



Knights of Columbus



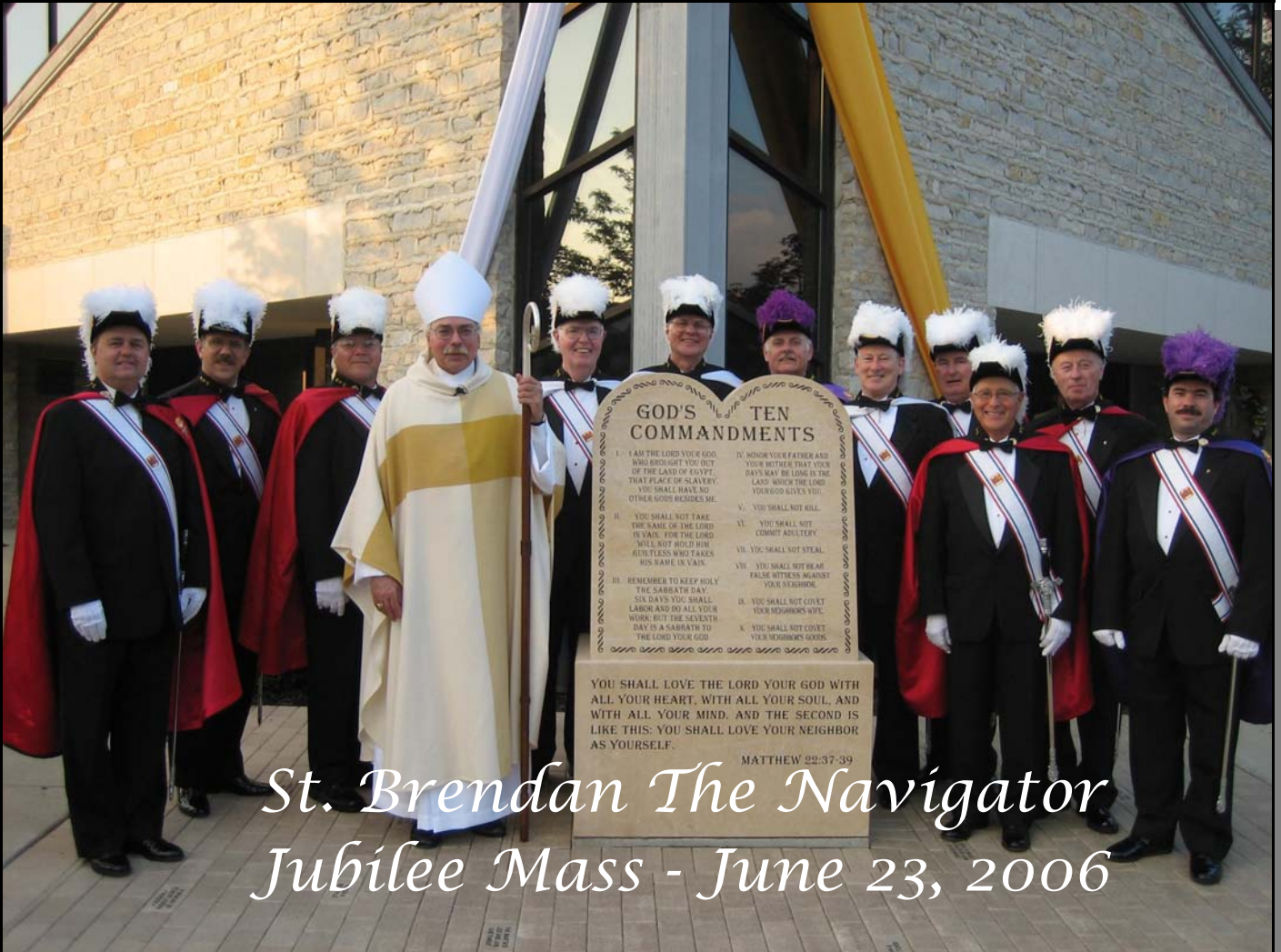
Council 11208

Chartered November 3, 1993

Ohio Star Council 5 years in a row



JULY 2006



Knights of the 4th Degree gather around Bishop Frederick Campbell following the Jubilee Mass in honor of St. Brendan the Navigator Church 50th Anniversary. The 4th Degree Knights served as honor guard during the mass.



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Fred Kerner

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2 Yr. Trustee
Roger File

1 Yr. Trustee
Jeff Keller

Dear Brother Knights

I can't tell you how happy I am to have the opportunity to serve you and the St. Brendan community as the Grand Knight for Council 11208. I have only been a Knight for a very short time and I can tell you that I am very impressed with the devotion and enthusiasm that I see in each and every Knight I run into, not only within our council but from other councils as well.

Many of you have known me for years, but for those who don't know me as well, let me give you just a short family history.

I was born and raised in Dundalk, Maryland. I am a 21-year Veteran of the U.S. Navy having retired from active duty in February 1993. I spent six years working for the local media here in Columbus (WTVN Radio and WBNS-TV), then went back to work for the local Navy Recruiting District in 1999 as their civilian Public Affairs Officer. I left that position in June 2003 after some of those government budget cuts, and went back to school at Columbus State to get my travel certification. I am now a Travel Consultant for Active Travel in Hilliard where I have been for the last two years. My wife Joy and I have been married for 33 years and have three children, Julie 32, Rachel 29, and Michigan Matt who will be 27 in October. We have three grandchildren, Jacob 7, Dylan 5 and Gabriella 11 months. Joy and I have been at St. Brendan's for 20 years and have been very active in many of the different ministries. We are both Eucharistic Ministers, and I am a Lector. I'm also a member of the Men's Club, and Joy and I are members of the local Marriage Encounter community as the ME weekend set up coordinators.

There's an old saying that goes: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The Knights of Council 11208 are actively involved in many worthwhile community events. At the recent state convention in Cincinnati, I met many Knights from other councils who were impressed with our council's activities, especially our famous New Year's Eve celebration. I don't know if there's any way to improve on what we're already doing.

The one thing I do know is that an organization is only as good as the people who are in it. My goal over this next year as Grand Knight is to increase membership, and to get those that are members more involved in our many activities spread out throughout the year. I will be meeting with Deputy Grand Knight Dave Mowry, Chancellor Dave Larsen, and our past Grand Knights to develop a comprehensive plan as to how we can get our many members involved with those activities we run and support each year. I also ask all of you to forward me your ideas as well. Together we can make Council 11208 not only the best in the State of Ohio, but in the nation as well.

I look forward to your support and I ask you for your prayers to help guide me in my leadership as your Grand Knight of Council 11208.

In His Name
Fred Kerner



Fred Kerner
Grand Knight



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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We meet the 3rd. Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in Wellnitz. Our next meeting will be on July 19th. Food and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting will be held this Friday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. All members are invited to attend and learn more about how your Council functions. Future board meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month due to a conflict in Grand Knight Fred Kerner's schedule.

Officers and Board members are expected to attend. If you have a request for funding or a project, please present these items to one of the Officers or Board members at, or prior to, the Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Well, the fraternal year is over and we are beginning a new year. Membership is vital!!! Did we do a good job in 2005-2006? We brought in 7 new members but we had to suspend 10, for a net loss of 3. We still have 36 Knights who have not yet paid their dues. Will we lose these men? Hopefully not, but it is up to all of us, working together, to retain our current members and recruit new ones.

Here are some suggestions from the "KnightLine", a publication for Knights of Columbus leaders, to help in recruiting and retention. Make sure you get all the pertinent facts about the prospect while talking with him, including:

- His complete name and address.
- Facts about his job.
- His parish affiliations and activities.
- Friends he has among present council members.

These facts can branch off into many different areas: the Order's benefits, service projects, community involvement, and social events. Be prepared to answer any questions a prospect may ask in order to make our council look its best. As the saying goes. "You've only get one chance to make a first impression," so make sure you have all the answers, and all the necessary materials ready at your disposal:

- A Membership document (Form 100).
- Information on initiation fees and dues.
- Copies of our informational flyer.
- Facts on the Order's insurance program.
- Our web site, www.stbrendankofc.org, and the Order's web site, www.kofc.org.

Remember that one-on-one recruiting is personal. The individual must understand that you are not looking for members as much as for individuals like him. Let the prospect know that he is wanted as a member, and know how his membership can enhance his life - providing direction and inserting him into a fraternity, a bond of friendship and family.

At our June meeting, Grand Knight John gave us all a challenge to recruit the fathers of the children in our grade school. What a great place to start recruiting new members. Will you help out???

RETENTION

The key to success in any council is keeping members interested, excited and active. One way you can do this is by encouraging members to participate fully in council activities. Here are some suggestion from the "KnightLine" to help keep members interested:

- Call and/or e-mail members and remind them of meetings.
- Offer to provide transportation to members who would like to attend but don't have the means.
- Answer questions. Members will ask why council activities are done in a certain way and if things can be changed. Provide them with sufficient information.
- Inquire about the particular interests of the members through membership surveys.
- Help new members make friends in the council by introducing them to all fellow Knights. Friendship is a great strength in any organization.
- Do all you can to help members feel important to our council.

Establishing caring and concerned relationships among council members will encourage our members to participate in council activities. By showing interest in new and old members alike, our council will be confirming its commitment to the membership, and will increase their willingness to assist in the programs necessary to help the Church and the community.



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RECORDER

Congratulations to Jeff Lehr, who was nominated and elected as our recorder at our June meeting.

We plan to have a formal installation of all our officers for the 2006-2007 fraternal year at our August Membership meeting.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive was held on June 15th from 2:00 until 8:00pm in Wellnitz hall. We had a goal of 40 units of blood and ended up with 53 donors, three for the first time, with 49 units of productive blood collected. The Red Cross was very appreciative. A big thanks to all the Knights who helped out, especially Tony Russo, who worked all day with registration.

The next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd.

Mark Ogden, chairman

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Ohio Special Olympics was held on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. This was our fourth year as a participant in "tent town", an entertainment venue designed to help entertain the more than 3,000 athletes that will be participating.

We were well staffed at all times. Thanks to everyone for their help. More information about the Special Olympics and pictures from this year's event are on Page 7.

Roger File, chairman

ALTAR SERVERS RECOGNITION

This year St. Brendan Parish and the Knights of Columbus are again rewarding St. Brendan Altar Servers with a day of fun at Wyandotte Lake on Friday, July 21st. The Parish will provide admission tickets for all current servers and the Knights will provide meal vouchers for the first 100 serves who arrive at Wyandotte lake that day.

PROJECT MOSES

Bishop Campbell had his picture taken at the monument when he was here for the 50th Anniversary Mass on June 23rd. He was very impressed with our project. We are still planning a dedication ceremony.

Have you purchased a brick for your family or in memory of a loved one? In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of our parish, we are offering a "special" on the memorial bricks. You may purchase a brick for your family, or for a loved one, for only \$50.00 per brick, which includes the engraving. Engraving is limited to 3 lines at 14 characters each.

I would think that every Knight would want to purchase a brick for their family, or to honor a deceased member of their family. What a lasting tribute that would be. Yes, you can purchase more than one brick.

For additional information, or to order a memorial brick, please contact Jeff Keller at 614-777-6229 or jkel-ler3@columbus.rr.com. You can also contact any officer of the council to place an order.

FOURTH DEGREE

Our next 4th Degree Exemplification will be in the Fall. Are you interested?

Jerry Abraham

CLIPPER TICKETS

Our Council was able to make a profit of \$338.00 on the sale of Clipper baseball tickets. At the K of C night on June 16th, the Knights were able to donate \$6,000.00 to the Ohio Special Olympics. A big thanks to everyone who bought or sold tickets this year and to Rick Hite, who once again chaired this project.

COUNCIL SHIRTS

Our Council offers a long sleeve denim shirt and a short sleeve golf shirt, embroidered with the K of C emblem and St. Brendan Council 11208 on one side and your name on the other side. To order a shirt, please go to our web page www.stbrendankofc.org. At the bottom of the membership page click on the Word icon.



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NAME TAGS

We are also asking all our members to please wear their name tags to our meetings and to other K of C functions. What a great way to meet and know our members. If you need a name tag, or have lost your name tag, you can order one from John Iannucci.

DO YOU HAVE E-MAIL ?

We now have the e-mail addresses of 158 of our 185 members. We realize everyone does not have e-mail, but if you do, please send your address to Joe Martin. Also, if your e-mail address changes, please let Joe Martin know so we can update our records.

DEGREE SCHEDULE

FIRST DEGREE:

July 24th, 2006 at St. Joan of Arc.

August 21st, 2006 at St. Brendan.

October 23rd, 2006 at St Joan of Arc.

November 10th, 2006 at St. Brendan.

January 22, 2007 at St. Joan of Arc.

February 10th, 2007 at St. Brendan.

April 23rd, 2007 at St. Joan of Arc.

May 21st, 2007 at St. Brendan.

Please check our web site for more dates and particulars on these degrees.

SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE:

We currently have 68 Knights who need to schedule their 2nd and 3rd Degree. These degrees are only scheduled about three times a year, and the next one will probably be in the fall. As soon as the dates are confirmed, we will let you know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Brother Knights have a Birthday in July



Jeff Lehr	July 1
Randy Mayfield	July 1
Ron Szczesny	July 5
Jeff Keller	July 10
Jim Reed	July 12
Camille Habayeb	July 12
Kevin Dugan	July 14
Bob Donegan	July 14
Mark Gialluca	July 21
Jack Kingsley	July 23
Chip Johanni	July 25
Dan Fenton	July 26
Matt Roahrig	July 29
Eric Tepper	July 29
Matthew Downs	July 30
Dan Gonce	July 30
Brian Kennedy	July 31

FUTURE K of C NEWSLETTERS

Do you have any news or other correspondence you would like to see in our newsletter? If so please contact me with the information by the first Monday of the month.

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Visit our Web site at www.stbrendankofc.org

INSURANCE NEEDS?

Those Knights needing insurance should contact our Brother Knight Kevin Horn. Insurance is not only important for you but for the safety and security of your family as well. Kevin's information is below:

Insurance Agent **G. Kevin Horn**
614-406-7901
740-852-7740
E-mail kev9889@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brother Knight Richard Clark has a new addition to his family:

"I just wanted to let the knights know that July 6 my wife and I had an addition to our family. Born on July 6th was baby Sean Morgan Clark weighing in at 8 lbs 12 oz. Length was 21 inches. We had the baby by C-section at 1:07pm at Riverside hospital. Both mother and baby are in good health and doing fine at this moment. Our family is blessed to have this little boy come into our life.

Richard Clark

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13 Board mtg. at 7:30pm in school library.

July 19 Membership mtg. @ 7:30pm in Wellnitz

July 21 Server Appreciation Day @ Wyandotte.

July 23 Parish Picnic at Homestead Park.

Aug. 10 Board mtg. at 7:30pm in school library.

Aug. 11/12 Parish Festival at St. Brendan.

Aug. 16 Membership mtg. @ 7:30pm in wellnitz



Special Olympics 2006

We had 16 Knights and 15 friends and family members, for a total of 31 volunteers.

There were an estimated 3,000 Special Athletes with an equal number of volunteers, family, media, etc.

We had an excellent turn out for our game booth and I want to thank all those that volunteered. We gave out 1,000 frisbees, 100 Measure up rulers and another 100 misc. prizes. And especially, a good time was had by all.

Thanks to all who volunteered.

Roger File

