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Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:30 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 2** St. Joseph Fish Fry – Good Friday
- Apr. 10** 4th Degree Exemplification April 10th and 11th at Kings Island
- Apr. 13** April Business Meeting
- Apr. 27** April Social Meeting – Awards Ceremony
- Jun. 8** Council Family Picnic at The Riverview Shelter at Fernbank Park



Happy Easter

- 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, Kevin Gardner, Earl Simpkins, Jim Bischoff's mother Lucille, Sheila Berauer, Rev. Mr. George Schmid, Sharon Heines and family, Norb Bauer's wife, Mary Beth Freidhoff, Rob Stohlman and his wife, and Bill Borell.
- Also keep Jim Bischoff's family in your prayers as they remember Jim's father in law, Frank Schuler, who passed away this month.
- Especially keep in your prayers Jill Pfaffinger and her husband Mike.
- I want to thank all the Knights and Ladies who worked so hard to make the Fish Fry such a grand success under the leadership of Jim Bischoff.

Tony

Member News

Member Honors

- The January Knight of the Month was Steve Merida.
- The March Knight of the Month was Tom Bredestege.
- Congratulations and thank you for your support of our council!

Membership Numbers

- Welcome new transfer member Floyd McMurray.
- Welcome new council members completing their 1st and 2nd degrees on March 30th: Joseph Kaiser, Robert Rischmann, and Brian McMahan.
- A total of eleven 1st degree candidates and thirteen 2nd degree candidates participated in exemplifications at St. Joseph on March 30th. The Exemplification was held in honor of Pastor Fr. Mike Savino.

Membership Finance

- Only 4 members have not paid their dues for 2010.
- If you are one of the 4, please call Charlie Wilke as soon as possible.

Progressive Pot

- The Progressive Pot attendance prize of \$15 for March was won by Jerry Dehner!

Pro-Life Program

New Chairmen

- Gil and Mary Carr have volunteered to lead our council as chairs of the Pro-Life Program.
- We appreciate their dedication and look forward to working with them.
- Look for future news and events from them in this newsletter!

**Mission Statement
 St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council**

To promote the Catholic values of all families, and particularly the families of the membership of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council, through activities and assistance, and to proclaim the teaching of our Catholic faith while sharing our material wealth with those in need of our help

Our Programs

2010 Ohio Charity Campaign

- The first phase of the 2010 Ohio Charities Raffle will end at our business meeting on April 13. Please turn in all tickets sold to date by April 13, as we get extra rebates for tickets turned in during the first phase.
- Our goal for 2010 is to sell 1200 tickets, which will net us around \$5300.00. Please do your part to sell or buy the eight tickets you received, plus as many more as you can.
- More tickets will be available at the 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.
- We are off to a pretty good start, selling 700 tickets at the time that this newsletter goes to print. 45 of our 96 members have sold tickets so far, about 47% of the membership.
- We are trying to break last year's record first turn in and have a way to go.
- Special thanks to all brother knights who sold tickets at Whitewater Kroger, at St. Joseph Parish, and at the Friday night Fish Fry's held so far.

Council Donations:

- We have made a \$100 donation to the St. Joseph Table program which aims to bring together our parish members after masses.
- We have made a \$200 donation to St. Joseph's youth program.
- We have made a \$350 donation to OLV to help defer the cost of their new video projector.

Pennies for Heaven

- Our council's "Pennies for Heaven" collection this year set a new record at \$400. This money will be donated to the Cincinnati Diocese Vocations office.
- Over the past fourteen years, our council has raised over \$3,200 with this program. That's a lot of pennies!

Special Population Free Throw Contest

- On Thursday, March 18th, St. Joseph Council joined together with six other councils from the Westside of Cincinnati to put on the Special Population Free Throw Contest for the mentally handicapped students at Rost School.
- Over 100 students participated this year and each received a T-shirt and medallion for competing.
- A special awards ceremony was held at the end of the day, with the entire school attending. Every student in the school received an apple or applesauce when they left the assembly.
- Sixteen brother knights from six different councils helped out at this activity, with Ken Gardner, Jerry Dehner, Mick Brady, Steve Kruse, and Tony Pagano representing St. Joseph Council.
- This is truly one of the best activities that the K of C holds.

15th Anniversary Celebration

- Sunday March 21st, members of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus celebrated their 15th Anniversary.
- Our observance began with brother Knights and family members attending the 11:00 Mass at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Mike presided over Mass along with Fr. Marty as co-celebrant.
- At the end of Mass, Fr. Mike had the Knights and their families stand to receive a prayer and blessing.
- Following Mass we met at Kennings Circle K for a luncheon emceed by Council Director Bob Nieporte.
- Fr. Mike addressed the attendees and expressed his gratitude for all the council has done in contributing to the well being of the parish.
- Fr. Harry, District Deputy Mike Felerski and Grand Knight Tony Pagano also addressed those in attendance.
- Bob Nieporte explained the meaning of the K of C Third Degree emblem and recounted our council's history and growth over the years.
- Bob did keep it pithy, even when asking Fr. Harry to please give us "the short version" of his invocation before food was served.
- Most of all, Bob made us aware and reminded us of our noble cause and all the good works our council has done the last 15 years. Then he challenged us in the next 15 years to come.
- May we stand tall in his challenge to keep on course the next 15 years.
- Like DD Mike Felerski said, "It's not easy for a council to win a Double Star Award." Are we up for the task?

March Social Meeting

- At the March 23rd social we had directors Joanie Loebker and Rachel Renner of Pregnancy Center West as guest speakers.
- Joanie told us about the functions of the center and about their mission to help young mothers, as well as some inspiring stories of saved lives.
- We presented Joanie and Rachel with a \$3,000 check from the proceeds made at the Pancake Breakfast.
- Joanie also encouraged anyone who has free time to volunteer to work at their Bingo one night a month.

Ladies Auxiliary

- Elaine would like to thank all of the ladies who worked and baked items for the fish fry. Our Chairpersons Maryann and Brenda did a great job.
- At the April meeting you will hear the final report on how much we raised selling desserts and raffle tickets.
- The April meeting is Tuesday April 13th at the Miami Township hall in Cleves on Miami Ave next to Argo Funeral home.
- Rosary begins at 7 PM and meeting starts at 7:15 PM.
- We will be planning the baby shower for May and who will bring appetizers for the April 27th Men's awards night.
- All ladies are welcome so please come and join us. We are having a great snack hope to see you there!

Future Programs

Measure Up Campaign

- We will be collecting money at the Whitewater Kroger April 30th and May 1st and 2nd.

Council Picnic

- Mark your calendars for June 8th to attend our Council Family Picnic at The Riverview Shelter at Fernbank Park.

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.)

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- **St. Joseph of North Bend**

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- **Our Lady of Visitation**

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