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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 3** Keep Christ in Christmas Pageant – 1:30 pm at Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park.
- Jan. 6** Cincinnati Chapter Meeting
Rosary - 7:15 pm, Meeting - 7:30 pm
St. Joseph of the Three Rivers, North Bend
- Jan. 8** Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entries due
- Jan. 12** Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan. 14** First & Second Degree, Harrison Council – 7:00 pm
- Jan. 26** Council Social Meeting 7:30 pm - Souper Bowl Party
- Jan. 31** Pancake Breakfast at Taylor High School, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Feb. 9** Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- Feb. 23** Council Social Meeting 7:30 pm

- Council website: www.stjosephkofc.org
- Cincinnati Chapter website: www.cincykofc.org
- Ohio State Council website: www.kofcohio.org
- Supreme Council website: www.kofc.org

Message from Our Grand Knight

- Please keep in your prayers all members of our council and their families who are sick or in distress, especially Bill Goulet's father Don, Past Grand Knight at Benedict Council 2379 in South Grafton, MA

Praise for our new council website

- Denise Serafini, Director of eBusiness for Supreme Council expressed the following about our new council website, "All I can say is WOW! What a great website. The entire council can be very proud indeed of your accomplishment. This is a site that has all the information you need, good navigation, great presentation and even has added 'enjoyment' features. We've added the site to the links on Find A Council."
- Thanks again to webmaster Mike Pfaffinger!

Member News

Member Honors

- Congratulations to Tim Leigh, a Charter Member of the council, who recently received the honor of being Inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Knothole Association Hall of Fame. Tim has been involved with Knothole programs for 33 years and is both honored and humbled by the accolade.

Membership Dues

- Thanks to all that have paid their dues. We are down to only 35 that still owe dues. We also have had almost 100% participation in the voluntary payments for Measure up and Culture of Life.
- For those that have paid and not received their card for 2010, I will bring them to the Chapter meeting on January 6th and also our regular Business meeting on January 12th. After that I will begin mailing them out.
- Help us save postage by coming to the meeting and for those that haven't paid just bring your dues payment to one of those meetings.
- As always, if you cannot afford to pay your dues you will not be suspended, but you need to let me know. We need to help all Brother Knights always but especially in these times.
- Call Charlie Wilke at 941-4698 or email cwilke@fuse.net.

Our Programs

Christmas Dinner

- The St. Joseph K of C Christmas Dinner was held December 15th at The Woodlands and was well attended by members and family.
- This year's crowd was a record breaker with 120 Knights, family, friends and guests.
- Santa arrived right on time with candy canes and presents for all the little ones, while the big kids sang Christmas Carols with glee.
- Deputy Grand Knight Mike Felerski and his family joined us in the festivities. He presented St. Joseph K of C council #11550 with the Double Star Award plaque. The list of accomplishments which Mike recited was most impressive. Our council should be proud.
- Also present was Pam Wray and Holly Simms, representing Three Rivers School Special Needs. Gregg Lindle represented the Margaret Rost School for the handicapped. Grand Knight Tony Pagano presented both schools with checks from the money collect from our Measure Up Campaign.
- Our Christmas Dinner is always a special gathering. An opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with family and friends. A time of singing, laughter, good food and cheer. But most heartening is to watch the little ones and their wide eyed expressions as Santa appears in the hall with his bag of gifts and candy canes.
- Big thanks goes out to Steve Duebber and Dan Warnock for planning the event, to Charlie and Bobbie Wilke for the gifts for kids and women, to Jerry "Santa" Dehner, and to all who made this a great event.
- One reason we have such a strong and vibrant council is because of all the events we do as a FAMILY.

• Future Programs

Christmas Pageant

- The next Family Activity is the Keep Christ in Christmas Pageant, sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter K of C, to be held at Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park on Sunday, January 3rd at 1:30 pm.
- This is a great event to bring children to; it reminds them of the true meaning of Christmas.

2010 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

- Youth Director Dan Warnock, will be promoting the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest at local area schools this year.
- All young people ages 8 through 14 are invited to participate in the 2009 poster contest.
- Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol.
- The Knights of Columbus will be an annual competition with 2 winners from each age bracket. Each winner will be awarded \$50.
- There will be a division for youngsters ages 8 to 11 and a division for youngsters ages 12 to 14.
- For entry forms or additional information, contact your school principal or St. Joseph K of C #11550 Youth Director Dan Warnock 941-6667.

- Schools with entry forms are: Our Lady of Visitation, St. Jude, St. Al's on the Ohio, St. Bernard, and Three Rivers Middle School.
- All posters must be collected by January 8th, 2010.

Souper Bowl Party

- Our annual Souper Bowl Party will be held once again this year on January 26th at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Hospitality Room.
- This is our January social meeting event that we have held for several years now.
- Prepare a batch of your favorite soup in a decent size pot for all to share.
- All those in attendance will taste and sample each concoction and then vote on their first and second favorite soups.
- Not only will you get bragging rights if you win, but also a gift certificate.
- Be sure to invite your wives, a friend, or a possible candidate who might be interested in joining the Knights. You don't have to bring a pot of soup to participate.

Pancake Breakfast

- All hands on deck! Now is the time to volunteer! We need your help to make this boat float! It's our first ever Pancake Breakfast.
- The big event takes place Sunday Jan. 31st at Taylor High School, 8:00am -1:00pm.
- All proceeds will go the Pregnancy Center West to buy diapers.
- For this breakfast to be successful, we need participation from all St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus members.
- Here is how you can help:
 - 1) We need to sell ads for our place mats to businesses... both local and afar.
 - 2) We need to solicit donations...i.e. Paper goods, coffee, milk, pancake batter, sugar, butter, etc.
 - 3) We need volunteers to pre-sell tickets.
 - 4) We need volunteers to work in the kitchen, cafeteria, and set up.

Contact Solicitation Board Members:

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- Cheryl Bredestege: Home 941-4769, email cmvwb@fuse.net.

Volunteer Sign up:

- A signup sheet will be circulated at the January business meeting.
- If you can't make the meeting and would like to volunteer, contact Dan Warnock: home 941-6667, cell 477-2217, email danjowarnock@yahoo.com.

Family Movie Night and Fish Fry

- We will be holding our annual Family Movie Night at Our Lady of Visitation Parish on Friday, March 12th immediately following our Fish Fry. More information about this program will be in future newsletters.

Ladies Auxiliary

GENTLEMEN, PASS THIS NEWS ON TO YOUR WIFE!

Guest Column

St. Joseph 2010 Festival

- Keep the date of July 16, 17, and 18, 2010 for this summer festival. Our council does a great job running the Big 6 booth. The festival is always in need of new booth captains, so if you or someone you know is interested in being a booth captain, please contact Festival Committee member Dave Gerth (941-0388.)
- Summer Catholic festivals are a great family activity we want to support, so if you are involved with other local festivals, please let Dave Gerth (941-0388) know the dates and details so they can be shared with the council members.

District News

- One of the concerns of our Order recently has been the number of suspensions being processed. This can be for any number of reasons, but one reason we should not allow is because a brother Knight has fallen on hard times economically.
- Some of our brother Knights find themselves pinched for money, but are too proud to admit to it, so they leave the Order because they cannot pay dues. The first principal of our order is Charity, and as we all know, charity begins at home.
- Situations like this are why we have a retention committee in our councils. It has to be one of the hardest decisions for a brother Knight to make; remaining in the Order or putting food on the table. This is a decision he should not have to make.
- You, as officers and members can make a difference, because you not only have a council "distress" fund, but you also have the ability to wave a member's dues in certain circumstances.
- This is not about "making the numbers" with regard to membership, this is about giving and helping your Brother Knight in his time of distress, even if he is too proud to ask for it.

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St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council

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