who does not have transportation or cannot drive? Consider picking them up and bring them to Mass or take them to get groceries, etc. Do they need yard work or help around the house? Let your Brother Knights know and we can arrange a team to get the job done. Contact PGK Gary Koonce at 614-898-3823.

4.) **Assistance for Vocations:** Through various programs and activities throughout the year, our Council provides assistance to those studying for the priesthood or those entering a religious order. We earmark profits from breakfasts and other activities, collect monies in our Pennies for Heaven campaign, and respond to requests for specific needs. If you would like to help in these areas, please contact our Church Director, Andrew Mauricio at 614-726-5331.

5.) **The Gift of Life:** Christ gave his Precious Blood for us. We have the opportunity to give our own blood to help save lives by donating to the American Red Cross. In 2011, our blood drives collected 115 pints of blood. Brother Tom Crotty organizes the blood drives at least four times per year. Give him a call at 614-825-2232 if you can donate blood or give him a hand with the event. Future blood drives will be announced in the Knight Writer newsletter as well as the Sunday bulletin.

6.) **Developmentally Disabled:** As most of you know, our big fund raiser in the Spring is "Measure-up". The proceeds from this endeavor is given to organizations that assist the developmentally disabled. Last year we donated almost \$5000 to the Westerville City Schools' Special Education program. This event takes a lot of planning and coordination and you can help by contacting PGK Kevin O'Connor at 614-523-3892.

7.) **Job Fair:** The Great Recession has taken its toll on many lives. We all know someone who is unemployed or underemployed and perhaps struggling to support themselves or their families. Brother Knight Tom Nann heads up a job fair at St. Paul's multiple times each year. If you are in a position to offer a job or to assist Tom with the job fair, please contact him at 614-890-7139.

8.) **RCIA:** A priest once explained to me that our goal in life is to get to heaven and we should do what we can to help others get to heaven, too. One thing each of us can do in this area is to help those who are preparing to enter the Catholic faith. Each year there is a need by our RCIA team at St. Paul's to have sponsors for each RCIA candidate. Happily there is usually a Brother Knight or two who volunteer to be a sponsor. If you are interested in helping with RCIA, contact our Church Director, Andrew Mauricio at 614-726-5331 or St. Paul Pastoral Associate, Susan Bellotti at 614-882-2109.

As you can see from the above list, there are many ways you can create a better future for your fellow parishioners and neighbors just by getting involved with our Council's activities. And, by no means does the above volunteer opportunities

represent all that we can do. I invite you to make the council aware of anything that we, as a Council, can do to make a difference for someone else. Perhaps you can take the lead on a new charitable activity like the people above.

God bless each of you and may you and your family have a Happy and Healthy New Year too!

Vivat Jesus

Bruce Jackson

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at St Paul's in Room 3 in the Lower Level of the new Church

Please give me (bjwesterville@aol.com or 614-882-8994) 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.

Sunday January 8

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW TOURNAMENT



All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament. The local competition will be held Sunday January 8, 2011 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the St. Paul Activity Center. There is no fee for participating in the free throw tournament. No need to stay for two hours; stop in to shoot at any time 3-5pm. Contact Phil Kraker for more information 614-523-1468 or email pkraker@columbus.rr.com



Sat January 7 Pro-Life Prayer

Join our Council and many others as we mobilize for pro-life on Saturday Jan 7. We will gather after the 8:30 am Mass to pray outside of the Complete Healthcare for Women at 5888 Cleveland Avenue. Contact Sebastian Mauricio for information (SebMauricio@gmail.com)



Monday January 23 March for Life

The 39th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be held on January 23rd. 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.

Contact Sebastian Mauricio for information (SebMauricio@gmail.com)



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)*

Sunday January 15 “Cooking for Religious Ed”

The next breakfast of this Fraternal year will be on Sunday January 15. We will be serving after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 masses. Proceeds will be given to St. Paul’s Parish School of Religious Education. 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 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!!



Meals on Wheels

Brother Knight Paul LeCorgne has taken over responsibility for Meals on Wheels.



KofC Insurance Agent

We have a new Field Agent! You can now contact Craig Heppner by email Craig.Heppner@KOFC.ORG or by phone

(O) 614-732-5304, (C) 614-230-6257, or on the web at www.kofcoho.com

simply our way of returning the favor for all they have done for us.



In Support of Priests and Religious Vocations

Pray for Pope Benedict XVI
Pray for Bishop Frederick Campbell
Prayer for Pastor, Fr. Charlie Klinger
Pray for Fr. Raymond Lavelle
Pray for Fr. Dave Gwinner
Pray for Fr. Dan Drury
Pray for Fr. Rod Damico
Pray for Fr. Joseph Murphy
Pray for Deacon Mickey Hawkins
Pray for Deacon Tom Barford
Pray for Seminarian Adam Pasternack
Pray for Joe Ciaciura – Deacon candidate
Pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Dick Tomasek



Pennies from Heaven

Be sure to drop your pennies in the milk jug at every Council meeting, Breakfast, and Fish Fry. These funds are collected for retired priests and religious. This is



Council January Birthdays

*Dr Dale M. Anderson
Russell A. Ballard
David A. Blankartz
Robert E. Covington
Francis X. Fullin
Martin A. Haas
Daniel R. Hawkins
Elvin S. Highfield
John M. Howell
Richard S. Marflak
Keith R. Meyers
George Pilcher
James Ryan
Robert Sinagra
Lawrence H. Stember Jr
Thomas Storck
Matthew S. Whitehead*



Keep Them in Your Prayers

SEND REQUESTS TO
prayerrequest@kofc5776.org

Pray for Brother Knight Tom Nann and his parents

Pray for Joe Drury, father of Fr. Dan
 Pray for Brother Knight Ron Folian, his wife, Carol, and his brother-in-law, Mark Collins
 Pray for Christine Foos, wife of Tom Foos
 Pray for PGK Barney Sweeney and his wife, Jacqueline
 Pray for Brother Knight Lou Torres
 Pray for Brother Knight Paul Fisher
 Pray for Brother Knight Don Dwenger
 Pray for Brother Knight Don Brennan
 Pray for Brother Knight Keith Meyers
 Pray for Brother Knight Dave Brown
 Pray for Phyllis, companion of Al Surette
 Pray for the grandchild of Art Sullivan
 Pray for Janice Peltomaa
 Pray for Brother Knight Dave Pietras
 Pray for Brother Knight Dick Marflak
 Pray for PGK Bill Sedor
 Pray for Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein
 Pray for Brother Knight John Marzec
 Pray for Brother Knight Don Gray and his daughter-in-law, Pam Gray
 Pray for Doris Kramer
 Pray for Marie Mansour, mother of Brother Knight Al Mansour
 Pray for Robert Laube
 Pray for Jason and Angela Wiegand, niece and nephew-in-law of Dave Dauer
 Pray for Halina Barford, wife of Tom
 Pray for William Grubb
 Pray for Kathy Foley (Don Coffey's mother-in-law)
 Pray for Ariana Rose Hankins (Elmer Cabotage's granddaughter)
 Pray for Leroy Piekenbrock, father of Mark Piekenbrock
 Pray for Lindy Dziczkowski, father in law of Carl Haaser

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



In loving memory of
 Lcpl Ryan E. Miller
 who was killed five years ago
 in Anbar Province, Iraq. Alth

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
"Aim High"

The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but it is too low and we reach it.

Michelangelo



Sun January 15
Breakfast after Masses
Miller Hall

Wed Jan 18 - 7:00 PM
Officers Meeting
St. Peter Room
Upper Level of Church

Council Calendar

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Wed January 4
6:30 PM **Rosary**
7:00 PM **Business Meeting**
Room 3
Lower Level of Church

Sat January 7
Prayer at Abortion Clinic
After 8:30 am Mass

Sun January 8
Free Throw Contest
Activity Center
Contact Phil Kraker

Sun January 8 – 10:00 AM
New 2nd and 3rd Degree!!!
The new 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonies will be conducted at the Hilton – Easton Town Center. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience something new. Contact Rocky Lomano (614-890-5790, wlsurvey@earthlink.net)



Don Coffey and Al Mansour receiving their Knight of the Month certificates



Tom Foos raking leaves at the home of Barbara Burns



Mike Sucharski and his son, Andrew, raking leaves at the home of Barbara Burns



Tomy Rhymond's son, Bruce Jackson, and Chris Hennesbaugh getting ready for the Westerville Christmas Parade



Tomy Rhymond and his son, Peter Sandvik, Rachel Jackson, Bruce Jackson, Chris Hennebaugh, and Rocky Lomano getting ready



Marilyn Jackson helping Rachel Jackson and Peter Sandvik get prepared for their roles as the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph



The Council entry boldly proclaimed to "Keep Christ in Christmas"



The Council sponsored billboard also proclaimed that Christ is the Reason for the Season



Joe Dooley, Tony Lloyd, Mike Sucharski, and Sebastian Mauricio setting up for the Breakfast with Santa



Deacon Mickey Hawkins was superb once again in his role as Santa



John Nemergut, Chris Bielby, and Frank Fullin serving up breakfast



The BWS event was once again well attended and enjoyed by all



Tony Lloyd and Elmer Cabbotage checking on the live music during the BWS



Robert Weimer became our newest 1st Degree member on Dec 27



The Christmas Social at Carfagnas Kitchen was enjoyed by Bev and Paul Guevin, Theresa and Art Sullivan, Peggy and Gary Koonce



Also enjoying the evening were Rocky and Wendy Lomano, Sebastian and Teresa Mauricio, Don and Katy Coffey.