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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Family Members,
and Honored Clergy,

"By Dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our life". We begin the month of April by celebrating the Feast of all feasts, Easter. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we live the Easter message. We understand that we have to "die to ourselves" in order to benefit others. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are the principles we live by. That being said, I wish you and your loved ones a meaningful and Blessed Easter!

As we move towards the final days of the 2011-2012 fraternal year, we have some

very urgent and important business. Our Council's trustees (Don Coffey, Rocky Lomano, Carl Haaser) are working diligently to identify potential officer candidates for the upcoming fraternal year. Perhaps, they have already spoken with you about being on the 2012-2013 leadership team. If you have agreed to run for a Council office, thank you. If you are undecided or you are unsure whether you can handle the additional commitment,

please seek out our trustees or me for reassurances that there will be ample resources and support to make the job one where you will be successful. As an officer for the last three years, I can attest that being a member of the leadership team is both rewarding and fun. As the Blessed John Paul II said, "Be Not Afraid!"

In case you didn't know, the qualifications to be a Council officer is fairly simple: must be at least a 3rd Degree Knight. That's it. The commitment is only for one year (or more if you desire). The elected positions are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Advocate, Treasurer, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Non-elected positions are: Chaplain, Lecturer, Financial Secretary, and Trustee (x3).

This is a perfect time to announce that, due to a combination of family and job commitments (which have already begun), I will not be seeking re-election as Grand Knight for the coming year. Thus, the Grand Knight position will be open and

beckons one or more of you to run for that office.

I will admit that the Grand Knight position has been more demanding than I imagined, but it is also more rewarding than I imagined, too. What are the rewards, you ask? What's in it for you? I can share what being a Grand Knight has done for me. If growing in faith is a journey, then being the Grand Knight of Council 5776 has helped me get a step closer to Jesus and our Catholic Faith. Here are some examples: Over the last year, I have gotten reacquainted to the beautiful prayer we call the Rosary; I have consoled family members of deceased Knights and have shared in their sorrow, I have gotten to know our parish priests and deacons better; I have had the privilege of leading a wonderful group of men who are committed to making life better for St. Paul parishioners and the citizens of Westerville; I had the opportunity to help the needy when I purchased a tank of gas for women who walked into our church upset that she didn't have the money (to buy gas) to travel to Cleveland to see her dying mother; I've listened to and have been touched by your own requests for prayer and for assistance. The list goes on. As Grand Knight you are exposed to things that rank and file members may not experience. If there was coldness in my heart before, being Grand Knight has definitely softened it a tad. It's been an experience like no other in my years as a Knight and as a St Paul parishioner. I will cherish the experience for the rest of my life.

Finally.....I have one last comment about running for any Council office. If you are going to be an officer in any organization, choose an organization that is "running on all cylinders". Choose a successful

organization where the leadership team is supportive of each other, effectively executes its plan, rewards its members for their dedication and is recognized for its successes. Westerville Council 5776 is such an organization.

Blessings to you and good health, too!

Vivat Jesus

Bruce Jackson

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday April 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 articles by the end of the month so they can be included in next month's newsletter.



Sat April 7 Pro-Life Prayer

Join our Council and many others as we mobilize for pro-life on Saturday April 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)



**Saturday April 7
“Easter Egg Time”**

Join us on Saturday April 7 for the annual K of C Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds at St. Paul’s. If you can’t help with setup at 9:00 am please be sure to bring your kids, your grandkids, and your neighbor’s kids to join in the fun at 10:00 am. *Don’t be late because it’s over by 10:15 am!*



**Sunday April 15
“Cooking for Measure Up”**

Join us as we crank up the griddle and serve breakfast in the MPR at St. Paul’s. The next breakfast of this Fraternal year will be on Sunday April 15. We will be serving after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 masses. Many hands make light work. ***We especially need people to help with clean up after the 10:30 mass.*** Simply show up to help or call PGK Gary Koonce for details (614-898-3823, email:GKoonce@aol.com).



**Sat-Sun April 21-22
“Super Subs for St. Paul”**

What better way to enjoy the Spring weather than feasting on tasty Knights of Columbus submarine sandwiches! The profits earned from this fundraiser will be used for the St Paul Building Fund.

Volunteers are needed to help make and sell submarine sandwiches on Sat April 21 and Sunday April 22. We will meet in Miller Hall on Sat April 21 at 9am. If you are available to make subs, please let Bruce Jackson know (bjwesterville@aol.com or 614-882-8994).



**Sat April 28 8:30 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

There will be a mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:30am on Saturday April 28. The icon which has been traveling throughout the United States will be brought into the St Paul’s Church in a procession including the Fourth Degree. We particularly encourage 4th Degree members to attend.



**Thur-Sat April 26-28
Saturday May 5
“Measure Up”**

It’s time once again for Council members to Measure Up to the challenge of raising funds for special education programs in the Westerville Schools. We will be collecting at road intersections. You can contact Kevin O’Connor (koconnor@gci2000.com, 614-523-3892) for more information. *We will be calling for volunteers, and we are also soliciting businesses for contributions.*

2012 Charity Raffle



The Ohio State Council 2011 Charity Raffle is up and running. The drawing will take place on May 25. Contact PGK Carl Haaser for tickets (614-891-1962; carl@haaser.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

Shawn Minke has shirts (M, L, XL, and XXL) available for immediate purchase. Polo Shirts are \$22 and T-shirts are \$10. 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
 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



Council April Birthdays

Barrett A. Baughman
P. Michael Brunetti
Edward Carfagna
Joe Carvitti
David A. Cocuzzi
Donald S. Coffey
Frank Frastaci

Andrew W. Gantzer
Andrew M. Habing
Ennio F. Izzo
Donald E. King
Paul S. Lecorgne
Albert J. Mansour Jr
Rev William J. Metzger
Todd W. Mislán
Robert J. Mudd
Kevin Nuzum
Kevin M. O'Connor
Andrew S. Pasternack
Scott E. Russ
John F. Williams
David B. Zehala
Jonathan M. Zygmunt



Keep Them in Your Prayers

SEND REQUESTS TO
prayerrequest@kofc5776.org

Pray for everyone impacted by the shooting at Chardon High School

Pray for James Koonce, father of PGK Gary Koonce

Pray for Jennifer Zalewski, daughter of PGK Gary Koonce

Pray for the father of Dr. Kris West

Pray for Charles Kramer's wife, Doris

Pray for Frank Nachtman, per request of Brother Knight Scott Bastian

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 Foes, wife of Tom Foes

Pray for PGK Barney Sweeney and his wife, Jacqueline
 Pray for Brother Knight Paul Fisher
 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 Dino Carfagna
 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 Deacon 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 Dzikowski, father in law of Carl Haaser

Pray for Dennis Weichel, 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.



Thought for the Month
"The Best Equation"

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen.....

$$1 \text{ CROSS} + 3 \text{ NAILS} = 4 \text{ GIVEN}$$



Council Calendar

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

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

Sat April 7
Easter Egg Hunt

Sun April 8
EASTER SUNDAY
Praise the Lord

Thurs April 12
1st Degree
at St Paul Church

Sun April 15
Breakfast after Masses
Miller Hall

Wed April 18
Officers Meeting
St. Peter Room

Sat April 21- Sun April 22
SUPER SUB SALES

Sat April 28
8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thurs-Sat April 26-28
Sat May 5
Measure Up

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RAFFLE TICKET REPORT

*From Ticket Committee
Chairman
Carl Haaser, PGK*

Brothers:

I sent Charity Bonanza out to you in the mail. If you did not receive your tickets and want to participate **PLEASE** contact me and I will get some out to you ASAP. This ticket sale is very simple. The ticket is \$5 or you can offer the 5776 Special of 4 for \$20! ☺. There are 25 possible

winners from \$49,680 (\$414/mo for 10 years) top prize to \$500 on the low end. Our Council receives about half of the cost of the ticket for our local charities and the rest goes to the State for their support of the Special Olympics.

Our Council receives \$2.40 per ticket plus bonuses for achieving certain milestones. We get an extra .60 per ticket if we sell 356 tickets by the first turn in. We are currently at 318 so get your tickets sold and turned in. If we sell 711 tickets by April 12th we secure .80 per ticket sold by the first turn in. Again, this depends on you!

Our big seller so far is Shawn Minke (68) and I have sold 23 tickets. I challenge you to unseat Brother Shawn and take the top spot!

I would like to hear back from **ALL** of you one way or the other. If you want to be removed from the tickets sales roster, please return the ticket with a little note and I will take you off future lists. Or send me an email at carl@haaser.com. I don't want to spend the time and Council money sending you raffle tickets if you sincerely have a problem selling tickets. It is not a dishonor and no one will be pointed out, I just would like to be as efficient as possible with my time and the Council's money.

VIVAT JESUS!

Carl Haaser, PGK
Ticket Chairman
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Clarence "Click" Davis receiving his Honorary Lifetime Member card



The new 1st Degree members included (starting 2nd from left): Jamie Hardy, Joe Hawkins, Ray Michalski, Diego Catano (kneeling), Jay Mendenhall, George Scott, Curtis Smith, and Bob Moran



Rocky Lomano, Bob Mudd, and Carl Haaser welcoming people to the Fish Fry



John Nemergut and the Boy Scouts preparing to start clean-up after the Fish Fry



Shawn Minke receiving his certificate as Knight of the Month for April



Joe Ditmar receiving his Honorary Lifetime Member card