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**Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays - 7:30 pm**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb. 3** Cincinnati Chapter Meeting 7:15 pm at Monsignor Gerdes Council
- Feb. 4** Salute to Vocations Dinner at the Cathedral
- Feb. 9** Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- Feb. 13** Charity Raffle tickets go on sale
- Feb. 18** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree 7 pm at Madonna Council
- Feb. 23** Social Meeting – Alternative Energy
- Feb. 24** 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 7 pm at St. Columban Council
- Mar. 12** Family Movie Night and Fish Fry
- Mar. 18** Margaret Rost School Free-Throw Event
- Mar. 21** 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Council Mass and Lunch
- Mar. 23** Social Meeting – bring a prospective member
- Mar. 30** Special Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at our council
- Apr. 10** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Kings Island

- Council website:** [www.stjosephkofc.org](http://www.stjosephkofc.org)
- Most Holy Rosary Assembly:** [home.fuse.net/assembly](http://home.fuse.net/assembly)
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**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 Jack Clock, Sheila Berauer, Jill Pfaffinger, George Schmidl, Delores Helton, Marybeth Friedhoff, Maureen Hendorf, Nicole Warnock, McKenzie Tice, Charlie Wilke's grandson, and Dennis Hock.
- Please keep in your prayers council member Bill Goulet and his family as his father Don Goulet has passed away.
- Thanks to those for designing and ordering the new council banner! It looks fantastic and will be a great tool to advertise our council's presence at all future events.
- I would also like to add my personal thank you to all the Knights and ladies who helped make the Pancake Breakfast such a great success. We don't have exact numbers yet but it appears we will be donating about \$3,000 to Pregnancy Center West to help save the lives of God's precious infants.
- We grew by 6 members at the Breakfast by Jim Bischoff and Jim Bell each recruiting 3 new members.
- Every member of our council needs to be a recruiter. Ask all your friends and relatives.
- We are having a 1<sup>st</sup> degree here at St. Joe's on March 30<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Mike as our honoree.

*Tony*

**Member News**

**Member Honors**

- Welcome readmission members Jesse Chavez, Gary Rellar, and Ben Staubach!
- Congratulations to those completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification, including Rich Joesting, Casey McMahon, and Dave Gerth.
- November Knight of the Month was Sonny Heath for outstanding performance selling more charity raffle tickets in 2009 than any knight ever in our council.
- December Knight of the Month was Dave Gerth.

**Membership Numbers**

- We have reached Supreme's goal for new members and insured members, so congratulations to our Council!
- Because it is our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we also have a Council goal of 15 new members. So don't quit recruiting now - - we can easily make our Council goal!

**Membership Dues**

- Thanks to all that have paid their dues!
- There are still a few members that have not paid their 2010 dues. Please forward payment to Charlie Wilke or call him or our Grand Knight if there is a concern on your part. No one will ever be suspended due to financial difficulties.

**Progressive Pot**

- The \$5 Progressive Pot attendance prize for January went unclaimed and is set for \$10 in February.

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## Our Programs

### Keep Christ in Christmas

- We sold 76 Keep Christ in Christmas magnets during December.

### 2010 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

- The winners of this annual contest were: Mackenzie Coon, Emily Hunter, Addy Nichols, and Megan Macenko.
- Each winner has been awarded \$50.
- We bid them congratulations and also thank Mrs. Julie Ranel, the art teacher at OLV for her support and participating in the Knight of Columbus poster contest.

### Unity Candle Table

- Our council will be purchasing a unity candle table for St. Joseph of North Bend to be used during weddings. It will match the wood work of the existing tables, chairs, lecterns, and altar.

### Souper Bowl Party

- Dozens of Knights and wives attended this great event and it was an enjoyable night for all.
- This year's First Place winner was a broccoli cheese soup provided by Gil Carr!
- Second Place went to the vegetable beef soup supplied by Elaine and Steve Kruse.
- Both entries were awarded Skyline gift certificates!

### Pancake Breakfast – Message from Dan Warnock:

*The committee as a whole would like to thank every one of you who participated in making the St. Joseph K of C pancake breakfast such a success. It truly was a team effort, one that we all can be proud of. We had a total of fifty-two workers throughout, including not only council members, but The Ladies Auxiliary, youth from St. Joseph Church, and Taylor High School personal. Just having that many volunteers was quite remarkable!*

*A lot of good will came from this event. Not only will we be able to help the women serving Pregnancy Center West with the proceeds, we also brought together our community and did it with a smile on our face. Many a compliment was spoken about how well our breakfast was received, noting that service was top notch, we were well prepared, and the pancakes and sausage were delicious.*

*As for our final take, we are still crunching numbers. You will see the final tally either by email, the website, or newsletter. Rich will also be writing articles for news outlets. Be sure to check your Western Hills Press, etc.*

*Enough cannot be said about how well our Pancake Breakfast was organized, served and embraced. Thanks once again for all your help in making it such a success. Special thanks go to our committee members. Just a super performance! I think the good Lord was smiling on us all yesterday. Job well done!*

*Most Sincerely Yours,*

*Dan Warnock*

### **Whitewater Kroger**

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## Future Programs

### Alternative Energy

- Jack Clark will be our featured speaker for February's social meeting discussing alternative energy concepts.

### Charity Campaign

- It's time once again for the annual Ohio Charities Campaign, the only major fundraiser for our Council's charitable giving budget.
- A list of this year's prizes will be announced soon and should be very similar to prior years.
- The money raised in this raffle will be our charity funds for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. Our goal is to sell 1,200 tickets, which can earn our Council over \$5,300.
- Last year was a record high with 1,130 tickets sold that earned \$5,025. This has allowed us to do a lot of good works so far this year.
- Co-Chairmen Carl Braun and Ken Gardner will be attending the kickoff meeting on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> when tickets will be distributed to councils.
- We are asking members to pick up tickets in the Gathering Space after all masses at St. Joseph Parish that weekend. All tickets not picked up will be mailed to members as soon as possible.
- These tickets are \$5 each and very easy to sell. All you need to do is show someone the ticket, and it sells itself!
- We are asking all members to sell or buy eight tickets. If you cannot buy or sell that many, do whatever you can to participate in this important program.
- We will also be selling chances at the Whitewater Kroger on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- If all members of the council contribute, we can have a very successful 2010 Ohio Charities Campaign.

### Family Movie Night and Fish Fry

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

### 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council #11550 will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Several commemorative events are being planned.
- On Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> we will be attending the 11 AM Mass at St. Joseph Parish and will be recognized by the parish. After mass we will be going to lunch at Kennings restaurant. More details will be published soon.
- On Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for our Social Meeting we will have as speakers the Directors of Pregnancy Center West, Joanie Loebker and Jackie Carney. They will tell us more about the Center as a Christian pro-life ministry.
- On Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at our council in honor of all priests of our council.

### Measure Up Campaign

- We need a chair to handle the scheduling of workers for the Measure Up campaign to benefit the Margaret Rost School and Three Rivers School Special Education.
- We will be collecting money at the Whitewater Kroger April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## District News

### Momentous Milestones:

- General Agent Michael J. Sisco provided us with the following update from Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing regarding 2009 insurance results:
  - ✘ The Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.57 billion.
  - ✘ Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$74 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that just 10 years ago, we stood at \$38 billion.
  - ✘ During 2009, we celebrated an extraordinary nine months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in February, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November.
  - ✘ Our annuity business saw record growth from 2008 to 2009. The number of annuity plans issued in 2009 more than doubled from those issued in 2008, with over 19,000 new annuities issued to our members and their families.
  - ✘ Our AAA rating from Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed for the 17th consecutive year and our A++ rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 34th consecutive year.
  - ✘ 2009 marked the ninth consecutive year our issued life insurance increased over the previous year.
  - ✘ Our number of associate members becoming insured members also grew, showing more of our brothers availed themselves and their families to our products.
  - ✘ During the past five years, more than 103,000 Knights joined the ranks of our insured members.
  - ✘ What does all of this mean to you? It means that you can take great pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families.
- Contact our Council's agent David Bretnitz for how to join your fellow insured Knights!

## Guest Column

### Block Ministries

- This is a new organization in Cleves that you are encouraged to patronize. Its purpose is to give youths a place to go that provides a positive atmosphere off the streets for those with no other place to hang out.

### 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.

## Ladies Auxiliary

- The Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Miami Township Hall in Cleves at 7 pm for the rosary and 7:15 pm for the meeting.
  - At the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a speaker from Pregnancy West to let us know what they do and what they could use from our May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> "Baby Shower May" program.
  - This meeting is not just for members and all are invited to see what we do.
  - I would like to send a big Thank You to the ladies who worked at the pancake breakfast. Many people said the service and food was excellent.
  - We now move on to the Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays till Easter.
  - We will be selling desserts and selling tickets for our Pampered Chef Basket raffle at this event to raise money for our organization.
  - We need about 6-8 helpers each night at the Fish Fry during lent to work at the Dessert/Raffle table.
  - We will also need 15 ladies to bake the desserts such as brownies, cupcakes, cookies, and cakes for each night.
  - Maryann Schmidt ([maryann35@roadrunner.com](mailto:maryann35@roadrunner.com) 825-6626) & Brenda Beckemeyer (941-3017 [brenda.beckemeyer@fuse.net](mailto:brenda.beckemeyer@fuse.net)) are our co-chairpersons at this event. Please contact them to work or bake!
- GENTLEMEN, PASS THIS NEWS ON TO YOUR WIFE!**

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### Mission Statement

#### St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council

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