



K of C Knightly News
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Have A Most Blessed Christmas



Grand Knight's Report

Christmas Challenge

First of all, we hope you all had a splendid Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Michelle Lemiesz, one of the chaplains here at Mount Carmel, sent out a reminder for the season preceding the day. In part, it went like this:

“Thanksgiving is about gratitude. It is more than a
Holiday about turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie, and football.
It is the purpose of life.

This day, celebrate your life, your blessings. Lift them high in praise to the One who gave them to you.
Thanksgiving is a daily occurrence.”

As the Holiday season continues, let us all make the effort to thank Him every day.

Now, for the updates. Wow, what a month! The trip to the VA hospital went well on November 6th. Thanks to Frank Sanderell and Jacinta Hooker for the company on the ride down, the distribution of gifts, and the games of BINGO. That same evening we toasted those loyal to us at our Wives Appreciation Dinner! Dick Petersen and guest chef Mike Elston, of Kelly and Regis show fame, put on perhaps the best meal ever! Pat Cleary even battled a terrible cold to help with the arrangements before staggering home. Thank you gentlemen, but again thanks to all of you Lady Knights who offer assistance in all of our programs so energetically and unselfishly. Speaking of which, thanks to Joie Petersen for again conducting the annual coat drive to benefit many in need. The coats appeared ... along with the hats and gloves as requested. Delivery took place and many are warm this chilly season because of this effort. Our first pancake breakfast was a tremendous success in the record number of parishioners served. It was great to see all of our brothers in attendance to help or stop by to eat. Mike White, Dan Stephan and John Sambuco did a splendid job with their first effort.

And there was more ... we held a First Degree Ceremony on November 17. Our crew eloquently initiated five new Knights from several councils from within our diocese. The two candidates joining our council were Frank Hare and Alan Slack. Welcome to both of you and get involved soon. Thanks to the degree team and to those brothers who made the time to attend the ceremony. And finally, one of the more rewarding experiences of the month was courtesy of the Leaf Crew. Over thirty of our members and wives assembled at the Joe Rossi residence on Saturday, November 13th to clear the lawn of the fallen, summer shade remnants. By morning's end, nearly 200 large lawn garden bags were filled with the debris. The cost of the yard bags - \$13.00. The cost of the labor - free. The smile on Lorraine's face at seeing the immaculately clean yard - priceless. Rumor has it that Joe gained release for the day and came home to celebrate Thanksgiving. How can one not believe in miracles? Joe ... we hope you enjoyed the day and know you will be home permanently very soon!

Now the real challenge. Can we continue our programs and selfless offering throughout the hectic Christmas season? For you people, it will be no problem. For the month of December, we have the following events scheduled. Try to take a break from shopping to attend our First Saturday Mass. You can even use it as a warm-up for afternoon shopping - praying for good deals. Our “Pew Crew” will be shining up the pews for Christmas Masses. Read further into the newsletter for details. Tentative plans for another “group” First Degree target mid-December for a date. Promote membership during those holiday parties and bring in a new Catholic gentleman to the fold. Father Klima requests that the Knights handle the directing of traffic and parking of cars for the Christmas masses. Please offer assistance if you are staying in town. Those not parking cars can give voice to the Men's Choir at the 9:30 mass on Christmas day! Check with coordinator, Dr. Bud Joos for the dates and times of the practice sessions led by Pandora! Our next pancake breakfast comes on Sunday, December 12th and coincides with a visit from Santa! Be ready to help and bring the youngsters for a visit! And immediately after Christmas, we will conduct a blood drive on Wednesday, December 29th at 2:00 PM in Classroom 9. Dr. Fred Barwick will coordinate this effort.

As proclaimed earlier ... wow! Much is going on with our group and personal lives as well. But, just like Thanksgiving, let's not forget the “reason for the season”. Take time during this hectic season to remember and celebrate the day our Lord came to us. Our Knight's billboard with our council number and this reminder is located down past Sears on Hamilton Rd. Drive by to see. And finally, may you and yours experience the safest, happiest, and most fulfilling of Holidays. Relish in the time spent with family and friends and know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mike Croyle
Grand Knight



Chancellor's Report

Bah Humbug! I think I am turning into a scrooge. Ok I'm not turning into a scrooge but I have been dreading the holiday hoopla. Stores are putting out their decorations earlier and earlier each year. I think I saw Christmas decorations before Halloween this year. Soon Christmas in July will be the start of the shopping season. Many of us have lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It seems we are more concerned with what to give great aunt Martha's paper boy's cousin than the fact that Christmas is the celebration of God giving us his only son, who would in turn deliver us from sin.

Kind of makes old great aunt Martha's paper boy's cousin gift seem unimportant doesn't it?

Don't get me wrong. Gift giving is an important part of the symbolism of Christmas and, giving is better than receiving (did I just say that). But I think we should try to focus more on as the saying goes "**Jesus is the reason for the season**" and less on the commercialism that is being foisted upon us by the secular world. As we plow full force into the holiday season, take time out of your busy day, light the Advent wreath, say a prayer and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the whole Coffey Clan.

Joe Coffey
Chancellor



The 32nd annual MARCH FOR LIFE **Washington, D.C.** **Sunday January 23 thru Monday January 24**

The Greater Columbus Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus to travel to Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, Roe vs. Wade.

The Knights of Columbus strongly support Right to Life issues and the Pope's call for a "Culture of Life". Show your support for Life and your opposition to abortion by coming with us to the March for Life. Edd Chinnock and Hector Raymond went last year - talk to either of them about this wonderful trip and the tremendous impact thousands of marchers have on our lawmakers. Help Council 11187 have the strongest showing of any council in Columbus! Let's fill that bus from our council alone!

The bus will leave from Reynoldsburg at 7:30 a.m. on January 23 and will return at approximately 2:00 a.m. on January 25. The cost is \$150.00 per person, two to a room. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your space. Get your registration forms turned in as soon as possible because reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis (there will be only one 56 passenger bus). The registration deadline is December 20.

The trip includes:

- Travel on a chartered bus to and from Washington, D.C.
- Lodging at the Grand Hyatt Washington in downtown D.C.
- Mass for Life at the Basilica (this is a truly awesome Mass!)
- Ohio Congressional breakfast
- Rally and March for Life

Contact Council 11187 Pro-Life coordinator Edd Chinnock (740-927-5099) for registration forms or further information. Nat Patel is coordinating this event for the Greater Columbus Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He may also be contacted (614-871-8782) for information about the trip.

Edd Chinnock
Council Respect Life Coordinator.

The Next First Degree Ceremony!

Our council, with great honor, agreed to run a “special”, combined First Degree Ceremony with Logan and Lancaster in Lancaster on **Sunday, December 19th**. Candidates call will be at 1:30. Our degree team ... one of the best in the state ... will lead the degree. The Lancaster men agreed to feed the degree team and all new members immediately following the ceremony.

But, we need your help! Please try to “sign up” any souls out there wishing to join us in knighthood and service to our Lord. What a wonderful way for these men to become closer to Christ in the Holiday Season than to become a Knight in his honor. Grab a Form 100 today and push membership! Have these gentlemen put 12/19 on their calendars as a day to become closer to Christ. And ... put the date down yourself. The degree team will carpool, down to Lancaster and all are welcome to attend ... especially those sponsoring a new member.

First Degree Team members should call Pat Cleary at 837-4456 to verify their attendance as well. Thanks and we hope to see many of you there!

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In My Opinion - Supreme Court Activitism

A disturbing trend has surfaced in the last few years - legislatures, both national and state, have abdicated their responsibility to make laws to the various courts. The liberal judges of these courts, from the U.S. Supreme Court, through state supreme courts, down to federal and state district courts, have embraced this opportunity to bypass the normal checks and balances required by the Constitution. They gleefully subvert the will of the people by overturning laws supported by large majorities to impose the agenda of various liberal special interest groups on the people of the United States.

Banning school prayer, outlawing the Ten Commandments in all public places (except the Supreme Court itself!), changing Halloween to a ‘fall festival’, prohibiting Nativity displays, forcing Catholic hospitals to perform abortions, giving marriage licenses to gay couples are just a few examples of courts out of control. Last year the U.S. Congress passed a ban on partial birth abortion by a significant majority and President Bush signed the bill into law. The AMA says there is NO valid medical reason to ever perform this procedure, yet the pro-abortion groups have challenged the ban in state and district courts across the country.

The U.S. Constitution says the role of the Supreme Court is to determine the constitutionality of laws, yet the Court continually creates new ‘rights’ not specified in the constitution - like the ‘right to privacy’ it used to justify the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The recent re-election of President Bush provides a real opportunity to reverse this activist judge trend. At least one, and possibly as many as three Supreme Court judges are expected to retire within the next four years. President Bush has promised to appoint judges who will interpret the constitution rather than amend it. With a stronger majority in Congress, Bush’s other judicial appointments should finally be approved as well.

One practical way you can show your support is to come with us to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, on January 23-24 to protest the Supreme Court’s infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Since 1974 hundreds of thousands of people have gathered each year in Washington, DC, to protest this murder of millions of innocent children each year and let our representatives know how we feel about activist judges.

Information about the trip is elsewhere in this newsletter, or contact Edd Chinnock at (740) 927-5099.

Edd Chinnock

Council Respect Life Coordinator.

WANTED!! KNIGHTS in SERVICE **WE NEED YOUR HELP !**



On December 12th, our second Pancake Breakfast will be held with the proceeds from this breakfast benefiting our clergy. For this event we will need a lot of help. Early and late shifts are available and it would be greatly appreciated if you could help! To sign up call Mike White, John Sambuco, or Dan Stephan and let them know what you can work.

Thank you to all who have served, and please consider serving now. If you have not been able to volunteer in the past don't let that stop you now. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated, even for an hour or two. There are many demands of our time, especially with younger families, and we all understand.



The best help we can receive is for YOU to bring your family and friends. The food is great and the price is right, and even if you are unable to work, do not let that keep you from enjoying the fellowship of our Parish Community.

JOIN US December 12th 7:15 to 1:00
To Volunteer - Contact Mike White, John Sambuco, or Dan Stephan
TO HELP - BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

PHOTO'S WITH SANTA will also be taking place during this event ... help is needed here also!!

Catholic Men's Ministry Conference

Our council accepted the challenge to host the 8th Annual Men's Catholic Ministry Conference at Seton this February. The date is Saturday, February 12, 2005. Put it on your calendar **now!** This is a *tremendous* event for Catholic men to attend to rejuvenate their spirit and strengthen their soul. The day begins with Adoration at 6:00 am for those arriving early. Registration and breakfast runs from 7:00 am until 8:00 am. The conference begins at 8:00 am with many great speakers! Reconciliation begins at 11:00 am. The closing liturgy follows at noon and everything ends by 1:15 pm.



What a great way to begin a weekend!

Doug Lessells serves as the Master of Ceremonies, Marcus Grodi is the Main Speaker, and even Luke Fickle of Ohio State Buckeye playing and coaching fame shall give Witness. Many vendors offer their books and wares for sale throughout the conference. We can expect anywhere between 400 - 800 men from around central Ohio to attend! Our Knights need to assist with everything in order for this event to run smoothly. We need to serve as parking directors, registration takers, food purchasers and deliverers, greeters, and more. Those willing to assist as "chairs" should contact Mike Croyle at 740-964-0023. Please be ready to assist when called. Plan to attend this conference.

Promote this event to all Seton men ... whether a Knight or not. With it right in our backyard, the opportunity for this renewal is too good to pass up. Help us make our council and parish shine!

Mike Croyle
Grand Knight

Fr Michael J. McGivney Guild

For information on the founder of the Knights of Columbus, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/index.cfm>

To join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/participate/index.cfm>



Monte Carlo

Help is needed for the January 15, 2005 Monte Carlo.

Time: 5:00 pm (set up) to 1:00 am

Location: PAC

Call Mike Sergio at 322-1071

This page replaces the council business minutes on the web version available for downloading and for distribution outside the council



Insurance Corner

A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?

Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?

Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Lloyd Stauffer 614-833-9912



Eucharistic Adoration

Remember that Monday 5-6 am is our Council's Eucharistic Adoration hour. This opportunity is open to any Knight, not just those who attend meetings and sign up. We invite all Knights to help in this "Adoration Hour". Any interested parties can contact me and I can add them to the list. My phone number is 863-6419.

Ray Creamer

BUCKEYE BULLETIN

If you are not getting the Buckeye Bulletin, you may register for it by contacting Harding Christ at 440-933-8986 or email at harding.c@comcast.net. It has very interesting and informative articles about councils and council activities around the state. Check out the new "newspaper" format. AND IT'S FREE!!

Knights of Columbus Council 11187 or Fourth Degree Assembly 809 Shirts

Are you envious of the nice embroidered Council 11187 or Fr. Huber Assembly 809 shirts worn by many of the members. No need to fret, Fill out this form and return it to Pat Cleary's mailbox with a check for the shirts and you too will look fashionable at all of the Council and Assembly functions.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PAT CLEARY

Name: _____ Please print

Council 11187 Shirts Quantity:

Polo Shirt: _____ * \$30.00 = _____

Oxford Dress Shirt: _____ * \$30.00 = _____

Circle (Oxford only) : Short sleeve Long Sleeve

Assembly 809 Shirts Quantity: (NAVY BLUE)

Polo Shirt _____ * \$30.00 = _____

Circle Shirt Size MED LRG XL 2X 3X



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K of C First Saturday Mass

First Saturday of the month Mass, starts at 8:30 am, with a Rosary service for vocations. This is a great way to support our Parish!

Council: www.kofc11187.org

Assembly: www.kofcassembly809.org

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December 2004	
4	Rosary, K of C Saturday Mass, Officers Meeting - 8:30 am Bell ringing at Kroger's for Salvation Army
8	Business Meeting - 7:30 pm - NEW NIGHT
12	Pancake Breakfast/Visit with Santa - 8 am - 1 pm
18	Bell ringing at Kroger's for Salvation Army
19	First Degree Ceremony – Lancaster (Candidates Call 1:30 pm)
22	Social Meeting - 7:30 pm - NEW NIGHT
24	Christmas Choir
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
29	Red Cross Blood Drive
January 2005	
1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
8	Rosary, K of C Saturday Mass, Officers Meeting - 8:30 am
9	Pancake Breakfast - 9 am -1 pm
12	Business Meeting - 7:30 pm
15	Monte Carlo - 6 pm-12 pm
19	First Degree - 7:30 pm/Candidates Call - 7:00 pm
23	Free Throw Contest - 1 pm
26	Social Meeting - 7:30 pm

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Prayer Corner

Priests, our military around the world. Maureen Patterson, Joe and Lorraine Rossi, Bud Joos Daughter-in-Law's Mother, John Sambuco's Mother, Kathy Eisenacher, Dave Core's Family, Jim Hatem's Brother and Mother, and Sally Sergio, Fr Don Maroon, Teresa Stiles, Carol Layman, Chris Meade and Joan and Bill Vey.