



# Knights News

## Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

May 2011

### A Word from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As I write the message for the Grand Knight column this month I simply want it to be a simple and short message of tremendous **appreciation**. All the programs, events, honoree nominations, etc. have been submitted and we will be ending the fraternal year in the next several weeks. As I reflect on what our council has accomplished over the last year it is a remarkable story. I plan to talk more about these highlights at the May council meeting, but we have had a year to remember.

The sweat, dedication and sacrifices that you have demonstrated in the name of charity and the dream of the Venerable Father Michael J McGiveney has made a difference in the parishes we serve, the community we live and the families of the Knights we call Brothers.

This work cannot go without a thank you to our families as well. It is understood that some of the work we do takes us away from our families at times and many also help in numerous ways throughout the year. Please express our appreciation to them as well.

We are upon the Easter season and the rising of Jesus Christ, who gives us strength and an example for us to follow. I want to wish all of you a blessed Easter and a sincere thank you for an outstanding year. As you relish in the spring weather, I ask that you reflect on the good this council has done for so many and think about this quote from Margaret Mead:

**"I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings."**

Brothers.....using that as a measuring stick, we have had a successful year and it is because of **you!!!**  
Thank You!!!  
GK Chris Nagel

### Calendar of Events

5/5/11	7970 Council meeting – St. Julies
5/14-15/11	24 hour rosary
5/18/11	Final turn in for Cash Bonanza
5/19/11	1 <sup>st</sup> degree at St Peter
5/27-29/11	State Convention in Columbus, OH
6/2/11	7970 Council meeting – St Peter
6/12/11	Pentecost

### Council Membership 194 Active Members 5-1-11



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

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Matthew 28: 5-7  
New International Version

## Deputy Grand Knight Note

Brothers,

DGK April 2011

As I sit here in my office reflecting on the past week all I can think of is how amazing our council is. The support provided by you fine men and our families are what the Knights of Columbus is all about and I'm proud and honored to say I'm a part of the greatest council. I want to say thank-you to each of you and your families. And only ask that you continue to pray for all in need of jobs, health, support, or special intentions. Once again Thank-You for all you have done and continue to do.

*Brotherhood is the very price and condition of man's survival." Carlos Pena Romulo*

God Bless  
DGK  
John

### 24 Hour Rosary

Response to the 24 Hour Rosary has been steady and we have purchased extra candles to allow for donations to Pennies for Heaven up until the event. If you are interested in a devotion or want to sign up to help recite the Rosary on May 14 and 15 please email Chris at [cnagelmol@aol.com](mailto:cnagelmol@aol.com).

### Quotes & Inspiration

This month I wanted to share a quote from the legendary coach John Wooden, who, when asked about the ingredients for a successful life responded:

Be true to yourself. Make each day your masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books. Make friendship a fine art. Build shelter against a rainy day. Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day.

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

### Words from the Worthy DD

Brothers:

I would like to invite you to a steak roast sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11464. The date

is July 16th. The place is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 25801 Royalton Road (Rt 82) in Columbia Station. The cost is \$10.00. Please check your calendar and mark the date. All you need to bring is your own place setting and \$10.00. If you want to bring a dish to share, that would be extraordinary!

It would be great if we could get all the officers from the district together for one event. It'll give us a chance to meet our counterparts and exchange ideas and stories while helping out this council. This is their only fund raiser.

Please try to attend and, if possible, bring as many of your officers as you can.

I'll forward more detailed information, but the steak roast will take place shortly after their installation of officers which takes place at 1:00.

Vivat Jesus!

John Brown

### St Joseph Moments

The following was submitted to Supreme by Tom Banner in response to St Joseph moments.

When my daughter Holly expressed a desire to attend a Catholic high school in 1994, my wife and I took her to visit a number of schools on the west side of Cleveland Ohio. One of those high schools was St Joseph Academy, an all girl's college prep school. While touring the school it was not hard to detect a deep rooted spirituality and a love for the school conveyed by all the teachers and students we met that day. When leaving St Joseph Academy that day my daughter told me that this was where she wanted to go to high school.

The school is run by the Sisters of the Congregation of St Joseph where a deep devotion to St Joseph was a part of everyday life. Not only did the school foster a love for St Joseph, it also encouraged each girl to develop a closer relationship with God, and empowered each student to achieve academic excellence. The seeds for leadership and service were also instilled in each girl.

Not only did the spirit of St Joseph change the lives of the students at St Joseph Academy, it permeated to the parents. I developed a special devotion to St

Joseph when my daughter was attending the school. My daughter graduated in 1998, and shortly after graduation began to experience kidney failure. She battled the disease over the next seven years while in college, dialysis treatment and ultimately a kidney transplant. Although we did everything medically possible she was not able to overcome her illness. She was called by God in April 2005

Even during these times of trial and hardship St Joseph Academy and the spirit of St Joseph were very inspirational in helping us get through our loss. The faculty of the school, the current student body and the alumni were very visible and consoling. I feel certain St Joseph is keeping a special eye on her in heaven.

As a result of the special connection my daughter had with St Joseph Academy, and the love both my wife and myself have for the school and the Sisters of the Congregation of St Joseph, we are still closely connected to the school yet today. We sponsor two fully endowed scholarships at the school in our daughter's memory.

Yes, St Joseph Academy and its patron St Joseph will always have a special place in our hearts.

Submitted by Thomas J Banner  
North Ridgeville Ohio Council #7970

## **Columbian Squire Receives Phone Call from Bishop Lennon**

Brandon Nagel, 6th Grader at St. Peter School in North Ridgeville, OH and a Columbian Squire in Archbishop Edward F. Hoban #5394, completed an Art project a few weeks ago in preparation for the annual Art Show the school puts on every year. This year's project was to make a puppet of a Saint. Being that Brandon's birthday is St. Patrick's day the obvious choice was St. Patrick. After the Art show the school planned on sending the puppet that looked most like a Bishop down to the Cleveland Diocese for them to see. Brandon's puppet of Saint Patrick was chosen to take the trip to St. John's Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

On April 18th while Brandon sat in his classes at St. Peter School, he heard Sister Patricia's voice over the speakers call him to the office. This would strike fear into most youngsters so Brandon proceeded quickly to the office to find out he had a phone call. The puppet not only found it's way to the Diocese office's, but found it's way to the Office

of Cleveland Diocese Bishop, Rev. Richard Lennon. Bishop Lennon took a few minutes to call and thank Brandon about the puppet and see how school is going. It is a phone call that Brandon will never forget.

## **State Convention Detail**

State Convention is May 27-29 in Columbus. Chris Nagel and John Pozzi will be our delegates while Andy Rak and Herb Sill will be attending as delegates. If you are interested in attending contact Chris Nagel at [cnagelmol@aol.com](mailto:cnagelmol@aol.com).

## **Thank you Jerry Tomasheski**

As some of you may know by now, our Worthy Financial Secretary, Jerry Tomasheski's term has come up. He has formally sent in his resignation to Supreme. This is a position that is appointed by Supreme upon the recommendation of the Grand Knight. We hope to have an announcement soon on his replacement. Please join me in thanking Jerry for his years of service to the council.

## **Cash Bonanza Update**

The response to the Charity Cash Bonanza Ticket Campaign has been amazing. Brother Mark Moreschi and the entire council has been extremely active in selling these tickets and our first turn in was 424 tickets and we achieved our incentive rebate of .60 per ticket. We currently have 619 tickets sold and we are about 170 tickets away from another incentive rebate. If we hit this rebate the net proceeds to the council will be approximately \$2400. Our final turn in will be May 18th so keep up the great work.

## **Call for Officers 2011-2012**

If you are interested in an Officer Position for the 2011-2012 fraternal year please let Andy Rak know at [arak@windstream.net](mailto:arak@windstream.net)

## **Council 7970 Officers for 2011**

Grand Knight – Chris Nagel  
Deputy Grand Knight – John Pozzi  
Chaplain – Fr. Gonser  
Chancellor – Gary Klemens  
Warden – Brent Sisson  
Recorder – Vince Farrell

Treasurer – Al Makselan  
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 – Stephen Garapic  
Columbian Squires – Al Makselan

#### Insurance Promotion – Tom DeChant

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\*\* As always, thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Happy Easter to all Knights and their Families!

May God bless you and your loved one always!