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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

The February meeting in Wellnitz Hall has been moved to Wednesday, February 24th to avoid the conflict with Ash Wednesday on February 17th.

Personally I like the new general meeting format. I use the term general meeting, perhaps for the last time, because if you have not attended what had traditionally been our general meeting lately, then please know that we have completely changed the format to the point where you would not recognize it. The third Wednesday of the month meeting in Wellnitz Hall is now a "social meeting". It is no longer considered to be a formal meeting which means that you are welcome to bring non-members. In fact I very much encourage you to do so! And if by chance you are a parishioner who is reading this newsletter after visiting our website, then please feel welcome to attend any of our monthly social meetings, meet our members, and find out what the Knights are all about.

We do run through some announcements and we do have the Program Chairs give brief synopses of upcoming and recently completed projects, but that portion is limited to roughly ten minutes or so. We also pray the rosary as a group which adds a refreshing, spiritual touch to our meeting. And we have food and beverages. All of the formal voting and detailed discussions of projects and topics occurs in our program meeting which occurs the second Wednesday of the month in the cafeteria annex. All members of the Council are welcome and encouraged to attend – you don't have to be an officer.

This is the time of the year to focus our attentions on those who do so much for us. The annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner is January 31st at the Villa Milano restaurant. Clergy from all over the Columbus Diocese will be present. This year our own Father Rod, Father Paul, Sister Pat, Deacon Jim and Deacon Pat have all accepted invitations to be among the honorees. The annual Wives Appreciation Dinner scheduled for March 20th is in the planning phase now. Also, we are accepting nominations for the "of the year awards". Please take a few moments to nominate some worthy individuals and return that information by email to Joe Martin.

Last but not least, we should all reflect and pray for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. We are all truly blessed to have all of our basic needs taken care of. Despite the recession, we do not have to anguish over water, if we can feed our family, or where we can find shelter. Take a moment to pray for those who are truly hurting and for those who are providing relief.

God Bless,

Jeff Lehr, Grand Knight St. Brendan Council 11208

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MEN'S RETREAT

Please join us for our annual K of C Men's Retreat on Saturday, February 20th. Once again it is time for us to slow down for a morning and to put all of our distractions aside and spend some time preparing for our yearly journey through Lent. We will begin our day with Mass and end with a prayer service around 2:00 pm. Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Our subject this year will be "Companions in Our Growth in Faith". We have some excellent speakers to give us their experiences. There is no charge but a free will offering will be taken up at the end of the retreat.

We will have sign ups after all the Masses the two weeks before the retreat. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Friloux at 551-9591 or frilouxk@yahoo.com.

Ladies Appreciation Dinner

We have decided to have the Ladies Appreciation Dinner on March 20th. The Men will be doing all the cooking

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and serving. We'll be eating pizza in the kitchen while the wives enjoy cocktails and a southern cuisine dinner. We will be sending out a formal email invite with the flyer to all the members in February.

Mark Hogan, chairman

New Admissions Committee

The Council now has a new Admissions Committee approved at the December business meeting. The Admissions Committee has now has a Manual with Procedures adopted at its first meeting held at the Membership Meeting on January 20, 2010. The establishment of this new Committee was approved to meet the requirements of the State Knights Membership Program Activity #54 which stated in part: "Supreme Council has made it a requirement that every council establish an Admissions Committee to screen potential candidates and help introduce them to, and involve them in council activities." The screening process is only to determine the practical Catholicity of the candidate. In addition, the Committee will use the screening process to ascertain the candidates' interests and encourage them to contact the appropriate Program Chairs to become active in Council projects and activities.

As adopted by the Council, the members of this Committee are: Chancellor (Chairman of Committee), Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman.

Please keep in mind that with the new Admissions Committee procedures, some minimal additional time is necessary for the Committee to contact and interview new candidates for membership prior to the Council's reading and consideration of applications for membership in the Council.

Ron Anderson

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the Diocese of Columbus are sponsoring the 12th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, January 31 at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Rd. on the North side of Columbus. There will be a social hour and cash bar beginning at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm, followed by a short program. The event should be over by 9pm.

This event is an opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to express our appreciation and support for our Priests, Deacons and Religious, who will be our invited guests. Our Council is inviting our Parish Clergy as our guests. 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to wear tux and social baldric.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We meet the 3rd. Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall. However, because our next meeting falls on Ash Wednesday, we have moved the meeting back one week to February 24th. Please make note of this change.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The program committee meeting is held the Wednesday, preceding the regular membership meeting, at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex. Our next meeting will be on February 10th. Committee chairs are expected to be there and ALL Knights are welcome and you can see how our council operates.

If you have a new program you want to present or if you have a request for money for a project, you must present it at this meeting and not at our Membership Meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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- Youth: Tom Britt tjbmaster@columbus.rr.com.
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- Respect Life: Roger File rfile@columbus.rr.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome Joseph Petrelli who took his First Degree at St. Andrew's on Monday, January 25th, and Terry McClernon, Dan Pugh, and Eric Hiss who took their First Degree at St. Brendan on Wednesday, January 27th. Welcome Joseph, Dan, Terry and Eric. This gives us 4 new members for January. Can we do this again in February? Remember! The only reason a man does not join the Knights is because he was never asked.
Sean Stone, membership director

COUNCIL

Plans are being made for the upcoming Annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner. Again this year it is being spearheaded by Mark Hogan. Due to budget considerations this year we are going back to a method used a number of years ago. We are cooking and serving our wives. It's going to be held on Friday evening, March 20th. Mark said we're going to serve cocktail and a southern cuisine dinner to our ladies. Since we are the servers, we're having pizza in the kitchen. Early in February formal e-mail invitations with a flier will be sent out to you. It'll be a great time to show appreciation to your wives, don't miss out on it!
Steve Benison, chairman

CHURCH

On the weekend of February 6th and 7th we will be collecting for vocations to support the Columbus Diocese after all the Masses. Over \$5,000.00 has been collected since 2007 and every penny goes to the cause. Please volunteer at the Mass you attend to collect for this valuable cause. Thank You.
John Iannucci, chairman

COMMUNITY

The St. Brendan's Knights of Columbus are volunteering at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. (If you have not been trained, please try to arrive at 5:30 PM.) This is another opportunity to helping the needy in our broader community. Family members must be 13 years of age to join us.
John Ryan, chairman

RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for Life. We're gearing up for the largest spring 40 Days for Life campaign yet! From February 17 through March 28, teams in 156 cities from coast to coast and others around the world will take part in this mission.

St. Brendan's and St. Brendan's Knights of Columbus have supported this effort in the past and have selected Friday March 19th as our day of commitment to have a silent, peaceful prayer vigil at Complete Health Care for Women at 5888 Cleveland Avenue, one of the primary providers of abortions in central Ohio.

Service times are available between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM with a special candlelight vigil beginning at 7:00 PM. One hour time slots are available but more or less than one hour visits are encouraged.

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A majority of Americans consider themselves Pro-Life. Can we have an hour of your time to stand up and show that we, as Catholics and as Knights of Columbus are truly Pro-Life?

Please let me know if you can commit to an hour on Friday March 19th, any questions please let me know Roger File, Respect Life Program Chair rfile@columbus.rr.com or 459-9091. www.40daysforlife.com

Also: Several Knights from St. Brendan's Council attended the Respect Life Mass held at St. Joseph Cathedral and the Right to Life Rally at the Ohio Statehouse on Friday January 22, the anniversary date of the Roe Vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing the taking of unborn children from their Mothers. Please educate yourselves on this travesty and make every effort you can, as a Catholic and as a Knight of Columbus to reverse this decision.

YOUTH

Our K of C Free Throw contest is scheduled for Friday, January 29th, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in the St. Brendan school auditorium. We need score keepers and helpers in the annual free throw shooting contest. I have the basketballs as prizes and the packet of forms for this event, so we are good to go. Please show up around 6:00pm to help out. We will need approximately 20 volunteers. Winners will advance to the District level on February 20 at St. Brendan school auditorium. Thanks.

Tom Britt, chairman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We currently have 121 associate members, 74 insurance members, 2 inactive members, 5 Honorary members and 2 Life members for a total of 196 members.

Annual dues are due now. Know that for every active member on our roles, whether you have paid your dues to us or not, we are taxed about \$18.00 by Supreme, the State, and the Columbus Chapter.

We want to keep you as Active Members in Good Standing with our Council. This means being paid up fully in your dues and assessments, or communicating with us so that we know your situation and can work with you to keep you in Good Standing.

Please consider the optional \$5 (or more) donation to the Measure-Up / Gimme 5 campaign to help Ohio citizens with mental retardation. You may save the postage and bring your dues and pick up your new card at the Program Meeting (2/10, 7:00 pm, school cafeteria annex) or the Membership Meeting (2/17, 7:00 pm, Wellnitz Hall).

Jim York, financial Secretary

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

The District 41 Free Throw contest will be held at St. Brendan's on Saturday, February 20 at 7:00 PM. Registration will begin at 6:45 and I will need help beginning at 6:30. This should not take long and like the Council competition is a fun, easy time. Please help if you can. Regional competition will be at Ready High School on February 27.

Jim Cogan, 876-8708

INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

Time to take control

A statistic I find frightening is this: about 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance. If you aren't among the 50%, maybe I can enlist your help in your council as a

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spokesman for the value of life insurance.

Note that I said "individually owned life insurance." While the number for those with absolutely no life insurance is just as – if not more – frightening, the 50% does not include those who have some form of group life insurance, usually provided by their employer.

This group life issue, which our agents see and discuss every day, is an interesting security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your company's human resources or benefits department doesn't do needs analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.5 and 2.5 seems popular). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family members, neighbors – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Group life insurance is a great benefit and certainly does help, but it must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. We can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future!

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

KATRINA TRIP SCHEDULE

Our Katrina Project Hope team will again travel to Bay St. Louis, MS during the weeks of April 11 and October 24th during 2010. Please mark you calendars now. New volunteers are always welcome. The work should be better organized this year as we will be working with Habitat and a new church group that is very well organized. For information, contact Jim Cogan at 876-8708 or Ed Olenhouse at 777-4244.

ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC RADIO 1580 AM

Every Tuesday at 4:00pm Bishop Frederick Campbell will broadcast "From the Chair on 1580 AM. The St. Brendan Knights of Columbus support St. Gabriel Catholic Radio – 1580 AM. Tell your friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners and coworkers to listen to the Good News. The station needs your financial support, as well. For a few pennies each day you can keep the Catholic message in Central Ohio.

Call St. Gabriel at 614-538-1580 or Follow this link for current programming:
<http://www.stgabrielradio.com/programs.html>

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date! 13th Annual Catholic Men's Conference, "Being the Man God Wants You to Be" will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 8:00am until 2:00pm (lunch included). It will be held at the Lausche Building at the Ohio State Expo Center, 717 E 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Bring a friend. There will be powerful, moving and faith filled speakers. To pre-register and ask for additional information, check the website www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

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FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The next 4th degree exemplification ceremony will be held on April 16-17 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. Contact any of the Fourth Degree Knights in our Council if you are interested.

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.net. At the bottom of the membership page click on the Word icon.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 29 K of C Free Throw Contest at St. Brendan auditorium beginning at 6:0pm.

- Feb. 10 Program meeting at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex.

- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday. Check the Mass schedule.

- Feb. 20 Annual St. Brendan's Men's Retreat. Check the article in the newsletter for time and place.

- Feb. 20 District 41 Free Throw contest at 7:00pm at St. Brendan.

- Feb. 24 Membership Meeting at 7:00pm in Wellnitz Hall.

- Feb. 27 Regional Free Throw contest at Bishop Ready High School.

- Feb. 28 2nd and 3rd Degree at St. Andrews Bryce Eck Center. See article in newsletter about time.

- Mar. 1 First degree at St. Brigid of Kildare.

- Mar. 3 Annual Men's Conference at the Lausche Building in the Ohio State Expo Center from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

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Mar. 10 Program Meeting at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria annex.

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

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.net

DEGREE SCHEDULE

FIRST DEGREE: 2-1-2010 at St. Joan of Arc

3-1-2010 at St. Brigid 3-24-2010 at St. Brendan

SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE:

The next 2nd and 3rd degree will be on February 28th, 2010, at St. Andrews Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road. The Degree will start at 12:00 noon and should be over by 5:00pm which includes a dinner. We will car pool from St. Brendan. Contact Sean Stone at 487-1362 (H) or 419-7207 (cell) if you are able to attend.

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. We currently have 81 of our 187 members who need to take their 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following Brother Knights have a Birthday in February.

Wayne Lichwa	Feb. 1
Julio Cruz	Feb. 5
Boyd Bowling	Feb. 5
John Seehorst	Feb. 8
Fred Clem	Feb. 9
Steve O'Brien	Feb. 10
Fred Kierner	Feb. 12

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Mike Gagel Feb. 13

Paul Hemmer Feb. 14

James Scott Jr. Feb. 14

Mike Heffernan Feb. 14

Jim York Feb. 25

Fred Kerner Feb. 26

Mike Riggs Feb. 29

Please wish these Brother Knights a Happy Birthday.

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