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Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 5** St. Joseph Fish Fry
- Mar. 12** Family Movie Night and Fish Fry featuring Disney's "UP"
- Mar. 14** 3rd Degree St. Susanna 12:30 p.m.
- Mar. 18** Margaret Rost School Free-Throw Event
- Mar. 19** St. Joseph Fish Fry
- Mar. 21** 15th Anniversary Council - Mass and Lunch
- Mar. 23** Social Meeting – bring a prospective member
- Mar. 26** St. Joseph Fish Fry
- Mar. 30** Special Anniversary 1st and 2nd Degree at our council
- Apr. 2** St. Joseph Fish Fry – Good Friday
- Apr. 10** 4th Degree Exemplification April 10th and 11th at Kings Island

- Council website:** www.stjosephkofc.org
- Most Holy Rosary Assembly:** home.fuse.net/assembly
- Cincinnati Chapter website:** www.cincykofc.org
- Ohio State Council website:** www.kofcoho.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 Dennis Hock, Brother Vincent Bagan, Linda Gardner, Jim Bischoff's mother Lucille, Jill Pfaffinger, Sheila Berauer, and Rev. Mr. George Schmidl.
- We are having a 1st and 2nd degree here at St. Joe's on March 30th with Fr. Mike as our honoree.

Tony

Our Programs

February Social Meeting

- Thanks to council member Jack Clock for his review of the 2009 Southwest Ohio Solar Tour.
- Jack taught us a great deal about renewable energy and patiently answered our dozens of questions on this topic!
- Green Energy Ohio is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio.
- See website www.greenenergyohio.org for more information.

2010 Ohio Charity Campaign

- The 2010 Ohio Charities Raffle began on February 13 with the distribution of tickets. If you have not received your tickets yet, please call Ken Gardner and he will get tickets to you.
- Included with the tickets was a letter explaining the importance of this raffle to our council.
- In the past fourteen years, this raffle has earned our council almost \$36,000 for charity. Last year was a great year as we set a new record, earning \$5,025. But records are meant to be broken!
- Our goal for 2010 is to sell 1,200 tickets to net us over \$5,300. We need everyone's help to reach this goal.
- You should have received eight tickets in your packet. Do your part to sell or buy these tickets and as many more as you can.
- More tickets will be available at meetings or from Ken Gardner, Carl Braun, Dan Warnock, or Charlie Wilke.
- If you can't sell or buy eight tickets, do whatever you can to participate in this program.
- There are a total of 20 prizes to be won with the top prize being \$49,680! These tickets are very easy to sell if you just ask people to buy them.
- We need to sell as many tickets as possible by the first turn-in of April 13th to receive our maximum rebate. We earn an extra \$0.50 per ticket sold in the First Phase.
- Please support the most important fund-raiser of our council by supporting this very important raffle.

Member News

Membership Numbers

- Welcome new candidates Tom Schneider, Jim Jacob, John Gallagher, Ron Wertz, Jerome Beckmeyer, and Pete Beckmeyer.
- Gary Rellar, Jesus Chavez, Ben Staubach, and Richard Janson are all now officially on our Roster. Charlie has paperwork for each of you, so contact him ASAP at 921-3163 days or 941-4698 evenings.

Membership Finance

- Only 11 members have not paid their dues for 2010 and second notices have been sent.
- If you are one of the 11, please send a check or call Charlie Wilke as soon as possible.
- St. Joseph Council will NOT suspend anyone for financial reasons, but Charlie needs to know.

Progressive Pot

- The Progressive Pot attendance prize winner for February would have been Jim Bell. March's pot is now \$15 for some lucky winner who attends!

Duties of a Proposer

- Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one to be proud of. However, as a proposer, turning over a completed Membership Document (#100) is not the end of the job.
- You must also take the responsibility to see that your recruit becomes fully accepted by his fellow council members and stays involved in council activities.
- There are several steps you can take to ensure this:
 - a) Explain that the council's Admission Committee will examine his qualifications for membership. Accompany him to the Admission Committee meeting. Introduce him to members present.
 - b) After he has been accepted, escort him to his First Degree and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
 - c) Take the newly initiated member and his family "under your wing". See that he learns council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc.
 - d) Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council-sponsored activities.
 - e) Accompany your recruit to his Second Degree and Third Degree exemplifications and stay with him throughout the day.
 - f) Contact him before each council meeting and bring him to the meeting if necessary. If the new member becomes inactive for some reason, try to find out why. Call and ask to visit with him. Explain your concern about his absence and offer support or assistance
 - g) Encourage him to earn his "Shining Armor" status.
 - If the Knight becomes inactive, his proposer should work with the retention committee to find out the reasons for his lapsed interest and try to converse his membership.
 - With a little personal effort you can help guarantee that your recruit becomes an active member of the Knights.

District News

Membership Blitz Reminder

- The Blitz is coming up and St. Joseph is the council to beat within our district at this point. But not in the "Supreme Quota" way, but just by flat out total number of new members recruited for the fraternal year!
- The council with the most new members (additions, not net) in D9 according to Supreme by June 30th will receive a prize.

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.)
- Special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary and St. Joseph Ladies Society for taking on the task of manning the Basket booth at this summer's festival!

Ladies Auxiliary

- The Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting March 9th at the Miami Township Hall in Cleves at 7 p.m. for the rosary and 7:15 p.m. for the meeting.
- All Ladies are invited.
- We will be talking about the Baby shower to be held in May for Pregnancy West and St. Mary's Pregnancy Center.
- Mary Carr will inform us about St. Mary's. We hope to see all of you there.

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Future Programs

Family Movie Night and Fish Fry – Disney’s “UP”

- We will be holding our annual Family Movie Night at Our Lady of Visitation Parish on Friday, March 12th immediately following our Fish Fry.

15th Anniversary Celebration

- The 15th anniversary of our council is on March 29th.
- Please mark your calendars for our council’s 15th Anniversary Mass and luncheon on Sunday, March 21st.
- Council members, family, and invited guests will attend 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church followed by lunch at Kennings Circle K.
- There are 4 entrees to choose from for \$20 per person. Kennings’ party room is limited to 60 people, so contact chairs Bob Nieporte bnieporte@fuse.net or danjowarnock@yahoo.com to reserve your seat ASAP.
- All reservations should be in by March 11th.

March Social Meeting

- At the March 23rd social we will have Joanie Loebker, Director of Pregnancy Center West, as a guest speaker
- Joanie will tell us about the functions of the center and about their mission to help young mothers.
- We will also be presenting Joanie with a check from the proceeds made at the Pancake Breakfast.
- We can all hold our heads high and be proud of the good works we do for others, especially for helping Pregnancy Center West.
- Hospitality Room doors open at 7:10 p.m. with the social starting at 7:30 p.m.

Exemplification at St. Joseph Church

- On Tuesday, March 30th, there will be a special Anniversary 1st and 2nd 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 30th and May 1st and 2nd.

Special Population Free Throw Contest

- On March 18th St. Joseph Council will join together with six other councils to sponsor the Special Population Free Throw for the special needs children at Rost School.
- The activities begin at 12:00 noon and last until 2:30 p.m.
- Over 100 students from the school will participate and each receives a T-shirt and medallion from the Knights. An awards ceremony follows the contest with the entire school present.

- We need volunteers to help the kids participate, keep score, and rebound the basketball. Members who have helped out in the past can tell you what a great event this is.
- If you can help out that day, you are guaranteed to go home feeling good. It is one of the best activities we do as Knights.
- Call Ken Gardner at 451-3079 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Pennies for Heaven

- Our March Pennies for Heaven collection will be a "silent" collection. This means no coins, just bills!
- Of course we will accept your coins if that is all you have, but this will be the final collection for this year. After the meeting we will write our check to send off to the State Council.
- Through January, we have collected \$303.77 for this program. We are trying to break last year's record of \$332.44. In fourteen years, we have raised over \$2800.00 for Vocations Awareness with this program.

Whitewater Kroger

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