

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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*Grand Knight
Larry Hanchin*

Brother Knights,

The current K of C calendar year is rapidly coming to a close. DGK Jeff Lehr and I will be attending the 110TH Annual Ohio State Convention at the end of this month in Cincinnati. Council 11208 will be electing new officers in May who will take over July 1ST. This past year has been a lot of hard work but has provided me with a once in a lifetime rewarding experience. Our council has accomplished a lot during this time due to the tremendous efforts of many of you who have answered the call and stepped up to volunteer. I am amazed of all the good men in our St. Brendan parish and Knights of Columbus. I have been truly blessed to be able to serve such a remarkable group who call themselves "Knights". I'm pleased to report that most or all of our council goals have been met or exceeded. Our membership

numbers have grown to 191 as of the latest report. If all goes well over the next couple of months, we will be eligible for Star Council for a second consecutive year. This award recognizes the top councils in the state of Ohio. Less than 8% of the councils achieve this recognition. Thanks to all of you who have contributed so much of your time and talents throughout the year for our church, community, council, family, youth, and membership!

In April our Measure Up Campaign was successful once again for the 16TH year. Special recognition to Joe Martin who has been in charge of this project for all of these years. Joe has decided to "pass the baton" so we're looking for a new chair. Please let Joe, Jeff Lehr or myself know if you are interested to lead this very worthwhile effort in 2010.

I have gotten a lot of good input on the topic of renaming our council in honor of our deceased Msgr. William Maroon. There are excellent reasons for and against a name change. This topic will be on the agenda for our May committee meeting.

There were four members of our council who got their 2ND & 3RD Degree recently. Congratulations to Jeff Hogan, Sam Litton, Paul Ritzenthaler, and Ed Ziringer. It is commonly acknowledged that the sooner a member obtains these degrees, the more likely they will remain active with the Knights and have a more rewarding experience with the council. The next time these degrees are offered in our area is in October. I strongly encourage those of you who are 1ST degree to continue your journey and realize the benefits.

We will have our board or committee meeting this month on May 13TH. All members are always invited to attend. Our general meeting scheduled for May 20TH will be replaced by a cookout as we recognize the "Of the Year" award winners. I invite each of you to attend one or both of these events as your schedule permits.

**Fraternally Yours,
Larry Hanchin, GK**



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sam Litton and Ron Johnson who took their First degree on Monday, April 13th.

Congratulations to Paul Ritzenhaler, Sam Litton, Jeff Hogan and Ed Ziringer who completed their 2nd and 3rd degrees on April 26th.

Congratulations also to Tom and Martha Ritz who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

COUNCIL NAME CHANGE

There was some discussion at our general meeting about re-naming our council to reflect the memory and impact that Fr. Bill had on St. Brendan Council 11208. The officers would like to take this idea and consider it further at our May 13th committee meeting. Please pass along your thoughts to me with specific reasons why or why not we should rename our council. Also, provide a suggested new name if that is your recommendation. If we do decide to go forward, a letter with the proposed name change will be sent to Supreme for approval.

We have also met with a representative from the diocese with regards to establishing an endowment in honor of Father Bill. Rod Anderson is chairing this research.

If you have any input on either of the above, please try to make our Program meeting on May 13th or contact

Larry Hanchin. (larryhanchin@yahoo.com)

OHIO CHARITIES CAMPAIGN

56 out of our 192 members have bought or sold 328 tickets. Our final turn in is May 13th so that gives the other 136 members time to either buy or sell your tickets and return them to Jim York, 10530 Laguna Circle, Plain City, Ohio 43064. If you need tickets, please call Jim at 873-6899.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

Knights of Columbus will host Coffee and Donuts after the 10:30 Mass on Mother's Day May 10. Set up to begin at 9:00am, setting up chairs, making coffee, cutting donuts, preparing juice and milk. Especially important is help with clean up. Most people have gone by 12:30 and clean up, with help, can be over by 1:00. It takes about 6-8 Knights to make this run smoothly. I have been informed that several of our Knights will be traveling that weekend and will not be available. This is an opportunity for the new members to step up and help. Please RSVP to Roger File at rfile@columbus.rr.com or for any questions.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Your nominating committee has come up with the following proposed slate of officers for Council 11208 for the 2008-2009 Fraternal year.

Chaplain	Msgr. John Johnson
Grand Knight	Jeff Lehr
Deputy Grand Knight	Kim Friloux
Chancellor	Rod Anderson
Advocate	Mark Hogan
Recorder	Bob Peterson
Financial Secretary	Jim York (appointed)
Treasurer	Frank Collette
Lecturer	Joe Martin (appointed)
Warden	Terry Henkel
Inside guard	Mike Rico
Outside Guard	John Ryan
Three Year Trustee	Fred Kerner
Two Year Trustee	Dave Mowery
One Year Trustee	Larry Hanchin

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. Nominations and will also be taken from the floor at our May meeting. Even though our May meeting is an Open House, we will still vote on the Officers.

STATE CONVENTION

This year's 110th Annual Ohio State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on Friday May 22nd thru Sunday, May 24th at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Larry Hanchin and Jeff Lehr and their wives will represent our Council at the convention.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Our eighth year of volunteering at the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games will be June 26th from 7:00 - 10:00 PM, Saturday June 27 from 9:00am - 11:30am and 12:30pm -3:30pm and Sunday June 28 from 9:00am - 11:30am. We operate a simple "Roll the Ball" game for the 3,000 Special Athletes and their families that attend the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games. Every Special Athlete is a winner and we reward them with our signature Frisbee. This is a family event so bring the spouse and family and get them involved. This is a terrific opportunity for people to get to know Special Athletes and interact with them and to appreciate their abilities. Please RSVP to Roger File at rfile@columbus.rr.com or for any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Blood Drive on Monday, March 30th was very successful. We had 49 productive donors and had to turn away some walk-ins. Our next blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th from 11:00am until 4:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

Mark Ogden, chairman

MEASURE UP

We held our annual Measure Up at the Cemetery Road and the Rome Hilliard Kroger store on the week-end of April 25th and 26th. We had 25 Knights volunteer and we collected \$2210.00 vs. \$2637.00 last year. I feel the exceptionally nice weather, the OSU spring game and the economic conditions affected our results. A BIG THANK YOU to the 25 Knights who volunteered.

MIRACLE LEAGUE

It is that time again for The Ohio Miracle League to kick off the season for all special need and disabled Kids, from ages 3 to 21, here in Central Ohio. They are in need of coaches, assistant coaches and “Buddies” to help the players.

What is a “Buddy“? Each player is assigned a person to assist the player to play baseball. Being a “Buddy” is a rewarding experience. By assisting a player, a buddy will have the opportunity to learn about a special player and help him or her achieves a sense of accomplishment and enjoys baseball. For more information, contact Richard Clark at 798-8148.

This is what the Miracle League is all about.

- We provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play Miracle League baseball.
- We promote the construction of special facilities to meet the unique needs of Miracle League players and their families.
- We sponsor an atmosphere that encourages the entire central Ohio community to participate and enjoy the Miracle League.
- Every player bats once each inning
- All base runners are safe
- Every player scores a run before the inning is over (last one up gets a home run)
- Community children and volunteers serve as buddies to assist the players
- Each team and each player wins every game

The Miracle League cannot change or cure the medical issues life has dealt our children with disabilities. What we can do is provide these children with an opportunity to experience the joy and benefits which come from playing our national pastime – baseball. The League is always looking for volunteers to help out with the kids as coaches or buddies. You can visit the Ohio Miracle Leagues website www.OhiomiracleLeague.org

to sign up or get more information about the league.

This year season starts May 2nd and runs through July 25th. The one change for this year is they have added one more game for Saturday. So the games now start at 9:45am and the last game starts at 7:30pm. This will make a total of 16 teams this year. This is how much the league has grown.

Richard Clark (798-8148)

Happy Birthday

Knight May Birthdays



The following Brother Knights have a Birthday in May.

Joe Cuddy	May 1
Bill Brake	May 2
Brian Omara	May 2
John Ryan Jr.	May 3
Larry Elkins	May 5
Dave Mowery	May 6
Don Davis	May 7
Ste Bennison	May 10
Mark Hogan	May 10
Mike Anderson	May 11
Pat Haney	May 18
Todd Kelleher	May 19
Ben Wolfingbarger	May 30
Phil Knall Sr.	May 31

Please wish these Brother Knights a Happy Birthday.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10 Mother's Day. Our council will host the coffee and donuts after the 10:30am Mass.

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

May 20 Membership meeting at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall. This will be a social with a cookout to honor our "Of the Year Award" winners.

June 10 Program committee meeting at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex.

June 17 Membership meeting at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

June 26,27,28 Special Olympics of Ohio. See write up in the newsletter.



LOOKING FOR 15 KNIGHTS

15 Knights have not yet paid their dues for 2009. 176 have paid their 2009 dues. Second notices have been sent out to these 15 Knights. We are at 191 Knights and 75 Knights have contributed to the Gimme 5 campaign for a total of \$404.00.

Knight Alert letters have been sent to these 15 Knights. I have sent 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 May 20th and will be a social meeting and a cookout to honor our "Of the Year Award" winners.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The program committee meeting is held the Wednesday, preceding the regular membership meeting, at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be on May 13th 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.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Church: John Iannucci jfiannucci@yahoo.com.
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- Council: Steve Bennison BennisonSW@aol.com.
- Community: John Ryan ryanj7@yahoo.com.
- Family: Gerry Riendeau gerryliz@columbus.rr.com.

MEMBERSHIP, YOUTH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Membership chairman Sean stone, Youth chairman Todd Kelleher, Family chairman Gerry Riendeau and Community chairman John Ryan all want to thank the Knights for their hard work this year with their projects. All objectives have been completed and turned into the State.

COUNCIL

During a recent Monthly Planning Meeting Roger File was nominated for Knight of The Year. Congratulations goes to Roger for all the great work he has done this past year.

We had quite a successful Blood Drive on March 30th. The next one is scheduled for May 30th., and the Red Cross indicated they'll have more help to process the increasing number of donors in the future.

This completes a very productive Program Year. Thanks for all the support this past year and let's plan for a better one this coming year.

Steve Bennison, 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. This program has contributed over \$4,000.00 from our Parish since 2007 and every penny goes towards those who have chosen to serve our Church.

John Iannucci, chairman

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I am your Field Agent Mark Mandel. Call me at 614-308-2294 or e-mail me at markmandel@woway.com. Let's talk.

BY LAWS

Dave Mowery and his committee have revised our by-laws. They are on our Web site at the bottom of the Membership page. Please check these out and if you have any comments or suggestions, please let Dave know.

KATRINA TRIP RESULTS AND SCHEDULES

Gerry Riendeau, Joe Meehan, and Jim Cogan traveled to Bay St. Louis, MS during the week of April 19 to assist with the Katrina Project Hope. We joined 3 men from St. John of Arc parish and spent the week painting and caulking the inside of a new home for Dave and Leslie. This young couple is about to lose their FEMA trailer and their house is not yet ready to move into. Dave is a tug boat captain and gone for long periods of time and Leslie works full time also. They are not in their new house yet, but are a little closer and were delighted for the help. We were again treated like Kings as parishioners housed and fed us. No one went hungry. Now is the time to think about our next two trips, September 13th and November 8th. We will make sure there is plenty of work to do as many of you seem to be planning to make the trip in September. Don't worry about the night game with USC on the 12th. We left here early Sunday morning and made it to our host house at a reasonable hour that evening. New volunteers continue to sign up on a regular basis.

For information call Jim Cogan at 876-8708 or Ed Olenhouse at 777-4244.

MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

We now have guidelines that were approved by our Board and were read at our April meeting. These guidelines outline how we handle the death of a Knight, his wife, his children, his in-laws and the rest of his family with regards to Mass intentions and flower or memorial donations.

We ask your help in letting our Council know of the death of a Knight or any of his family, particularly the out of town deaths that are not reported in the Columbus Dispatch.

CHRISTINE WILSON RUN

The Christine Wilson Foundation Fun Run and Walk is to be held Saturday, June 27th at 6:00pm. Christine Wilson was a member of St. Brendan's and a graduate of Watterson High School. Christine was tragically killed in a fire in 2003 at Ohio State University. St. Brendan's Knights have supported the Christine Wilson Foundation with several fundraisers over the years and encourage continuing support. Our Council is an official sponsor of this event. Registration forms are available at premieraces.com/2009aces/christine.html. Questions to Roger File at rfile@columbus.rr.com.

DEGREE SCHEDULE

FIRST DEGREE:

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

SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE:

The next 2nd and 3rd degree will be the 4th Sunday of October at St. Andrew's Eck Center. I will get the details and let you know more. We will publish the date in the newsletter.

Please plan to attend, as this will help you in your journey to becoming a full Knight of Columbus. We will have several Knights accompany you and others to the degree.