



Knights News

Knights of Columbus

North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

September 2010

A Word from the Grand Knight

The only appropriate way to begin the Grand Knight column this month is to simply say....THANK YOU!!! It has only been two months into our fraternal year and what this council has accomplished in that short time is just remarkable. Let me try to outline just some of the great things we have done over the last two months:

- Raised over \$7,000 for various causes
- Family Picnic at Rak Farm
- Council Officer Installation
- Gary Klemens Fundraiser
- Assisted 2 Parishioners in Clean Up of Yard
- Re-Roofing of St. Peter's Parish Center Garage
- Fundraiser at Fiesta Jalapenos
- St. Peter's Chicken BBQ Support
- Knights of Columbus Cornfest Booth
- Quarterly Communion

Just incredible!!!!

As the Program Directors prepare to submit the council's first period reports for the year, you can see we are in great position to get the year off on an outstanding foot. September and October look just as impressive with various activities and initiatives including Past Grand Knight Dinner, An Evening with the Holy Rosary event, 1st Annual Golf Outing, Membership Blitz, Pumpkin Hunt and the Turkey Raffle are right around the corner.

We are seeing many new faces not only at the council meetings, but at the various functions as well which is great to see that Brother Knights are finding ways to get involved in the council and make a difference.

New members will continue to be a critical initiative for our council. Brother Gary Klemens has taken on the task of Membership Director and he will need everyone's help in reaching our quota

of 12 new members for the year. We all know of individuals from our neighborhood, work, organizations, etc. that might be interested in joining the Knights, but have not because of one reason. YOU HAVE NOT ASKED THEM.....ask someone today!!!!

And finally, let us continue to act within the theme for this fraternal year of CHARITY:

**Christ---Helping---Advocacy---Religious---
Integrity---Teamwork---Youth**

GK Chris Nagel

Calendar of Events (Sept & Oct)

9/7/10	Holy Hour for vocations
9/13/10	PGK dinner 6-9 PM
9/16/10	1 st degree
9/26/10	1 st & 2 nd degree at St Julie Billiard
10/3/10	3 rd degree in S Akron
10/5/10	Holy Hour for vocations
10/9/10	K of C Golf Outing
10/10/10	Pumpkin Hunt
10/12/10	An Evening with the Rosary
10/30/10	St Julie's spaghetti dinner
10/30/10	4th degree (1 day) Garfield Heights, OH

Council Membership 181 Active Members 9-1-10



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

Deputy Grand Knight Note

As I move into my second month of working with our great council as DGK, I wanted thank all the members for the on-going support with the Family Picnic, Chicken BBQ and all the raffles and fundraisers we have had. Let's continue to sell the football tickets and let's be number 1 in the district for ticket sales this year. We need to be out recruiting new members both for our council but also for our Squires Circle, with most summer vacations over and school getting ready to start this is a perfect time to start asking friends and their young sons to join our council and squires circle, many potential candidates will have seen us at the cornfest, chicken BBQ and in the parade so while we are still fresh in their minds we need to be asking them to join. In addition to recruiting there are going to be many new opportunities in the coming months to help us serve our church, community and charities so sign up for one of these up coming events or programs and share your talent with the council and community. Some of the up coming events to consider are: Rosary training class and Rosary team, City Wide Drug Prevention Poster contest, Drive for our Military Service Members, First Annual Golf Outing and more so come to our monthly meetings or stay in touch through the web site and news letter but stay involved and active sharing your God Given Talents to help others.

Quote of the Month:

Lord, I have too much
to do, but it's all important.
Help me to set priorities
So that I don't feel lost
in the pace and the pressure.
God give me wisdom
and energy to accomplish what's necessary
Without wasting time or effort.
And help me make the best use
Of my day,
Remembering that time is a
Precious gift from You.

AGC

God Bless,
DGK John Pozzi

*** A Letter of Thanks ***

The following open letter was written by SK Gary Klemens to our council, assembly, and supporting families.

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Brothers,

I would like to convey to each and every one of you my deepest heartfelt thanks for all of the help and support you provided to my family and I during the aftermath of the explosion and destruction of our house.

Words cannot completely express how each of you has touched the hearts of my family and myself. Your friendship and acts of charity and brotherly love truly depicted what the Knights are all about.

I am honored and privileged to call you my Brothers. Thank You and God Bless each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus!

Gary Klemens
Chancellor, Council #7970

Quarterly Communion

The council recently held its quarterly communion event with council members and families attending mass at St. Peter's church. The mass was followed with a morning breakfast and fellowship. The following picture was submitted by the GK from the event. We hope to see you and your family at the next Quarterly Communion event.



Isabella News

Calling all Knights!!! If you have a wife, daughter, of fiancé.... they are eligible to join the North Ridgeville Isabella Guild. We are the ladies who support our Knights and their events. For information on how to join, call Shelley Klemens @ 440-308-7378

2009-2010 Officers

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



Special thanks to the Isabella Ladies 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.

Wedding News

On Saturday July 31, 2010, SK Gary Klemens married Shelley Janesz in what turned out to be a picture perfect day. Our brother was smiling the entire day and his wife was absolutely radiant. The council and all families and friends wish you both the very best and a life of love, laughter, and happiness. May God bless you both!!



Casino Bus Trip - Update

On Wednesday, July 28th, 37 passengers attended the Holly Banner Scholarship Trip to Mountaineer Casino. This event was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7970. There were 7 Knights and Ladies in attendance. A raffle was held on the way home which amounted to \$311.00. This amount in addition to the \$200.00 profit netted from the trip itself added \$511.00 to the Scholarship Fund. There were at least 5 attendees who won in excess of \$500.00 each. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who attended. Tom and Linda really appreciate your assistance.

S.K. Nick Modock at North Ridge Tours @ 440-327-1255.



www.northridgetours.com

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 or @ 440-506-6743

Council Awards

August Family of the month: Ed & Lori Knoublach

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

1st degree: Our newest 1st degree is Adam Klemens.



God bless you Adam – welcome to the Knights

Knights in Action

The council was extremely busy the past few months. Our involvement was evident at the St. Peter chicken BBQ, the parish re-roofing project and Corn Festival booth. With so many Knights spread out over so many events we hope that our presence was felt throughout the community.

Regarding the re-roofing project, brother Tom Banner submitted the following write-up:

On Friday and Saturday August 20/21 the Knights of Columbus Council #7970 replaced the roof on the garage at the Parish Center at St Peter's Parish. At the request of Pastor Father Bob Franco and under the leadership of Brother Bill Price, this project was successfully completed. At 5PM on Friday afternoon a group of seven Knights began the tear off of the old roof, and completed some minor roof deck repair. New felt paper and drip edge were also installed. On Saturday the new shingles were installed by Brother Gary Gillespie, and a brother from the Avon Council Brian Uszak a

professional roofer. The project was completed about 3:30PM just as rain showers moved in. Total cost of the project was about \$700.00 with the cost being taken care of by Council #7970 and a generous monetary donation from Brother Andy Misencik that helped pay for the cost of the shingles. There were nine Knights working on this project requiring 35 service hours.

Pictures of the event will be posted to the council's web site.

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 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.

Quotes & Inspiration

This month's submission was graciously submitted by Andrea Daw. The poem was written by Mother Theresa.

Life is an opportunity...benefit from it
Life is beauty...admire it
Life is bliss...taste it
Life is a dream...realize it
Life is a challenge...meet it
Life is a duty...complete it
Life is a game...play it
Life is a promise...fulfill it
Life is sorrow...overcome it
Life is a song...sing it
Life is a struggle...accept it
Life is a tragedy...confront it
Life is an adventure...dare it
Life is luck...make it
Life is too precious...do not destroy it
Life is life...fight for it
Life is a mystery...unfold it
Life is beauty...praise it
Life is a puzzle...solve it
Life is a goal...achieve it
Life is a mission...fulfill it

St Peter Chicken BBQ

St Peter's Annual Chicken Barbeque was held on August 15 in conjunction with the North Ridgeville Corn Festival. The Knights of Columbus Council #7970 spearheaded this annual fundraiser. This year's event was chaired by Brother Pat Foster with the assistance of about forty five other brother Knights from St Peter's and St Julie's parishes resulting in about 350 service hours. The Knights involvement was multi-faceted. Much time was spent planning and ordering the food and supplies needed for a successful event. The Knights under the direction of Brother Pat handled coordinating all the help needed for the barbeque pits, the kitchen, the dining room and money collection as well as setup and teardown on the day of the barbeque. The Knights also gathered the week before the event to setup the large barbeque pit, and the week after the event to tear down the pit and store it for next years event. There were 704 chicken dinners served in a period of about six hours. Although the final dollar amount raised is still pending, it should be over \$3000.00 for St Peter Parish.

Vacation Bible School

The St. Peter Parish 3rd annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a resounding success, due in large part to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. Not only did the Knights make a generous financial contribution to the venture, many of them gave freely of their time and talents to insure a memorable experience for the 120 children who attended.

Although VBS was held the first week of August, planning and preparation began as far back as last February. Chris Nagel kindly offered the use of his warehouse for construction of the set. One to two nights a week parish volunteers met there to design, construct and paint a replica of a ship's bow, complete with a captain's cabin, 15 foot mast, and rope rigging, under the expert direction of Glenn Lamolinara. Paul Franz, Tony Perez, and Steve Holtzman worked for several nights prior to the start of VBS transporting the set from the warehouse to the gym and then assembling the ship and decorating the surrounding area.

But the Knights' involvement didn't end with the completion of the set. Sean Reitz donated several hundred hot dogs and various cookie doughs for the opening night supper. Glenn Lamolinara and Tony Perez were crew leaders for the week. Jim Akoury

assisted with snack preparation. Jerry Tomasheski lent his acting skills to the Bible skits, and Rod Horn supervised the games during VBS and lent the parish his sound system. Paul Franz, Steve Garapic, Chris Nagel and Bill Price performed a touching shadow silhouette of Christ's Crucifixion. And of course a special thanks to Fr. Bob for his tireless work and spiritual guidance.

Some of the Knights' families also became involved with VBS. Following their fathers' example, two of the Squires gave of their time. Jack Horn assisted his dad with the games and the running of the sound system, and Brandon Nagel was a crew volunteer for the week. The Isabellas made a sizeable monetary donation, and Joann Tomasheski spent many hours planning remarkable skits that made the Bible stories come alive for the children.

"In service to One. In service to all." Once again, through their efforts for VBS, the Knights have lived up to their motto.



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 . An E-mail will be sent to the council as they are received.

Winter Planning

Brothers and families, with the winter months just around the corner our thoughts must eventually turn to the joy of shoveling snow. If the prospect of throwing snow doesn't bring a smile to your face please consider contacting ERT Snow Removal at 440-941-3781 or @ snowremoval.ert@gmail.com

This company is run by a family member of a brother Knight and has special seasonal rates to offer. When you contact Luke please let him know that you heard about him from the newsletter.

Council Golf Outing

On Saturday 10/9/10, our council will put on its first annual Council Golf Outing. We will be teeing it up at Avon Dale Golf Course in Avon starting at 8 AM. Sign in will begin that day at 7 AM. Cost per golfer will be \$65 and will include 18 holes, riding cart, steak dinner afterwards, and door prizes galore.

Please consider signing up and bringing a friend with you. If you are unable to attend please inform any friend or family member of the event and encourage them to join us. Proceeds from the event will go to Pennies from Heaven and other local charities. Please call Chris Makselan for additional questions: 440-452-5276 or 440-322-4167.

If the thought of golfing sends chills down your spine you can still join in the fun by sitting down to a steak dinner for only \$20 after the outing. Again, the \$20 is for the dinner only and does not include any golf.

Monthly Prayers for Religious Vocations

Monthly Holy Hour To Pray For Religious Vocations. Beginning on Tuesday Sept 7th the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Holy Hour to pray for vocations. This Holy Hour will be held the first Tuesday of each month from 6pm until 7pm in conjunction with the Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Peter's Church.

The Rosary, prayers for vocations, a brief expose on the life of a saint as well as the normal closing vespers ceremony for weekly Adoration will comprise the Holy Hour. There will also be time for private meditation. Everyone is encouraged to attend and spend some time before the Blessed

Sacrament to pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Tom Banner

Special Prayer Wish

Brothers and families, this month I am honored to share with you a poem written by Andrea Daw. She shared it with me following the meeting of a prayer group in her home. These words were written by Andrea as she listened to the group and she wanted to share them with friends and loved ones:

This is my wish for all my friends: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your hearts, hugs when spirits sag low, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, and Love to complete your life.

Thank you for these beautiful words Andrea. I can't begin to imagine the number of lives you will affect with this gift from your heart. May God bless you and your family always!

Parish News

St. Julie Billiart:

September is a busy month. The parish has plans for a bus trip to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, an evening with Regina Brett, council meetings, scrapbooking events, a crock-pot dinner, and so much more. Please visit www.stjuliebilliart.org for the bulletin and all dates and times for parish events.

St. Peter:

The next few months has numerous events on the agenda. These include: Confirmation orientation, outreach meals, blessing of the animals, Pre-Cana day, PTU movie night, and a whole lot more. Please visit www.stpeternr.org for all the dates and time information for these and other events.

Meet the Officers

Please be sure to check out our website at: www.kofccouncil7970.org. There are pictures posted for our 2010-11 officers.

Editor's Note

To all members, friends, and family that took the time to submit an article for this edition of the newsletter I would like to personally thank you for your efforts. For this month I would especially like to recognize Tom Banner, Andrea Daw, Nick Modock Jennifer Nagel and the entire Vacation Bible Group team for their contributions.

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This month I have two submissions that will hopefully energize the heart and soul, a prayer and a motivational quote. The prayer was sent to me by my mother, Carol, from her prayer of the day collection:

Glorious God, thank You for this beautiful day. I want to celebrate Your goodness in everything I do and see. May the birds' songs cheer me, the gentle breeze refresh me and the company of my family and friends energize me. I pray that I am able to open my eyes to all of the gifts that You have given me. Amen.

And for the motivational quote of the month I draw again from the work of Orison Swett Marden.

"Your next level of excellence is hidden behind your next level of resistance" OSM

My hope for you all is that you come to realize everyone of your special God-given talents and that you develop and utilize them in the glory of God and the betterment of our fellow man.



Council 7970 Officers for 2010

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