



Knights News

Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

March 2011

A Word from the Grand Knight

Brothers,

I recently attended a Diocesan Meeting for the Knights of Columbus and walked away with quite a bit of information on programs, membership, financial items and the list goes on and on.

However, the biggest impact on me was something that a good friend of our council, State Advocate, Robert Collins said. He said....."**Find a Way!!!**"

That made such an impact on me that I wanted to share with you my thoughts around this. We have accomplished so much this year brothers and I am appreciative of everything you contribute to the Knights and our council. We have accomplished this because we **Found a Way!!!** How do we continue to **find a way** and help those we serve to an even greater degree? There are still opportunities this year for us to continue to be the trailblazers and find new ways to excel.

March we will be conducting a *Membership Blitz*.....

Can you **find a way** to recruit a friend or family member this month and introduce them to the Knights?

Our *Charity Ticket* sales have begun.....

Can we, as a council, **find a way** to sell all 1000 tickets we were given?

The *Measure Up Campaign* is right around the corner.....

Can we **find a way** to raise more donations to support the Lucy Idol House?

We are blazing a trail this year in our programs, we are financially strong, and our charitable donations are up almost 50% from last year. We have **found a way** this year brothers, so thank you. March and April find us in the midst of the Membership Blitz,

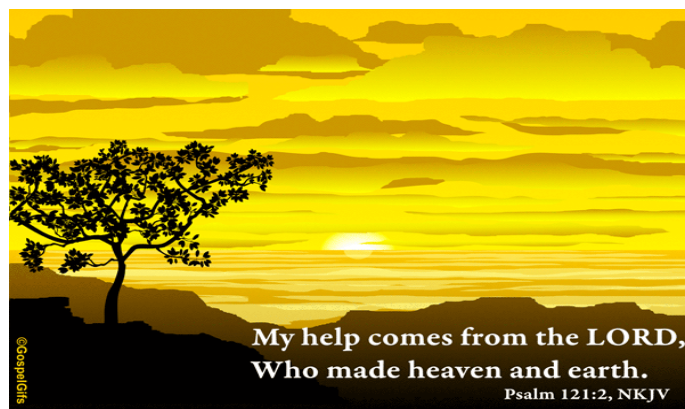
Charity Tickets, Fish Fry, Pancake Breakfast, 24 Hour Rosary and the Measure Up Campaign. There are many opportunities for you to **find a way to get involved!!!**

GK Chris Nagel

Calendar of Events

3/17/11	First degree exemplification – St. Peter
3/20/11	First day of Spring 2011
3/25/11	Day of Prayer for the Unborn – St Peter
3/27/11	1 st & 2 nd degree exemp – St. Julies
4/7/11	Council meeting at St Peter
4/8/11	4 th degree exemp in Beachwood
4/21/11	1 st degree exemp – St. Julies

Council Membership 190 Active Members 3-1-11



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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27 New International Version

Deputy Grand Knight Note

Brothers,

2010 and early 2011 for council 7970 have been amazing. We have been blessed with amazing support internally and externally. Prayers have been answered and many needs of the churches, charities and communities we support have benefited. I ask each and every one of our Brother Knights to continue to pray and ask for support of our council and all in need. Everyday I hear of another family struggling to feed their family or make house payments. I hear of small and large business owners struggling to make payroll. We as brother knights have a second family that helps one another through these times. In many cases it is prayer that is helping and in many cases our brother knights will never stand up and say I need help. So in the year 2011 add council 7970 to your prayer list as the power of prayer will help each of us in one way or another.

Some of us may think our prayers are awkward or our attempts are feeble. But remember the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. Ralph Emerson, the 20th century American philosopher, described man as the "ever-losing winner". We tend to measure God's blessings on the basis of how many of our prayers have been answered - we compare what we sought with what we got. We do not often get what we prayed for. Then we accuse God of being unkind. Subsequently, we discover later that whatever happened was in fact for the good. The 'bad' event turns out to be a blessing in disguise.

So pray for all in need and the power of our prayers will prevail,

God Bless
DGK John Pozzi

2010 Pancake Breakfast

One of our council's annual fund raisers is the pancake breakfast put on by our council on Palm Sunday April 17th from 8am to noon. Once again this year we will be setting up on Saturday April 16th around 11am and then will be running two shifts on April 17th. One shift from 6:30am to 10am and a second shift from 10am to 1pm. We will need help in setting up and prepping on Saturday and

kitchen, serving, selling tickets, 50/50 raffle and clean-up on Sunday. If you or your family can support us in this event please let DGK John Pozzi at jpozzi@yahoo.com or by phone at 440-476-9753.

Quotes & Inspiration

This month I wanted to share a quote from Dr. David Schwartz from his book The Magic of Thinking Big. "Use action to cure fear and gain confidence. To fight fear, act. To increase fear - wait, put off, postpone."

May God bless you as you strive in every endeavor in life!

Knight At The Races

January 29th was our council's 1st Annual "Knight at the Races" and by all accounts it went off very successfully. The 224 attendees all looked like they had a wonderful time supporting the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and the charities that we serve. Tom's Country Place provided an elegant venue and world class food while there were many opportunities to win some great prizes and fortune.

There are too many names to mention that helped make this a reality, so thank you to everyone who assisted. A special thank you to Melissa Striker, Rita Price, Christy Garapic and Jennifer Nagel for the many hours they put in to make this event a success.

After all was said and done we brought a profit back to the council of a little over \$6,500. So the real winners that night are the many charities that Council 7970 serves. We have already received many comments on the date of the event next year so stay tuned for the post time and date for 2012!!!

Free Throw Competition

Our council had four participants from our local free throw contest compete at the next level of the free throw competition which was held on Saturday, February 5th, at 6:30pm at St Ambrose Church in Brunswick, Ohio. The participants had to battle a minor snow storm to get there but despite the poor weather, all four of our shooters represented council 7970 very well. Some of our winners were not able to attend the competition due to the weather and due to a last minute injury to Kristen Konno. three of the four shooters will move onto the district free throw competition on Sunday, February 27th at 7:30am. The results of our players is: Madeline

Knoth, Age 10, 1st place Brittany Bucci, Age 11, 1st place Nolan Corcoran, Age 10, 1st place Noah Griffiths, Age 14, 2nd place (Noah is one of our Columbian Squires) Our competitors ranged from age 10 to 14 and we had a total of 101 boys and girls compete. There were (18) 10 year old's, (30) 11 year old's, (24) 12 year old's, (23) 13 year old's, and (6) 14 years old's.

2010 Fish Fry

Once again our council will be working with St. Peter church and other organizations to put on the annual fish fry during lent. The Fish Fry is every Friday starting March 11th and running through April 15th. Due to the weekly addition of shrimp we will be in need of additional help both in the kitchen and on the serving line. In addition the Spring 4th degree exemplification falls on Friday April 8th. We will need additional support on this Friday as many of the regular support staff will be at the exemplification. If you can support us for one or more evenings please contact Robert Solomon or John Pozzi with the date and time period you are available or fill out the help form in the St Peter Bulletin and drop it in the collection basket or drop off at the parish center.

God Bless
Robert and John

Quarterly Communion

Arrangements have been made for the next Quarterly Communion. Details as follows:

When: Sunday March 20th 10AM Mass
Where: St Peter's

There will be a 4th Degree turnout for the Mass Following Mass we will meet at 11:30 at the Asian World Buffet (Old Ponderosa on Center Ridge Road).

Day of Prayer for the Unborn

We are inviting all Knights and families to join us in the recitation of the rosary on Friday March 25, 2011 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's church. This day is being set aside for prayer in honor of all unborn children. Please be sure to bring your families to join us for the praying of the rosary as we would love to fill the church on this evening.

Membership Blitz Info

Brothers,

The month of March is a very important month for us. It is our main Membership Blitz. This is the time to reach out to friends, neighbors etc to join our Council. I ask you to reach out and recruit a new member. I also need help in handing out literature at the weekend masses at St Peter and St Julie, (if you can help at the masses, please contact me at 216-536-1229, or email me at gary.klemens@hp.com). I also need brothers to make pulpit announcements. If you can help, please feel free to contact me.

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