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"Happy Valentine's Day"

Upcoming Events!

February 6th

9:00 AM: First Saturday Mass
 10:00 AM: Officer's Meeting

February 8

8:00 PM: Business Meeting

February 17th

Ash Wednesday

February 19th

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fish Fry

February 22nd

8:00 PM: Social Meeting

March 5th

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fish Fry

March 6

9:00 AM: First Saturday Mass;
Entire Council to receive Communion
 10:00 AM: Officer's Meeting

March 8th

8:00 PM: Business Meeting

March 15th

St. Patrick's Dinner

March 19th

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fish Fry

March 22nd

8:00 PM: First Degree

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A PRAYER FOR LIFE

The 26th Annual March for Life, Washington, D.C.
 By Brother Hector Raymond

The following are just a few thoughts on my participation in the 26th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Shelly, my daughter, and I departed for Washington on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. along with 42 other concerned people from all around Columbus and Lancaster. Although I had lived only 70 miles from Washington, I had never been to any of the marches.

There was always a reason. Mainly that my wife and I were raising a family and there was always

something else to do. I had been active with pro-life in the Knights of Columbus and at St. Andrew Parish in Waynesboro, PA. I felt that it was time to march and take a stand for life, not against abortion, but for life. We made a few stops to pick up other people and then we were on our way down the familiar highway to the Capitol. The trip and arrangements were handled by Jerry Joos from Lancaster. Jerry was also the group leader of prayers and such. He led recita-



March for Life in Washington, DC

tions of the rosary and also showed us a video which depicted the building of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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Grand (Knight) Thoughts

The Spirit of Patriotism

Throughout history many great men have ventured to explore new lands and attain the highest goals. One of history's greatest explorers, Christopher Columbus, was inspired by a deeper, more spiri-

tual goal. You too can be an explorer!!!

"Let us always seek the Spirit's gifts, not for ourselves, but for the good of the whole church."

Come join the highest degree — the 4th degree!



All 3rd degree Knights have received information on advancing to the next level. Please call Grand Knight Charlie Giametta with any questions at 864-8414.

Free Throw Contest

Brother Knight John Morrison reports that the free throw contest held on January 24th was a big success. There were 86 kids at the event (more than double last year's total).



John said "I have high expectations for some of our local winners possibly winning the district contest and appearing at the state level." The District contest will be held on February 14th, 1999, at the St. Pius gym in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

John had plenty of help with the project. He thanks the following Knights:

- ◆ Carl Kipp
- ◆ Tim Mock
- ◆ Mark Kassouf
- ◆ Alex Pokora
- ◆ Mike Mahoney
- ◆ Dave McAllister

ACTS 2:42

Adoring Christ Through Sharing

As some of you know, several parishioners have been working with our Brother Knight Deacon Dave to continue the experience of small faith sharing groups under the sponsorship of the parish. The committee has eight members; Ed & Vicki Chinnock, Jackie Thomas, Bill Richards, Brother Tim Bowie & wife Tina, Brother Carl Kipp and Brother Bud Joos & wife Terri. Our mission is "To create and encourage an environment in which

- ◆ Charlie Giametta
- ◆ District Deputy Bob Doherty
- ◆ Warren Meisner
- ◆ George Williams
- ◆ Fran Vendetta

There were five girl's age groups and five boy's age groups. The contestants shot 15 free throws each. If there was a tie, the contestants had a 5 shot tie-breaker round.

Winners in Girl's Brackets

Age	Name	Baskets
10	Molly Cornwell	14
11	*Stephanie Stevens	13
12	Christine DiSabato	11
13	Michelle Du Granrut	12
14	Vikki Lewis	2

* Please note that Miss. Lindsey Smithberger tied Stephanie Stevens in the 11 year old bracket, and it took a three round tie-breaker to determine the winner!

Winners in Boy's Brackets

Age	Name	Baskets
10	Ben Baptist	12
11	*Andrew Schmidt	13
12	Andrew Cornwell	11
13	Dannie Johnson	12
14	Jimmy Berkeybile	15

* Please note that Mr. Patrick Sullivan tied Andrew Schmidt in the 11 year old bracket. As with the girl's tiebreaker, it took three rounds to determine Andrew was the winner.

John congratulates all of the winners, and wishes them good luck in the contests at the next level.



our Parish can grow in faith through one another in small faith sharing groups to enhance our commitment to continue the mission of Jesus.' I will ask all to look up the passage - Acts 2:42 - as it will describe the goals of the small faith sharing groups. Again, if you have not yet joined a group, it is never too late! It is an experience that you shouldn't miss. By the time you receive this newsletter we will already have had our orientation meeting on Sunday, January 24th. But the groups

will not start to meet until Palm Sunday. If you are interested and are not in a small group call Deacon Dave at the rectory and he will find a group that will fit your schedule. Some of the groups will meet once a week during the Lenten Season and there are others that wish to meet once a month during the entire year. I want to thank all those Knights and their wives that are going to continue in the small groups. Brother Bud Joos.

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Upon arriving in Washington at 5:00 P.M., we went directly to the Shrine. We entered the shrine using the crypt entrance which houses the lower church, the gift shop and, for this night, was a temporary lodging place for those making the pilgrimage for life. When we made our way to the great upper church, we searched for a place to be seated during the Mass. Can you believe that at three hours before Mass, all seats were taken? Not surprisingly, folks had arrived earlier and staked their claims to the pews with anything from a coat, a hat, and in several cases a warm body stretched across the pew. Not a seat was to be found. We staked a claim in the aisle about one third way back and stood our ground for about an hour and a half when we were told that the procession would be going past and that we must clear the aisle. Lee Brock (St. Pius Council) found a place against the wall near the rear of the church where we could lay claim to and use as a leaning post.

The Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life began promptly at 8:00 P.M. with pomp and circumstances. There was a great procession consisting of: His eminences, Bernard Cardinal Law (Boston), John Cardinal O'Connor (New York), James Cardinal Hickey (Washington), Francis Cardinal George (Chicago)

and William Cardinal Keeler (Baltimore). There were also several bishops, monsignors, priests and deacons. The procession lasted about 15 minutes. We sang the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King." Cardinal William Keeler provided us with a homily where he went down through the beatitudes and brought them into clear focus de-



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scribing each as it related to the cause for life. The Mass proceeded on and with it the theme for pro life was masterfully interwoven. What a beautiful experience! The Mass concluded with the special blessing at approximately 10:00 P.M.

As we left the shrine, we noticed that the lights were shining brightly on the shrine's beautifully colored dome and to the left of the entrance, reaching to the sky, was the Knight's Tower. The tower, at that moment and forever, will exemplify the ever present guardians of life, the Knights of Columbus. Our destiny is to fight for the preborn, the infirm and the aged. We must take up the cause for life at all

stages, from conception to natural death. We then proceeded to our hotel which was located just a short distance from the national mall. We stayed at the Red Roof Inn in Chinatown. The accommodations were very adequate. Something strange happened to me as I waited in the lobby for our much awaited Domino's pizza order. A young lady burst through the lobby door, she was crying. She was soon followed by another young lady who was wearing a very familiar Old Town, Maine, High School jacket. I recognized the jacket as from the school that I had graduated from in 1969. They exited the hotel and I did not see them again that night. We got our pizza, ate it and then went to bed.

January 22, 1999, the day of the 26th Annual March for Life. Jerry Joos arranged for us to meet in the lobby around 8:00 AM to board the bus to the Eclipse. While waiting outside, I noticed the high school jacket that I had seen the night before. I proceeded to go across the street and there in front of a Catholic Church, was a group of young people being led by a priest. I stopped them and chatted with them for a few moments. To my surprise, I found out that they were from my hometown and that they had stayed in that church across the street. Father Tim was the leader and he is also my sister's pastor from Indian Island and Bradley Maine. I spoke with them for a while and took a few pictures in hopes of sending

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Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus held their first Pancake Breakfast on January 10th, 1999, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at Bishop Herrmann Hall. There were 174 adult tickets sold at \$4 each, and 53 children's tickets at \$3 each. Brother Joe Rossi reports that we had income of about \$855 gross. Not all receipts were in yet, but Joe estimates that the council made about \$500.

The price included all you could eat of pancakes, and all you could drink of coffee, orange juice, and milk. Each order also included a side order of

sausage. Over 1000 pancakes were served. Since this was the first time the Council tried a Pancake Breakfast, there were some lessons learned which will make future events run more smoothly.

At the January 11th business meeting the members discussed having the breakfast once every three months. The idea was well-received, so look forward to more of these.

The event Chairmen were Warren Meisner and Bud Joos. They thank all who worked hard to make the event a success.



Cooking up a storm of pancakes for the good of the council

Brand New Knights and February Birthdays

From the First Degree on January 18, 1999, we got three Knew Knights:

- ◆ Richard Petersen (yes it's Petersen)
- ◆ John Siebert
- ◆ Michael Mahoney



February B-days

- James Barraco
- Ronald Caccimelio
- Douglas Carpenter
- Dan Heitmeyer
- William Kenny
- David Kruse
- Patrick Mahan
- John Mayo

- Alex Pokora
- Rev. David Poliafico
- John Siebert*
- Dave Spencer

*New Knight

Advocate Bud Joos

Fran Vendetta Honored

Deputy Grand Knight Fran Vendetta has again been honored by the council. At the January 11th business meeting, Grand Knight Charlie Giametta extended his thanks and congratulations to Fran for his efforts at recruiting new Knights.

Charlie also presented Fran with two VIP awards, which acknowledge the fact that Fran brought a specific num-

ber of new members into the council. Fran's two awards were for 5 members and 10 members.

Fran challenges all of us to look for more new members. If we all brought in one new member, the Council would be a world-beater (and Fran could take a rest!)



Do you know this man? If you are a Knight, you almost certainly do, because he probably recruited you! Brother Fran Vendetta (center) receives a level 5 and a level 10 VIP award from Fred Barwick (left) and Grand Knight Charlie Giametta (right).

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the copies back to my family in Maine. It is truly a small world and yes, the Lord does work in many wonderful ways. I cherish these chance meetings that provide me with a touch to my past.

We boarded the bus and went toward the JW Marriott Hotel for the Ohio Pro-Life Congressional breakfast. We were assigned tables 75-77. The programs began promptly at 9:00 A.M. with music by a talented and gifted musician and doctor named Steve Kebe from the People of God's Love Community of Columbus. The welcome and introductions were performed by Jane Grimm, President of Ohio Right to Life. John Willke, M.D., president, Life Issues Institute, Inc. and International Right to Life spoke about the violence at abortion clinics. He stated that four thousand preborn children were aborted each day. He made the comparison that only four people had been killed at the clinics. Four more than should have. Violence should not be met with violence. Ironically, the first lady, Hillary Clinton, announced that millions of dollars would be spent to bolster security around these abortion clinics. What about protecting the preborn children? Dr. Willke noted that the so called pro choice advocates provided the mothers with no choice. Abortion is no choice! The bottom line--mistakes don't fix mistakes! Senator Mike DeWine spoke eloquently for life and all that it entails. He also invited all of us over to his office (our office) for brownies with his

and senator Voinovich's wife. Tony Hall (D) of Dayton spoke of his transformation from his choice leanings to his conversion to pro-Life. What inspirations both these men are to me and I'm sure to all who were present. We were told to pray for these abortionists by name at our Sunday masses. Pray for an end to this counter culture of life. Yes pray for the abortionists. GOD DOES LISTEN TO PRAYER. Help us touch the heart of someone who is lost. We are a better people. We are a movement of LOVE. CHOOSE LIFE! All these affirmations for life. I have had my faith in the congressmen renewed and I feel that we will make strong advances on the hill. Let us end the partial birth abortions of preborn children who are in their 8th and 9th months. Let us end abortions and provide our mothers with a true choice. The choice of LIFE! The breakfast concluded with song at around 11:00 A.M. We then proceeded to the Ellipse.

At the Ellipse, we gathered and listened to several speakers including Nellie Gray, the founder of the national marches. What a motivational speaker. We gathered with approximately 100,000 other marchers and crusaders for life. Young and old, we gathered with our banners, our signs, our buttons, our rose and little feet pins. Yes, we gathered in the mud. We were on a mission. There were representatives young and old, from Maine to California, from Alaska to Florida and yes, from the heartland, OHIO. To my surprise, there

seemed to be as many young people as there were older (like me). All there to demonstrate that even after 26 years that we will fight and demonstrate until the Roe V. Wade ruling is overturned--maybe this year, maybe next. It will be overturned. It is just a matter of time. The march began at 1:00 P.M. and proceeded up Constitution avenue, up Pennsylvania Avenue and then again up Constitution Avenue ending between the Supreme Court and the Capital. I noticed that the Washington Monument had scaffolding around it. It is getting a face lift. I think that it is fitting that it should be getting cleaned. Let us do the same thing with abortion; let us lift it off the shoulders of our mothers who have no choice. Let us give them a choice. Let us help them choose life by offering them choices--choices of having the child and keeping him or her or giving them up for adoption to some moms and dads, who will give them a loving home. Let us pray for an end to abortion. Help in any way you can. Actions speak louder than words. Donate to pregnancy and life causes and most of all, PRAY. God does hear us. Let us choose LIFE. What an experience. I cannot find the words to describe the fact that we have lost almost 40 million children in this country to abortion. Maybe we have lost another Einstein, Pope John Paul II, President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, or maybe someone like Jonas Salk or Mme. Curie. Maybe the cure for cancer is forever lost because the scientist or

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Around the Council

We need chairmen for the Fish Fry and St. Patrick dinner. Please call Grand Knight Charlie Giametta at (614)864-8414 if you can help.

Activities Director Mark Kassouf reports that the council will report 17 gifts, with 22 electives, for the current reporting period. We are on target for most areas — actually about 5 gifts and 10 electives ahead of last year at this time.

The council is sponsoring Father Dennis and Deacon Dave at the Clergy Appreciation Night at Villa Milano on February 7th.

We had 27 men register in the Parish during July through August 1998. Larry Van Orman sent each an invitation to consider Knighthood.

There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony February 28th at Council 3727 in Columbus. All 1st Degree Knights should make an effort to attend and achieve the next levels of Knighthood. Please see Charlie Giametta for more information.

Financial Secretary Fred Barwick

reports that only 68 of the 166 members in the council have paid their dues. Please send your dues in as soon as possible.

Some Knights were confused about the \$5 donation requested for Clippers Tickets on the dues statement. This was not an assessment for previous Clippers tickets that the member didn't sell. It is to help get this year's Clipper's ticket sales going. If you pay the \$5, you will receive 5 Clippers tickets. Please note that the council has to pay for \$500 worth of tickets, no matter what.

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doctor was aborted. We will never know. The answer is for all of us to get involved, in any way we can. If you can't do those things, by all means, Pray for an end to abortion!

If you get a chance, make plans to attend the next march on Washington in January 2000. Let's end abortion now. You won't be sorry that you made the trip, I wasn't.

God bless you and Vivat Jesus and Vivat the preborns.

Hector Raymond, PGK

Knights of Columbus Council 11187 Shirts

If you have been **admiring** the nifty blue shirts worn by many members of the council, then you almost **certainly** would like to order one (**or more**) for your very own. However, you have been **wandering around**, searching frantically for the store that sells them with no luck. **Look no further!** Fill in the **enclosed order form**, drop it in Grand Knight Charlie Giametta's Church Mailbox (with a check), and your shirt(s) will magically appear (OK, you can pick them up at a meeting).

NAME: _____

QUANTITY: _____ **X \$28 = \$** _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

Our trip back to Columbus was rather uneventful except for the rosary and friendships that were formed with our fellow right to lifers. I would like to thank Jerry Joos for organizing the trip, Rhoda, the bus driver, and to Lee Marks and his wonderful wife Peg, for befriending us and providing us with a ride home at 2:00 a.m.. Lee carried the banner for his council and the Knights of Columbus. Lee is truly Mr. Knight at St. Pius X council.