

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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*Grand Knight
Larry Hanchin*

Brother Knights,

In a recent article by David Garick, editor of our local Catholic Times, he said: "Often we go through life just gathering "things" when we should be gathering experiences. Not the meaningless experiences that the secular world offers us, but spiritual experiences that bring us closer to God." He goes on to say "In recent issues of this newspaper you have read of groups of our local Catholics who have vacationed by going on missions to help impoverished people in Central America or to help in the rebuilding of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast." These statements by Mr. Garick really hit home for me. Because of the actions of a few of our brother Knights, we have been given the opportunity to participate in the Katrina Project Hope. For those who have gone on this week long journey, you realize what an experience this is. This event can help bring us closer to God by giving back to our fellow men

in a way that is spiritual in itself. The trip recharges our batteries and gives new meaning to our own lives. Thanks to all of those who have already gone to the Gulf Coast, some multiple times. I encourage others to follow their lead. There are three more opportunities scheduled in 2009.

Our open house on March 18TH was a huge success thanks to our Membership Committee and other volunteers. We had a large turnout that resulted in ten new members receiving their First Degree on March 25TH and two reactivations. Thanks go out also to all who accepted the challenge from last month's article and invited eligible Catholic men into our council. It's so exciting to see our membership grow with the quality of men seeking ways to give back to the church and community through the K of C. We extend a warm welcome to our newest members and encourage them to get involved with all the opportunities available through Council 11208.

Congratulations to all 'Of the Year' awards winners. We had a number of nominations and the selection committee was challenged with naming the best choice in each category. Thanks to those who helped with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank project this past month. It was a rewarding evening experience for those who attended. Charity Campaign tickets are still available. Please contact Jim York for details or more tickets.

This month we have "Measure-Up" scheduled the weekend of April 25-26. This is an opportunity to participate in helping children with special needs. Please come forward and volunteer at least three hours for this worthy cause. Family members are encouraged to attend.

Lent is almost over and we are anxiously looking forward to Holy Week services. The Resurrection is the pinnacle of our Catholic faith. May you and your family have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

**Fraternally yours,
Larry Hanchin, G. K.**



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KNIGHT AWARDS

Here are our winners of the 2008-2009 Knight awards.

Knight of the Year	Roger File
Family of the Year	Fred & Joy Kerner
Lady of the Year	Tanya Sarver
Youth of the Year	Stephanie Kotona
Volunteer of the Year	Sean Stone
Chaplain of the Year	Msgr. John Johnson
Religious of the Year	Msgr. Bill Maroon
Blue Coat of the Year	Ben Wolfingbarger

FIRST DEGREE

WOW!!! What a great First Degree we had on Wednesday, April 25th. We had 14 candidates and 10 of them were our new members. This was the largest number of candidates we have ever inducted into the Knights.

Congratulations to new members Todd Ellsworth, Edward Ziringer, Douglas Drerup, Michael Gagel, Joseph Meehan, Paul Ritzenhaller, Jerry Phillips, Shawn Gordon, Steve O'Brien and Vincent Nardone. We also had two reactivations, Chris Altenburg and James Tegethoff. WELCOME new Knights to Council 11208.

OHIO CHARITIES CAMPAIGN

Each year the Ohio Council sponsors its Ohio Charities Campaign to raise money for assorted charities within the state of Ohio. Council 11208 supports this campaign by selling & buying tickets. This not only supports the many charities of the Ohio Council, but also supports our council's charitable giving.

Ohio Council Charities

While each of us joined the Knights of Columbus for individual reasons, we all share a common faith to support the charitable work of our Order. Due to personal time constraints and limitations, we are not always able to participate in fund raising efforts during the year. The Campaign allows us the opportunity to help without creating a hardship and with just a minimal commitment.

The campaign is one of our largest fundraisers. Last year, 64 Knights sold 373 tickets, which returned \$1,148.50 to us for our council's charitable activities. The more we sell and the sooner we sell them, the more money is refunded back to us to support our council's charities.

So far this year only 26 Knights out of our 178 members have sold 146 tickets. Surely every Knight can sell or buy at least 2 tickets which would total 356.

Each ticket is \$5.00. Please send a check payable to K of C Council #11208 and return with the filled out ticket stubs. (Name & 10 digit phone # OR Use a return address label that you got in the mail.) Last year, our top salesperson was Ben Wolfingbarger. Ben sold 30 tickets and received a K of C 11208 polo shirt. So will this year's top salesperson.

Don't forget our own cash awards. For each 5 tickets sold & returned by Monday, April 13th, you will receive two tickets for our drawing. For each 5 tickets sold between April 14th and Wednesday, May 13th, you will receive 1 ticket. First prize is \$100 and \$50 for second. You must attend the drawing at the May meeting to win (unless you live out of town).

Please have as many tickets as possible purchased and paid for by April 13th. Please contact Jim York if you have any questions or need additional tickets. Mail the ticket stubs and payment to St. Brendan K of C, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard, OH 43026.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

May 10th, Mother's Day, the Council will host coffee and donuts after the 10:30am Masses. We have hosted on Mother's Day for the past several years. This is a nice project and takes about six or more volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. We will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting. Any questions can be directed to Roger File rfile@columbus.rr.com or 459-9091

BUNNY HOP (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EASTER EGG HUNT)

Seeking a few good Knights with smaller children in the family, or that enjoy entertaining smaller children, on Saturday April 6, set up at 9:00am, with the event from 10:00AM until Noon. Several opportunities with games, serving, cleaning up and a general fun time. Call Roger File or Jim Cogan to volunteer. This is an event co-sponsored by the Women's Club, Men's Club and Knights of Columbus.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Now is the time to start considering the leaders of our Council for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. At our next Power meeting we will be coming up with a slate of officers to present at our May membership meeting. We need to elect a grand knight, deputy grand knight, chancellor, recorder, treasurer, advocate, warden, inside and outside guards and trustees. So far, Kim Friloux wants to run as DGK and Rod Anderson wants to run as Chancellor. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Ed Olenhouse.

Any 3rd degree member, who has his dues paid up, is eligible to serve. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please let any current officer know of your desire.

PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

The Respect Life Committee at St. Brendan's has been resurrected with the emphasis on life; from conception to natural death. The committee hopes to bring awareness, education and activities about these important topics; abortion, FOCA, domestic violence, death penalty, euthanasia and end of life issues, aggressive driving and anger, Suicide, stem cell research, persons with special needs, and cloning. Many of these issues have been and probably will be headline news under the current administration. As Catholics and as Knights we need to understand our Church's teaching and act and vote accordingly.

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In January the Council made the postcard campaign to oppose The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) a success at St. Brendan's. We were able to provide information on the dangers and repercussions of FOCA to our Parish. We delivered 463 signed postcards to our two Senators and Congresswoman. FOCA is not dead, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, D-NY, the sponsor from the 110th Congress, stated that the bill would be introduced "Sooner than later".

As we go to print we will have had many of our Knights and other St. Brendan's Parishioners participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, an abortion clinic on Cleveland Avenue. This is part of the 40 Days for Life program in co-operation with the Greater Columbus Right to Life organization. 40 Days of Life is a time of fasting and prayer to pray for those that have no voice. Thank you all for your participation and support.

Roger File

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Once again our Council will participate in Tent Town, part of the Special Olympics Summer Games to be held June 26, 27 & 28. We anticipate few changes from last year. This is one of the Council's most supported events. Once a Knight has volunteered at Special Olympics they always want to come back.

For the newer members this activity centers around Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games, an event held each year in June as the next level of competition in about 30 sports for 3,000 Special Athletes from around Ohio. We have a "Roll the Ball" game in Tent Town, an entertainment venue of 50 or more activities that entertain the Athletes and their families between their competitive events.

Everyone is welcome to help out. We encourage Spouses, Children, Neighbors and prospective Knights. The only problem we ever have, and it is a good problem, is that we may have too many volunteers. Please do not let that stop you from signing up – we want you.

We will have sign ups at the June meeting and on our web site. Any questions about this can be directed to Roger File rfile@columbus.rr.com or 459-9091.

BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Brendan Knights of Columbus blood drive will be held on Monday, March 30th, from 2:00pm until 8:00pm, in Wellnitz Hall. We have also scheduled a blood drive on Saturday, May 30th, from 11:00am until 4:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

Mark Ogden, chairman

MEASURE UP

We will work the Cemetery Road and the Rome Hilliard Kroger store on the weekend of April 25th and 26th. We will schedule shifts from 11:00am until 2:00pm and 2:00pm until 5:00pm both days. For the new members, we pass out little plastic rulers to every customer and they respond with a contribution. We will need two captains for both stores. One for Saturday and one for Sunday at each store. We will also need volunteers to collect. Wives and children are welcome. We will have sign up sheets in April.

Last year we collected \$2,637.00 from the two Kroger stores. Add to this amount the \$325.00 we collected from "Gimme Five" (65 Of Our 169 members contributed \$5.00 to this program) and we raised a total of \$2,962.00. Columbus was third in the State with contributions of \$93,543.52. The total for the Ohio District was \$437,035.49.

Happy Birthday

Knight April Birthdays



The following Brother Knights have a Birthday in April.

Dan Vaught	April 2
Pat West	April 19
William Antos	April 2
Rod Anderson	April 22
John Todd	April 3
Bruce Cosgray	April 21
Jim Colvin	April 7
Joe McCann	April 25
Dave Holscher	April 8
John Baumer	April 28
Ray Norris	April 12
Matt Becroft	April 30

Please wish these Brother Knights a Happy Birthdeay



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 30 First degree at St. Andrews in the Eck Activity Center at 7:30pm.

Apr. 1 Program meeting at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex. Due to Holy Week we had to move this meeting up to the 1st Wednesday.

Apr. 12 Easter Sunday.

Apr. 15 Membership meting at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

Apr. 19 Our second Katrina trip to Mississippi. We will return April 25th.

May 1-2-3 Fourth Degree Exemplication at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio.

May 12 Program meeting at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex.

May 20 Membership meeting at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

June 26,27,28 Special Olympics of Ohio.

See write up in the newsletter.

LOOKING FOR 22 KNIGHTS

22 Knights have not yet paid their dues for 2009. 149 have paid their 2009 dues. Second notices have been sent out to these 22 Knights. We are at 190 Knights and 70 Knights have contributed to the Gimme 5 campaign for a total of \$379.00.

Knight Alert letters have been sent to these 22 Knights. On April 23rd I will send the notice of suspension. 30 days later I will send suspension notices to Supreme.

Jim York, Financial Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We meet the 3rd. Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall. Our next meeting will be on April 15th.

PROGRAM MEETING

The program meeting is held the Wednesday, preceding the regular membership meeting, at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be on April 1st (Due to Holy week we had to move our Program Meeting up one week) in the School Cafeteria Annex. All members are invited to attend (and participate) to learn more about how your Council functions. Officers, Program Members and Committee Chairs are expected to attend. If you have a request for funding or a project, please present these items to one of the Officers or Program members at, or prior to, the Program meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP

I WILL KEEP THIS SHORT & SIMPLE, JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HELPED PASS OUT FLYERS THE LAST 2 WEEKS AFTER MASS. DUE TO EVERYONE'S HELP WE HAD ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT NIGHTS EVER. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. THANKS AGAIN. WE HAD 10 NEW MEMBERS & 2 REACTIVATIONS.

Sean Stone, membership chairman

COMMUNITY

I want to thank all who took part in helping out at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank on Tuesday, March 10th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Special thanks to Chris Warren for coordinating this event, and for being kind enough to drive a few of us down to the site.

This was a great opportunity to help the needy in our broader community. The Mid-Ohio Food Bank distributes non-perishable food and other products to 480 soup kitchens, pantries and shelters in 20 central Ohio counties.

John Ryan, chairman

CHURCH

Just a reminder that we'll have a final Vocations Collection on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd which is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

John Iannucci, chairman

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal), really will provide you with peace of mind. As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

Call Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email: markmandel@wowway.com Call me – let's talk.

NEXT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

The next 4th degree exemplification ceremony will be held May 1, 2, & 3, 2009 at Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark. Any 3rd degree knight who has taken his 1st degree six months or more prior to that time is eligible. For more information, please contact Larry Hanchin, Jerry Abraham, Bob Eggerichs or any other 4th degree Knight in our Council. The Four Star Resort is located just off Route 16 in Newark. The Lodge will reserve an entire section of the hotel for the exclusive of the Knights of Columbus and they will also provide babysitting at a special rate with at least a 24 hour notice.

BI-ANNUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

St. Jude Knights of Columbus and St. Matthew's Youth Ministry are holding a 5K (3.2Mile) run/walk on April 18 starting at 9:00 A.M. Proceeds will go towards local youth attending the Bi-annual National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Information is available at www.premiersports/kofc5krun/walk.

KATRINA TRIP SCHEDULES

Our next trip to Mississippi to help rebuild the homes of the Katrina victims will be the week of April 19th Through April 25th. To learn more about this special mission, call Jim Cogan at 876-8708 or Ed Olenhouse at 777-4244. You will not regret joining us on one of these missions.

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. Joe Martin 5043 Breckenhurst Dr. Hilliard, Ohio 43026 850-9095 or JoeandJan@wowway.com. Also, please Visit our Web site at www.stbrendankofc.org

DEGREE SCHEDULE

FIRST DEGREE:

March 30th, 2009 at St. Andrews at the Eck Activity Center at 7:30pm.

April 20th, 2009 at St. Joan of Arc at 8:00pm.

June 1st, 2009 at St. Brigid of Kildare at 7:00pm.

SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE:

The next 2nd and 3rd Degrees are scheduled on April 26th at St. Andrews in the Eck Activity Center at 12:00 noon. Contact Sean Stone (419-7207) or Kim Friloux (876-7254) if you would like to attend. We will carpool at St. Brendan's and go over to the Eck Center. This usually takes about 5 hours which includes a dinner.

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 Sean Stone.