



# Knights News

## Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

July 2010

### A Word from the Grand Knight

Brothers,

It is with humility and appreciation that I begin to write my first column for the newsletter as Grand Knight. I did not realize that joining the Knights of Columbus a few years ago that I would become as involved as I am in this organization. I felt that I simply did not have the time, but would try it. I believe in what this organization stands for and what they deliver to the parishes and communities it supports. My goal as Grand Knight is to nurture those core values in our part of the world at St. Peter's and St. Julie's parishes.

Many have asked me about what my vision is for the council, so I thought it would be appropriate to outline what I have been thinking, reflecting and praying about. I have selected a theme for this Columbian year and it should be familiar with all of us, as it is the cornerstone of our Order, CHARITY. Charity is the path that I seek for our council this year and allow me to spell out how this path is paved.

**The "C" is for Christ:** As Catholic men we must resonate a sense of spirituality in all that we do in our organization and our lives. We are reminded to act Christ like in the work that we do throughout our lives.

**The "H" is for Helping.** Our service to others is what defines us. It is not only about the financial assistance we offer to others, but using the gifts and talents that God has blessed each of us with and offering them to others. This will lead us to a new level of charity in our organization.

**The "A" is for Advocacy.** We have no more important task than to serve as advocates for the Catholic Church, our faith, the religious, individuals with disabilities, the unborn and those in our society that need support. It is our duty to serve in this role.

**The "R" is for the Religious.** We should be "in solidarity" with our Bishops, Priests, Seminarians and all Vocations. There may be times when we disagree with certain things, but we must move beyond these times and stand united with them for the church. They deserve this from us.

**The "I" is for Integrity.** We must operate on all levels with the utmost integrity while being fiscally responsible and morally conscious in all that we do. When it might be easier to cut corners, be untruthful or deceitful we have the

responsibility to take the morally sound course no matter how tough it might be. We cannot waiver on this.

**The "T" is for Teamwork.** No one person can achieve what we have done or hope to do alone. We must continue to nurture the council community we have built and strive to add more support from existing members and new members alike. We are a brotherhood that stands beside each other while supporting in good times and tough.

**The "Y" is for Youth.** What we have done and what we will continue to do for our youth, especially our catholic youth will be critical to our future. We have an ethical responsibility to assist in the spiritual and moral development of our youth. We have done much with our youth, but we must do more. The Squires Circle will be the cornerstone for this activity.

So Brothers...there you have it. The path that I have chosen to take this year is CHARITY, the cornerstone of our order. Let the words that that make up charity's sweet name serve as the lanterns that illuminate the path that takes us on the journey we are about to experience together.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Chris Nagel

### Calendar of Events

7/15/10	1 <sup>st</sup> degree at St Peter
7/18/10	Officer installation 8am @ St. Peter
7/25/10	Family Picnic @ The Rak Farm
7/28/10	Casino Bus Trip
7/29-8/1/10	Annual State Family "Campout" – the Toledo Diocese
8/11/10	Fund Raiser @ Fiesta Jalapeno in NR
8/13-15/10	North Ridgeville Corn Festival
8/15/10	St. Peter Chicken BBQ
9/13/10	PGK dinner 7-9 PM
10/30/10	4 <sup>th</sup> degree (1 day) Garfield Heights, OH

## **Council Membership** **181 Active Members 7-1-10**

*Please consider asking a friend  
or family member to join today!*

### **Deputy Grand Knight Note**

Fellow Brothers it will be honor to serve you and work with each of you over the next few years to grow our council in both membership and fellowship through our brother knights, church and community. I'm proud to announce that Dale Grimes has accepted the position as Program Director and we are working to fill all the program spots in the next few weeks. Our goal is to get more members active in our council and our activities which will lead to new members and an even stronger council. Please participate in our council activities in the coming months, attend meetings and bring new members to our group. Let me leave you with this thought:

This is a story about four people:

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody knew that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody actually asked Anybody. Let our council be the group that grows through love of God, Church, family and fellowship and always ask Everybody, Somebody or Anybody for help, support and fellowship.

God Bless,  
DGK John Pozzi

### **Isabella News**

Please keep **Alyce Coon** on your prayer list. Alyce fell at home and is currently at Center Ridge Nursing Home, 38600 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Visiting hours are daily from 9 am to 9 pm.

Birth Right send their thanks to all who have donated. In the weeks and months to come they are in need of donations of baby oil & baby lotion. Please consider making a donation. Questions, call Joyce @ 327-4961.

### 2009-2010 Officers

President: Shelley Janesz  
Vice President: Jean Gaeta  
Treasurer: Marianne Pohorence  
Secretary: Christine Anderson



Special thanks to the Isabella Ladies Guild for all of their hard work!! May God bless you always! The Knights, our parishes, and our community wouldn't be the same without you and your efforts.

### **Council Shirt Orders**

Our council continues to take orders for apparel with the council's logo on it. Anyone interested in purchasing council shirts please send contact Mark Moreschi at [markmastergamer@aol.com](mailto:markmastergamer@aol.com) or @ 440-506-6743

**Charity is the act of love that binds us all together. Let us always think and act with love for our fellow man and woman.**

### **Council Awards**

Knight of the Month: Ted Sterns (April), John Barnes (May), & Gary Klemens/Ed Knoblauch (June)

May Family of the month: Chris & Jen Nagel  
July Family of the Month: Dale & Tiffany Grimes

1<sup>st</sup> degree certificate: Kevin Phillips (May)

VIP Club Award: Ted Laponi (2 new members)

Shining Armor Award: Jeremy Foster

Thank you Knights for your service to the council, church, and community.

## Thoughts from Our PGK

It is my pleasure to welcome in the new officers of North Ridgeville Council, 7970...welcome men. Brothers, you and I have teased these new guys about improving just by one position in the Ohio Overall standing; but I believe this Council under their devoted direction and enthusiasm has already started on their way to take home that most treasured trophy. Congratulations officers on your new elected positions!

My heartfelt thanks and my fondest blessings go out to all my officers, council members, and community people for making this year the success that it has been. I have had the best "experience of a lifetime" that I could have ever imagined making new friends and experiencing firsthand the results of our good works together. I look forward to continued fellowship with you all and the worthy activities we will make happen this year and into the future.

Vivat Jesus,

Ted Lapponi, PGK

## Knights in Action

Recently, a group of brother Knights from our council received word of family that needed some help with yard work. Through the efforts of our GK, Chris Nagel, a team of Knights showed up to assist with the effort. Thank you brothers for all the works of charity!! Here are some pictures from the day of work.



## Prayers and Special Intentions

If there is someone you know of whether it is a friend, family member, or acquaintance that is in need of prayers please send an E-mail to [stgarz3@aol.com](mailto:stgarz3@aol.com) . An E-mail will be sent to the council as they are received.

As of the printing of this newsletter, please remember in your prayers: Carolyn Batt and the entire Batt Family, Jane Nagel, Gary Gillespie, The Caruso Family, Diane Modock, Bill & Andrea Daw and Adelaine Daw and for the entire Klemens Family. For those in our council and their loved ones who are undergoing stressful and trying times, and for all those serving our country.

## Praying of the Rosary

Brothers, discussions have begun to form a permanent group of brother Knights who will respond to any call in the community for any person or family that is requesting that the rosary be prayed on behalf of a loved one or person in need.

If you would like to be on the team please send an E-mail to [stgarz3@aol.com](mailto:stgarz3@aol.com) and I will see to it that it gets to the appropriate people. Also, if you know of anyone that would like to have the Knights show up to pray with their friends or family please be sure to let us know as well.

## Fund Raiser News

Brothers, don't forget about the fund raising event at Fiesta Jalapenos on Center Ridge Rd in North Ridgeville on 8/11/10 from 10 AM to close. A portion of all dollars spent by those carrying the flyer or identifying themselves as supporting the council will be donated to our council 7970. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our council to share in some fellowship while raising some funds in support of future activities. A special thanks to Dale Grimes for his tireless work in supporting the council with these efforts!!

## Casino Bus Trip

As a reminder, there will be a bus trip to Mountaineer Casino on Wed 7/28/10 to support the Holly Banner Scholarship Fund. For additional information please contact S.K. Nick Modock at North Ridge Tours @ 440-327-1255.



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## Quotes & Inspiration

In the last edition we stated to section as a way to share positive thoughts and messages with each other. It is my sincerest hope that you enjoy this latest selection. I recently learned of an author who lived in late 1800s and into the early 1900s and who is considered by some to be the founder of the self-improvement movement. His name was Orison Swett Marden. I encourage everyone to read some of his books if you can locate them at the library. For this edition of the newsletter I wanted to share a passage with you from one of his books:

“A man whose purpose is backed up by a superb faith & lofty ambitions, so that he finds neither comfort, rest, nor satisfaction until he is successful, will perform miracles, no matter what circumstances may conspire to hinder him.” OSM

## Parish Picnic

On 6/27/10, St. Peter Parish held their annual Parish Picnic. We were blessed with a wonderful day on which to share in fellowship with the families of our community. The Knights were on hand to setup, tear down, and cook meals on the grill. Thanks to all families who were able to attend and for sharing in a side dish or dessert with those in attendance and to Fr. Bob for coordinating this wonderful event.



## **Congratulations Council 7970!!**

Congratulations to all members of council 7970 and the families that support these men. At this year's 111<sup>th</sup> Annual K of C Ohio Convention our council was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the entire state. What a true honor it is to be recognized in this manner. To our PGK Ted Lapponi, PDGK Chris Nagel and all the officers and men that have guided this council over the years we thank and congratulate you. Your good works is a blessing to all those you encounter.

## **Meet the Officers**

We set out to ask all the new officers for a picture and some inspirational words for the council. This will be a process completed over the next several editions of the newsletter. For anyone not able to attend meetings or events on a regular basis we hope that this information will help you to connect more with the council. Please look for this detail starting in next month's edition.

## **Family News**

At the end of June, there was a family in our midst that celebrated a birthday and an anniversary on the same date. We are pleased to announce that Jean & Lou Gaeta celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last month and on the very same day, Jean celebrated her birthday. Please join me in a belated wish of health, happiness, and prosperity to them both all the days of their lives.



## **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all Knights and their families!  
And to all active and retired members of our Armed

Forces we owe you an eternal debt of gratitude. It is through your efforts that allow us be free and to live in the greatest nation in the world.



## **Council 7970 Officers for 2010**

Grand Knight – Chris Nagel  
Deputy Grand Knight – John Pozzi  
Chaplain – Fr. Gonser  
Chancellor – Gary Klemens  
Warden – Brent Sisson  
Recorder – Vince Farrell  
Treasurer – Gary Crone Jr.  
Financial Secretary – Jerry Tomasheski  
Outside Guard – Tom Banner  
Inside Guard – Nick Modock  
Advocate – Herb Sill  
3 year Trustee – Ted Lapponi  
2 year Trustee – Andy Rak  
1 year Trustee – John Pohorence  
Lecturer – John Barnes  
Pro Life – Ted Lapponi  
Health Services – Roger Anderson  
Public Relations – Newsletter Editor in Chief Steve Garapic  
Columbian Squires – Al Makselan  
Insurance Promotion – Tom DeChant

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