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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS THE LARGEST CATHOLIC MEN'S FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dominus Vobiscum!

"Thank You"! "Thank You" to everyone that spent some of their valuable time at various establishments in the community collecting money to help our special population brothers and sisters during our annual "Measure Up" campaign. Don Fox, the director of this worthy activity, is also commended for all the hard work and time he put into planning and coordinating the volunteers to insure the activity would be successful. Last, but not in the least, "Thank You" to all of you that donated in support of this cause wherever they happened to see a campaign worker.



All those Knights that volunteered to participate in the "Highway Cleanup" activity on May 16 are to be commended also for their dedication to our Knights of Columbus council and the community. "Thank You" to Greg Genetin who again volunteered to take charge of this activity. In addition to Greg, a big "Thank You" to Lee Egan, Howard Fierstos, Keith Stahler, and Tim Tourney, a group of Knights who are regularly participate in our council's activities. Also, the group greatly appreciated the help of Greg's son, Danny Genetin, and his friend Jim Machuga who volunteered to participate in the highway cleanup and we "Thank" them also for that. Both of those fine young men are often seen helping out around St. Clement participating at Mass or working at parish fund raising activities. To me, both of them have all the qualities it takes to become a Knight and I am hoping it won't be long before they take the First Degree and become members of Knights of Columbus council #5582.

Please take NOTE: Our business meeting is usually on the 4th Monday of each month but, due to Memorial Day, the business meeting for May 2009 has been moved to Tuesday evening May 26. At 7:00 PM we will meet at the St. Philomena Shrine to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Your families are invited to bring their lawn chairs and pray with us also. Afterward we will proceed into our meeting hall to convene our business meeting. In case there is inclement weather, we will pray the Rosary in St. Clement Church. This business meeting is also special because we are having our election of Officers and Trustees for the 2009-2010 fraternal year at that time. I really do hope all of you will be there at 7:00 PM to participate in this Holy Devotion.

Our Knights of Columbus Charities Cash Bonanza raffle director, Keith Stahler, mailed our additional tickets to the state director on the final turn in date, May 15. The total number of tickets sold was less than last year but not too bad considering the state of the economy. "Thank You" Keith for overseeing this activity and "Thank You" to everyone that sold or bought the Cash Bonanza raffle tickets. The rebate we receive from the state each year for selling these tickets is greatly needed to replenish our charity fund.

I am happy to say that our Deputy Grand Knight, Jack Bellotte, and his wife, Estella, will be in attendance at the Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention in Cincinnati during Memorial Day weekend. We wish them well and pray they will have an experience that is both enjoyable and memorable. I know Jack will be one of the best delegates there and be giving us a good report when he returns. Both will represent our council in a first-class manner.

Finally, I wish all of you a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend whether you are traveling or are stoking up the grill at home. Take some time to reflect on the

reason we celebrate this Holiday. Say a few prayers for those who died while serving our country and for those Veterans, living and deceased, who sacrificed a part of their lives so we are able to live in the land of the Free and Home of the Brave, with Liberty and Justice for All, whether we are Born or Unborn.

GOD Bless you and your families!

Did Our Council 'Measure Up'?

The annual collection for those citizens with mental retardation – a statewide campaign organized by the State Council of the Knights – was done on the prescribed weekends of April 25 and May 2.

The person responsible for making the Campaign happen within our council was a man of great humility and genuine interest in the success of this work. Brother Don Fox, and very capably assisted by his gracious wife, Theresa, for the tenth year running, did another grand job of organizing this truly benevolent event. Many telephone calls and truck-runs of all sorts were done by Don for the ultimate benefit of those less fortunate than we.

Considering the employment doldrums in our country and of this area, persons shopping at some local businesses substantially responded with generosity when seeing our men holding the Measure-Up canisters during the recent two Saturdays of collections. Donald and our collective council thanks the proprietors and management of the area businesses contacted that allowed us to be present at their doors. The businesses were: Massillon Wal-Mart, Navarre Spee-D-Foods/Marathon, and Richville Circle-K. A special note of thanks goes to Navarre George's Pizza's co-proprietor and council Honorary Life Member Lance Talbott who permitted a jar to be placed in the business in Navarre.



Joe Heller, Wisconsin -- The Green Bay Press-Gazette

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Customers were encouraged to place any extra change into that container by the staff! This resulted in a nice addition to the other collected funds.

The council's overall efforts resulted in an amount of over \$1200 being collected on the two days designated. The *Gimme-Five* collections of which many members partook raised this to a total to over \$1600. Final figures will be available in next month's newsletter – the final one of this fraternal year. A complete report of this activity will be made available to the Grand Knight, Treasurer, Trustees, and Program Chairman by the Financial Secretary at next Tuesday's meeting.

In a lengthy report made by the State Council of last year's *Measure-Up Campaign*, the total collected (includes *Gimme-Five*) within the Youngstown Diocese's 35 participating councils was \$38,560. For all six dioceses, the amounts turned into the State for distribution totaled \$437,000! Even that figure is down slightly from the recent trend upwards.

Your response to the two voluntary contributions suggested in the billing process last December has been good. The number responding to the *Gimme-Five* portion of *Measure-Up* reached a council high in both donors and dollars given. As a brief refresher, 80% of the monies donated come back to us for The ARC and TWI in Stark County in the late summer. Thank you to all who helped to make this year another good one for this worthy purpose.

Charities

The selling is over and the tickets turned in on phase 2 have been sent to the State. Now the waiting on the big drawing on Friday night at the State Convention held from May 22-24. As seen in the GK Report from Michael, Jack Bellotte will be there for the drawing and will bring back some information on all of this. A report has not been given your editor by chairman **Stahler** on the returns so a complete accounting will wait for the writing of the **June** issue of this newsletter.

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Allow this reminder that there will be no newsletter written or issued for the month of **July**. A month off for your editor and Grand Knight is welcomed each year during a time of summer commitments, vacations, and a lull in council activities.

Mark Boron, Editor

The by-Laws of any organization call out the designated and necessary role of those holding official positions within said organization. Officers are the life's blood of them. This certainly includes Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world succeeding in endeavors entrusted to them.

The Council #5582 By-Laws dictate the election of officers is to be held each year between May 15th and June 15th. Abiding

by same, the following candidates have agreed to have their names placed in the trust of the membership if elected to the positions shown on May 26th.

Trustees' recommended Slate of Candidates for holding offices in Council 5582 for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year

- Grand Knight ... Michael Churpek
- Deputy G.K. Jack Bellotte
- Recorder Joe Madzia
- Treasurer John Lamberjack
- Chancellor Al Frank
- Advocate Tim Tourney
- Warden Bill Baker
- Inside Guard ... Cletus Rohr
- Outside Guard.. Lee Eagon
- 1-year Trustee . Howard Fierstos
- 2-year Trustee . Keith Stahler
- 3-year Trustee . Joe Manwaring

Every office is open to further nominations. If you would wish your name to be submitted for the elections to be held this month at the regular business meeting, give the Grand Knight a call. Nominations may even be made on the floor at this meeting so long as the nominee is in agreement for holding an office. The elections are to be at the 7:30 PM Business meeting in the Men's Club Room on Tuesday, April 26th.

Yearly Birthday Greetings

For those experiencing a birthday this year that occurs in this newsletters' coverage time of the months of **May** and **June** are:

- May 24 Ernie Fuchs
- May 26 Tim Gang
- May 26 Bob Jones
- June 07 Tom Merry
- June 18 Dave Bille
- June 18 Tom McAllister

What's going on around town and in our greater community?

- May 22-24 State KofC Convention
- May 25 Memorial Day – celebrated
- May 26 TUESDAY – Regular business: rosary at 7 PM, meeting and election of officers at 7:30
- May 30 Memorial Day – actual
- May 31 Feast of the Pentecost
- June 08 Possible Planning Meeting
- June 22 Regular Business Meeting



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glen and Millie Smail wish to announce the birth of their first grandchild! **Amber and Phil Marquart** are the equally proud parents of a baby boy named **Ethan Paul**, born Wednesday, April 22 at 12:02 PM. Ethan weighed 6lb. 5oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Millie says “Yes, grandma and grandpa Smail are very proud. All are doing well”. This birth and announcement came just beyond the publication date of the April newsletter so was not included then but certainly is now! Congratulations to the parents and grandparents!

Member **Kevin** and his wife **Erin Bille** also announce the birth of their second child, a boy named **Grant David Bille**! He was born at 11:38 AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Grant weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz, and was 20 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well. Proud also are **Gamaw Anita** and **Papa David Bille**. Also in there with their own pride at this miracle of birth are the great grandparents (now of three), **Bill** and **Mary Kay Baker**!

Member **Mike** and **Erica Soehnlen** had a new baby boy two months ago. This is their fifth child. A small note on this was in last month’s newsletter. All three of these announcements are for boys!

The May Business Meeting will be held one day later than normal because of Memorial Day being on Monday. The meeting will take place this coming TUESDAY, May 26 at 7:30 PM in the Men’s Club Room.

Chaplain’s Writings

One theme present in our Sunday Scripture readings in the first weeks of the Easter season is the notion of witness. In the Greek language, the language of the New Testament authors, the word for ‘witness’ and ‘martyr’ is the same. A martyr witnesses to his or her faith by their death. Confronted with the option of avoiding a cruel death by offering worship

to the Roman emperor, the martyrs of the early Church chose to lay down their lives, thus professing their loyalty and their trust in Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. They believed that their martyrdom would win them an everlasting crown of life in the eternal kingdom of the Father. They also were convinced that their witness strengthened the faith of the other members of the Christian community. In fact, Tertullian, the North African writer and apologist (160-220 AD), once wrote, “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church”. His comment shows how powerful is the witness of a martyr to the life of the Church.

We have no problem with identifying a martyr as a witness to Jesus Christ. But we must remember that we are called to be “martyrs”, witnesses to the Faith in our day and age. While we will never be martyrs in the most basic sense of the word, nonetheless we are called to witness daily to the Faith by our actions and our words. We must lay down our lives in service to one another. Sometimes this may feel like “martyrdom”. For we are to be servants to one another, to the ones whom we find easy to help and to the ones whom we find difficult to serve. Martyrs lay down their lives once. We must lay down our lives day after day. And we must be honest with ourselves in saying that we all have days where we would rather not be bothered. Yet, as Luke records in his gospel text, Jesus says that we must daily take up our crosses and follow him.

During the entire Easter season, the Paschal Candle stands in a prominent space within the sanctuary: right next to the pulpit. It burns as a bright reminder of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and of our belief in his redeeming action. But it is also prominently displayed to remind us of our commitment in baptism to serve the Lord daily. Each time we listen to the gospel reading at our Sunday liturgies and look up at the pulpit, we are visibly reminded that we must live according to the promises made at our baptism, promises that include our commitment of service.

Let us during this time of the Church year recommit ourselves to Christian service toward our spouses and families, toward our friends and neighbors, toward our fellow parishioners and all who come to us in need. Let us be modern-day “martyrs” of Jesus Christ, witnesses to his continued love and presence among us.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Edward L. Beneleit, Chaplain

[Father Beneleit had a well-deserved five days off this past week but nonetheless submitted this writing for your consideration.]

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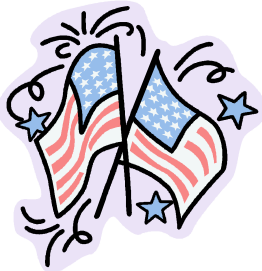
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S21/Erie Ave. South Highway Cleanup

The spring Highway Cleanup is now history. Greg Genetin, chairman of this twice-per-year event for a number of years, reports that the highway was pretty badly littered last Saturday, May 16. Participating in this work for the betterment of the community were:

Lee Eagon, Howard Fierstos, Greg and his son, **Danny Genetin, James Machuga, Keith Stahler,** and **Tim Tournay.** Thank you very much, gentlemen! We hope the community of travelers south of Navarre can have some appreciation for your dedicated efforts Saturday morning. The Genetins also hosted the usual brunch at their house after everyone was done performing their cleanup work. Thanks to Greg and his wife, **Barb**, for doing this for so many years.

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Remember our Veterans and those presently serving the defense of our nation and the protections enjoyed by their defense of them. Monday's holiday is more than just cookouts with family get-togethers. Our heroes are buried in many, many locations. A visit to just one graveside will honor all those who served!

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In This May Issue, read about . . .

Chaplain's Report; Birthdays; Grand Knight Report; Measure-Up; Charities; Elections; Calendar of Events; By-Laws; Highway Cleanup; and more!

WHEN AND WHERE YOUR COUNCIL MEETS

Meetings are held twice each month with a few exceptions. The first meeting is on the 2nd Monday of the month. It is for discussing, planning, and organizing activities, reports, and issues. It is informally conducted, beginning at 7:30 PM in the St. Clement Men's Club Room unless otherwise specified. This meeting shortens the length of the Business Meeting. The last Planning meeting was held on May 11th.

The second meeting date is the 4th Monday of each month. It is formally conducted and is for carrying out the business of the council. Members in attendance must have a current membership card in their possession. Actions are taken on the business discussed and planned at the first meeting of the month as well as that are appropriately brought up on the floor during the conduct of the meeting. Binding votes are cast, reports given, and final action plans made. The council's Grand Knight conducts both of the above meetings.

The coming Business meeting is on TUESDAY, the 26th of May at 7:30. Members are asked to attend the recitation of the rosary prior to the meeting in the St. Philomena shrine at 7:00. **No one** has yet come forward to provide refreshments for this meeting that will include the election of officers for the coming year's work.

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

When someone is in need, it could be that you are the only one to know it. If you come upon a brother Knight or one of his family that is in need of prayer, visits, or some help with something that he or they might not be able to do, please call the Fraternal Chairman **Jack Bellotte** without assuming that someone else is taking care of this need. Jack continues to handle this important duty and can be reached at **330-879-5603**.

- For **Ed Klink** for his prostrate surgery next month
- For **Bill Baker** on a catheterization faced this week in anticipation of hip replacement surgery soon.

An attempt was made, beginning in 2003 by then GK **Jim Rohr**, to amend our By-Laws. Approval of the changes by Supreme was a difficult process and no activity or progress was made in five years. Brother **Tim Tournay** was asked to look into this by Grand Knight **Michael Churpek**. He determined that a new means of accomplishing changes to by-laws had been implemented in New Haven such that an on-line procedure could now be used to speed the process considerably. Once this was known, Tim put through the necessary information and the new By-Laws of our council were approved in late March. Full-page printouts became available to be downloaded to a computer and printed. Small booklets the same size as the last printing in 1986 were formatted from this and printed. These booklets are now available upon request by members. Wow! What an ordeal and now a sense of something accomplished! Thanks Tim! Thanks Michael!