



Knights News

Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

January 2010

A Word from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

A farewell to and celebration of our beloved brother Denny Mackewicz was held this month simultaneous with a birthday celebration for Jesus (Christmas for Kids). Friends and loved ones gathered in the presence of the Lord at both events to share every good thing that the Knights represent...an exemplary time indeed.

The Turkey Raffle this year was the best ever. A blanket larger than the parish would be needed to cover all the thanks that are due. The blessings that come from putting on such events and holding them are only exceeded by their resulting blessings. The raffle benefits three \$500 scholarships to students attending St. Peter's school. In addition, this year's raffle will contribute for the first time over \$2,000 to our other charities and general fund. Congratulations to Jerry Diederich and his "Team Turkey Raffle" for facilitating so many blessings.

Our Isabellas are sweet, beautiful ladies that work behind the scenes to make so many things happen. This group has grown from great seed to be sure! Ladies, join the Isabellas in their worthy endeavors. Thank you: ladies-all.

Our new Squires group has now reached sufficient mass to schedule their investment. These young men are planning a "Snow Fest" on Jan. 2nd, 2010 at noon with the intent to expand membership and develop fellowship. The location will most likely be at South Central Park if snow is on the ground; hot chocolate, snacks, and Santa Claus 3 will be at the Parish Center. Boys 10 to 18 interested in learning more about the Squires and their fathers are welcome.

I pray to see you all and in great spirits at the Christmas Party this Saturday

Merry Christmas,

Ted Lapponi, GK

Calendar of Events

12/25/09	Christmas Day
1/10/10	1 st & 2 nd exemplification Garfield Hts
1/21/10	1 st degree exemplification @ St Peter
1/31/10	3 rd Degree exemp @ Garfield Hts
2/13/10	Council 7970 is planning a Valentine's Day Ball
2/18/10	1 st degree exemplification @ St Peter
Feb 20 & 21, 2010	Two Day Men's Renewal – St Julie Billiard
Mar/Apr 2010	92 nd Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament – Toledo, OH
3/22/10	1 st & 2 nd Degrees Wadsworth, OH
3/28/10	Pancake breakfast
4/9-11/10	4 th degree exemplification
6/17/10	1 st Degree exemplification @ St Peter

Council Membership

187 Members 12-1-09

**** 12 New Members this year ****

Sign up a new member today!

Cross Necklace Sales

As a reminder please remember that John Pozzi is selling cross necklaces for \$5.00 a piece. With the sale of each necklace \$2.00 is donated to the council. Please consider the purchase of a necklace for yourself or a loved one. They are of exceptional quality and would make a great Christmas present. Feel free to contact John @ 440-476-9758.

Men's Renewal Announcement

“Come journey with Me” is the theme of the Men's Renewal sponsored by St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart. The renewal is a specific and proven period for personal growth in prayer, scripture, and sharing. Hold Saturday and Sunday, February 20th and 21st, 2010 open for further consideration. Contact Mike Fagan at 440-327-7908 or Fred Awad at 216-322-2197 with any questions or for registration information.

Catholic Employment Network

Are you considering changing jobs or even looking for work on a new career path? Please consider looking into the Catholic Employment Network. For additional detail regarding the program and the benefits of the network please contact Jim Nolan.

Grand Knight & Officer Training

Are you interested in taking a more active role in your K of C council? If you have ever considered looking in to becoming an officer within the council or plan to one day become the Grand Knight? This training is meant to provide prospective candidates for these roles an understanding of the protocol and requirements for these positions.

Please check the state website for upcoming classes and scheduled times. www.kofcoho.org

Shining Armor Award

Brothers, if you have not yet received your Shining Armor Award please know that there is still time.

The requirements are:

- Attend 3 Business Meetings
- Assist with 3 Council Activities
- Meet with the Insurance Agent
- Make your 3rd Degree
- Recruit a New Member

Get your Shining Armor Award today!!!!

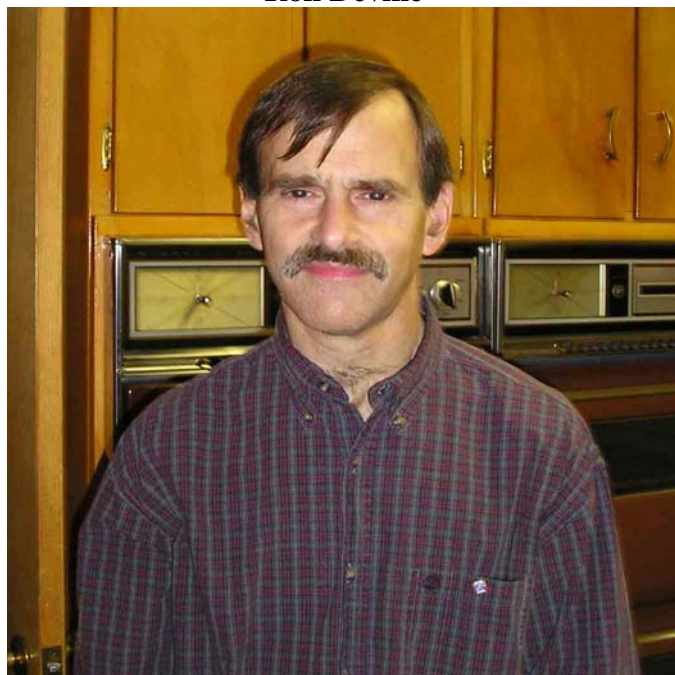
If you have any questions please contact Chris Nagel @ 440-666-1395

New Vests Available

Former Grand Knight SK Andy Rak has new KofC Vests available for purchase. Price is \$25.

Newest Member – 11/19/09

Ron Devine



Welcome to the Knights Ron!!!

Deputy Grand Knight Note

Brothers,

The holiday season has always been a time of great celebration and reflection for me. As we spend time with loved ones and celebrate the season, as a council, we can look back at the year and feel very good about all the good works and successes we had last year. Membership continues to grow each and every month and as we enter the New Year it looks as if we will continue that trend of bringing in new members and reach the 200 member mark in 2010. This is a direct reflection of your works in talking to new prospects. I encourage you to keep that up during the holiday season. What better gift to give someone than the give of membership in our honored Order. Our programs continue to be strong and prosperous for our council. There is simply not an area of our programs that we are weak in and this strength is a direct reflection of your dedication and commitment to our Order's principles and values. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to standing by you, my Brother Knights, and continuing our good works in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Chris Nagel

Council Christmas Party

A great time was had by all this year at our annual Christmas party. Please enjoy these pictures from the event. A full album of pictures from the event can be viewed at the council website which is: www.kofccouncil7970.org Thanks to Bill Daw for his tireless work in capturing and publishing the memories of these events.



Rosaries on CD

For any council brother who wishes to receive a copy of the singing rosary on CD please be sure to send an E-mail to Stgarz3@aol.com.

The CDs will include all four mysteries of the rosary set to music and singing. You are encouraged to request as many copies as necessary to distribute amongst your loved ones.

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**YOUR BEST FRIEND WOULD
MAKE A GREAT KNIGHT OF
COLUMBUS – PLEASE
INVITE HIM TO JOIN
TODAY**

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New Council Website

If you have not already done so, please be sure to take a look at the new council website. You will find it at www.kofccouncil7970.org

Brother Bill Daw has spent many hours pulling together all of the detail for the site and has done a fantastic job. At the site you will find council events, membership, newsletters, and many more items of interest.

Thank you for all your hard work Bill!!!!

Isabella Ladies

The North Ridgeville Isabellas are active in projects for local nursing homes and helping with various charitable causes such as supplying children with needed school supplies, or expecting mothers with baby care kits, and raising funds for the local Birthright organizations.

Please be sure to recognize the Isabella Ladies for all the great work they do in the community.



Highlights from the Children's Christmas Party

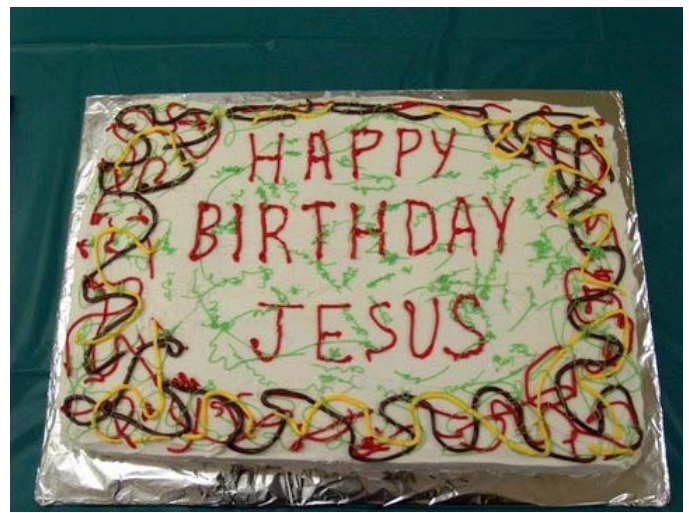
This year our council put on a Christmas party for the children of the council that included all kinds of events and activities. Santa, St. Nicholas, a magician, and a caroling sing along kept the children smiling all day long. Not only did the kids and adults have a great time, but local families benefited from the gifts donated by all the children in attendance. Thank you again to all that contributed. Words can't express our thanks enough for the joy and lasting memories shared at the event. Our website contains additional pictures from the event.



St. Nicholas was on hand to help the children celebrate the holiday spirit. Songs were song and the kids had a great time.



The children were entranced by the magic show at the party.



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Insurance Goals

Way to go council 7970 – this year we had 4 new insurance members sign up! Fr Michael J. McGivney's work and dream continues to be realized through your efforts.

Second Degree Certification

In case you haven't already heard our council's second degree team, 7970, was recently certified!! Thanks to all brothers that worked so hard to memorize lines and do such a fantastic job at the certification. A plan for scheduling the exemplifications is in the works and will be distributed when complete. A sincere thanks to our DD Brother George Metz for his guidance and support during this process.



Knight of the Month

November Knight of the month: Rob Bronish
December Knight of the month: Mike Malinas

Bus Trip to Mountaineer

AIDEN BENEFIT CASINO TRIP TO
MOUNTAINEER PARK CASINO

When: Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Cost: \$30.00 **Casino Bonus** \$25.00

Deadline to Register: Jan. 16, 2010

Call Nick Modock 440-327-1255 for reservation.

Make check payable to: K of C Council 7970

Send checks to:

K of C Council

5795 Tree Moss Lane

North Ridgeville, OH 44039 Thanks,

Nick Modock

Please Remember Our Brothers Who Were Called Home In 2009



John Mahl

Dennis Mackewicz

Henry Jalowiec

Keep Christ in Christmas

Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser was a GREAT success. We sold 200 magnets @ \$5.00 each. We gave each parish \$250.00 for 2 needy families in each parish and \$250.00 to the squires to help them get started. Please be sure to give a pat on the back to the brothers who led this effort. Brothers Dale Grimes, Gene Barto, & Al and Chris Maksalan were the driving force behind this project. Thank you for your time dedicated to making this a successful project.



Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Julie Billiard Church

Wed.

Rosary, 7:30

Thurs., Christmas Eve

Children's Play, 4:30 p.m.

Family Mass, 5:00 p.m.

Music, 9:30 p.m.

Mass, 10:00 p.m.

Fri., Christmas Day

9:00 & 10:30 Mass

Sun.

No PSR

Singing Angels, 3:00 p.m.



Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Peter Church

Christmas Vigil Masses, Thursday, December 24, 2009:

4:00 p.m. (Gym), 4:00 p.m. (Church - Children's Mass), 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses, Friday, December 25, 2009:

6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

Council 7970 Officers for 2009-2010

Grand Knight – Ted Lapponi
Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Nagel
Chaplain – Fr. Gonser
Chancellor and Chairman of the Admissions
Committee – Bill Price
Warden – Pete Fera
Recorder – Ed Knoblauch
Treasurer – Dennis Mackiewicz
Financial Secretary – Jerry Tomasheski
Outside Guard – Gary Crone Jr.
Inside Guard – Nick Modock
Advocate – Gary Klemens
3 year Trustee – Andy Rak
1 year Trustee – Ted Stearns
2 year Trustee – John Pohorence
Lecturer – Paul Franz
Vocations – Gary Klemens

Retention Chairman – Brent Sisson

Program Director: Chris Nagel, his Directors are:
Church Program Director: Dale Grimes,
Assist: Gary Klemens
Community Program Director: Mark
Moreschi, Assist: Robert Batt

Council Program Director: John Pozzi
Family Program Director: Steve Garapic
Youth Program Director: Paul Franz, Assist:
Chris Makselan
Membership Program Director: Chris Nagel,
Assist: Brent Sisson

Awards Director – PGK Andy Rak

Squires Chief Counselor - Br. Al Makselan

Needed:
Public Relations

Recruitment committee (Suggestions
include: Jeremy Foster, Glen Lamolinara,
Sean Van Dyke, Ted Shaft, Gary Gillespie,
Lou Gaeta)

Lots of new members, new activities, and
God's blessings....

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May God Continue to Bless The United States of America

Brothers Knights, to all of you, your families, and loved ones at this special time of the year from Council 7970 we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous 2010. May nothing stand between you and your goals in the New Year. God bless!

