



# Knights News

## Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

March 2010

### A Word from the Grand Knight

April's general meeting falls on Good Thursday and must be changed. We are looking at the following Wednesday, but that must be cleared with St. Peters on short notice – get in touch with an officer or watch your e-mail for further info.

Congratulations go out the Knights contacted to help with "Operation Refrigerator", who provided a new refrigerator and four hundred dollars to stock it for a needed family. There was no need to ask the whole council for donations as \$50 donations as well as physical help was in abundance (John 10:10); just another Council 7970 miracle!

Our Squires Investiture was Sunday; the ceremony was put on by the State Investiture Team. This worthy effort was a year in the making and now is destined to produce results far reaching in the lives of those ten young men accepting the challenge. Thanks go out to the Chief Councilor, Al Makselan, his staff of Councilors, and especially our founding young Brother Squires – dedicated to: wisdom, justice, and truth.

Br. Herb Sill accepted my invitation with arms wide open to help us with the audit; Br. Herb is a Government Auditor and a welcome addition to our team. Thank you, Br. Herb, for making the audit a success.

The Knights opened St. Julies Family Room for Super Bowl 44 to the parishes of St. Julie and St. Peter. Beer, food, fellowship, and a good time were had by those in attendance.

The Super Cash Bonanza Charity Campaign tickets are out, we need a chairman and a co-chairman would be nice as Br. Pohorence will not be in Ohio to fill the position this year. This is a big fund raiser for our council and requires a strong commitment; if you feel up to it, please let me or any officer know. I have the tickets, a couple of

posters, and two instructions booklets for those of you wishing to make this a success for the Council.

I have asked PGK Andy Rak to start lining-up candidates for office positions, and he is already taking nominations, now is the time to throw your hat in the ring.

Brothers, if you want to know what is happening behind the scenes in the council, you got to get to an Officer's Meeting (held monthly, on the Tuesday's at 7:00PM before the General Council Meeting at St. Peter's Parish Center).

Vivat Jesus

Ted Lapponi, GK

### Calendar of Events

3/18/10	1st Degree at St Peter
3/22/10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degrees Wadsworth, OH
3/22/10 & 3/23/10	Lighten Up – Celebrating Faith and Family @ St. Julie Billiard
3/28/10	Pancake breakfast at St Peter
4/9-11/10	4th degree exemplification
4/15/10	1 <sup>st</sup> degree at St Peter
4/18/10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degrees at St. Julie Billiard
5/20/10	1 <sup>st</sup> degree at St Peter
6/17/10	1 <sup>st</sup> degree at St Peter

### Council Membership

**187 Active Members 3-1-10**

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

## Knights Deliver 100,000 Prayer Books

Knights of Columbus, including Military Affairs Director Charles Gallina and DC area college Knights, delivered a shipment of an additional 100,000 copies of the Order's prayer book for those serving in the American military on Saturday, January 30. This latest printing of *Armed With The Faith: A Catholic Handbook for Military Personnel* brings the total number printed and donated since 2003 to half a million copies. The version provided to members of the armed forces are spiral bound, printed on special coated stock, and are sized to fit in the pockets of uniforms worn in the field. Another version, printed on regular paper, is offered through the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service to the families of service members. Last year, the Knights of Columbus also produced *Armour of Faith: A Catholic Handbook for Canadian Military Personnel*, and 30,000 of that version have been printed and distributed for Canadian soldiers.



## Isabella News

The Isabella ladies have voted on a new logo for their group. Please see at the top of page 3 of the newsletter. The ladies will be putting together a shirt order soon.

The ladies will be assembling multiple baskets with various themes to raffle off at the Pancake Breakfast.

## Catholic Men's Conference

The Bishop has asked all parishes to consider having a number of men attend the annual Men's Conference in Akron, March 20. WE would be pleased if you were free and could attend. With 10 attending the parish gets a discount and will pay for the trip. **PLEASE reply back** if you can come. We will leave early from the church in the church van plus a car or two. See the write up on this link. Invite others from the parish as part of our effort in evangelism for the Lord. Let me know so we can register your information ahead of us going. I will provide more departure information as the date comes closer to attend.

### The Annual Catholic Men's Conference "ANSWER THE CALL"

<http://www.cmfneo.com/conference2010.asp>

## Cross Necklace Sales

As a reminder please remember that John Pozzi is selling cross necklaces for \$5.00 each. With the sale of each necklace \$2.00 is donated to the council. Feel free to contact John @ 440-476-9758

## Deputy Grand Knight Note

Brothers,

For my write-up this month I want to simply share a quote I came across while preparing for the Scout's Blue and Gold banquet this year. It is from Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. I thought its sentiment fits well the Knights of Columbus and what we are about. I hope you enjoy reading and thinking about it's meaning to you.

"I often think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size: some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good."



## 2009-2010 Officers

President: Shelley Janesz

Vice President: Jean Gaeta

Treasurer: Marianne Pohorence

Secretary: Christine Anderson



## K of C Coin Sales

Brother Gary Klemens has K of C Coins to sell. If interested please contact him @ 216-536-1229.

## District Free Throws

Council 7970 local Free Throw had another successful competition with 104 participants shooting in this year contest with the help of Pam Nolan. This year's council winners are:

Age 10 Olivia Walters and David Priebe

Age 11 Kendall Willard and Jonathon Schroeder

Age 12 Kristen Konno and Jeremy Kelling

Age 13 Carina Garduno and Zack Konno

Age 14 Kristina Robertson and Casey Izzo

The District Free Throw took place on Saturday February 6th, 2010. Unfortunately the weather was poor due to a heavy snowfall and only 5 of our local winners were able to compete at the District Free Throw. Fortunately two of our local winners won their District competition and will be advancing to the Regional contest to be held on Sunday February 28th at 7:45AM at St Joe's in Avon lake. The winners were Olivia Walters and Kristen Konno.

Brother Jim Foster PGK  
Free Throw Chairman

## Cleveland Liver Life Walk

Brothers, please see the below message from our brother Knight Jeff Diederich.

Below is a link to the Cleveland Liver Life walk. As you and my fellow brothers are aware, my son Aidan is a liver transplant recipient. His survival story is nothing less than a miracle and a testament to a family's love and community support. This event generates money for the American liver Foundation, which channels its efforts to research and treatment of liver disease as well as support for those families stricken with this terrible situation. I would like to request the presence of as many 7970 members and their family's to join Aidan, and the rest of my family, to this event. The council can join Aidan's team as individuals through the website, or a corporate/group sponsor option is available. To join Aidan's team visit:

[http://go.liverfoundation.org/site/TR/LiverLifeWalk2010/LiverLifeWalk/125843272?pg=team&fr\\_id=1800&team\\_id=17720](http://go.liverfoundation.org/site/TR/LiverLifeWalk2010/LiverLifeWalk/125843272?pg=team&fr_id=1800&team_id=17720)

The group sponsor program affords a sponsor table for advocating to the hundreds of people that attend. I am not sure on the details, but can get that information if there is an interest. Could you help me spread the word to the rest of the council? Thanks so much.

Jeff Diederich

God Bless this Republic

[http://go.liverfoundation.org/site/TR/LiverLifeWalk2010/LiverLifeWalk?fr\\_id=1800&pg=entry](http://go.liverfoundation.org/site/TR/LiverLifeWalk2010/LiverLifeWalk?fr_id=1800&pg=entry)

## Council Shirt Orders

Anyone interested in purchasing council shirts please send form & check to SSJ Marketing at 5751 West Breezeway Drive, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039. Please note that payment needs to be made up front as the new vendor has this requirement. If you have any questions feel free to contact John Pozzi at the meetings or at 440-476-9758.

**The basic principle of our order is  
Charity. The greatest of all  
virtues and the crowning glory of  
a Christian life**

## Eagle Presentation

Brothers,

The following is a summary of the bald eagles at Rt 83 & Center Ridge. The attached docs and picture of Lou, Jim, and Deacon Don will inspire all for certain.

A fellow Knight and friend of ours from St. Pete's, Jim Gundlach, is a commercial artist by trade. He has a "hobby," so to speak, of eagle watching and has come up with a sculpture of a bald eagle. (*see PDF titled Bald Eagle Sculpture*) One of the first ones he made he donated to and is on display at the Magee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge near Toledo. That one, and most of his early ones, are made of metal but he has since redesigned them and is making them out of plastic to bring down the cost (from around \$4,000 to just over \$300/per) because of a project that he is attempting to get off the ground.

The project is the development of a non-profit organization set up to honor the nearly 200 Ohioans who have lost their lives while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has divided the state of Ohio into grids, I believe 10 or more, and wants to place a monument within each grid to honor those who have given their lives while serving over there. These monuments will be made of a metal, diamond shaped base that will have one of his eagle sculptures on top. They will bear the names of the fallen soldiers who were from within the area of each particular grid and they will have the ability to be, unfortunately, updated if needed. The plan is to place the monuments along the major travel routes that criss-cross the state in order to form a "corridor" that people could easily follow, if they so desired, to visit each monument. The project is titled "*Eagles Across Ohio.*"

The PDF titled (*Tribute*) is a project he came up with to honor those who are presently serving in the U.S. Military in Iraq & Afghanistan, especially those from the surrounding North Ridgeville community. At his own expense, he erected this temporary display in the middle of the town at North Ridgeville's main intersection of S.R. 83 and Center Ridge Rd. It is only temporary because it's on land owned by the city and he was told that it had to be removed by April, not sure why. He is

currently searching for another, highly visible, permanent sight to which he can move his display when the time comes.



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## January Awards

PGK ribbons awarded to: Ted Stearns, Jerry Diederich, and Andy Rak

Honorary Life Membership went to John Pohorence, Bob Fritz, and Henry Jalowiec (deceased)

Family of the month: Jerry and Jo Ann Tomasheski

Knight of the month: Jack Nunney

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

## A Night to "Lighten Up"

Please set aside March 22 & 23 to attend "Lighten Up" with Doug Brummel at St. Julie Billiard Church. This is a wise and witty celebration of faith and family that will prove to be enjoyable for all ages.

## Knights in Action

Recently, our council took the initiative to help a local family in need that was without a working refrigerator. When word got out a group quickly formed to assist the family in need. Led by DGK Chris Nagel, Knights far and wide donated money, time, delivery services, and much needed prayers. In addition to the purchase of the refrigerator the council was able, also, to purchase some gift cards for groceries for the family to fill their new

refrigerator. The feedback from the family was simply overwhelming. Thank you brother Chris (DGK) for your tireless work with this effort and to all who helped.

The council would also like to extend a sincere thanks to Stewart's Appliance who worked with the Knights to ensure we were able to purchase a new refrigerator for the family. As a show of thanks to Stewart's I would like to encourage anyone considering the purchase of a new appliance to consider shopping at Stewart's. They are located at: 468 Cleveland Street, Elyria, OH 44035-4091 Telephone: (440) 365-7321

[www.stewartappliance.com](http://www.stewartappliance.com)

## 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.

## 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.

## St Peter's Night at the Races

St Peter will be having its annual Night at the Races on Saturday April 10, 2010 @ 6 PM. For additional information on ordering tickets or sponsoring a horse please contact Melissa Striker at 440-552-2718 or E-mail her at: [simplymelissa@oh.rr.com](mailto:simplymelissa@oh.rr.com)

## Council 7970 Officers for 2010

Grand Knight – Ted Lapponi

Deputy Grand Knight – Chris Nagel

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