



Newsletter

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PORT CLINTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1750

Comments from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

It seems like only yesterday that we were sending off to you our first (July) Newsletter; to introduce to you how we intend to approach our tenure as Council 1750's new Grand Knight. However, here we are already in early August – and many things have begun to change that will present challenges for all of us. First, this Newsletter unlike the timing of past issues, will be coming to you following our Business Meetings; rather than just prior to them. As a result, we will be reporting in this issue on the collective results of three (3) separate meetings; the July 5th Business meeting, a July 30th Officers' work session, and the August 2nd Business Meeting; plus other significant informational items.

The most important organizational development over the past month is that we have been blessed with nine (9) Brother Knights who have agreed to take on personal roles for the various service programs that constitute the core of our K of C Brotherhood. These brothers and their roles are listed here:

Paul Anderson: Church Director

Jim Recker: Community Director

Bob Geiger: Culture of Life Chairman

Andy Migas: Council Director

Ed Verkin: Public Relations

Barry Cover: Family Director

Lyle Short: Youth Director

Jerry Arnold: Membership Director

Paul Messerly: Retention Chairman

We are truly grateful for the willingness of these brothers to step "Into the Breach". But, our hope and prayers are that we will not leave these brothers to fend for themselves. Rather, we are fully expecting to identify other brothers who will be willing to partner up with the above service program leaders; so we will actually have program teams that can collaborate on our service work going forward.

*Without getting specific on personal interests and/or service assignments, we are encouraging the following brothers to get involved, and to help our Council to advance our service programs: Dave Ashton, Jim Bergeman, Dick Celek, Matthew Cornett, Bert Fall, Greg Fox, John Fritz, Dave Gahrns, Aaron Gonya, Larry Hattan, Carl Koebel, Joe Majce, Mike Matthews, Mike Messa, Craig Olszewski, Jeff Steinmetz, Dick Packert, Brian Pollauf, Joseph Puda, Jerry Tarolli, Ed Verkin, Jr. Jim Wisler, and anybody else - whose name I may have missed. Only if we truly collaborate in Charity, Fraternity, and Unity - can we hope to live out Fr. McGivney's dream to serve our neighbors in need. To that end, a group of Brother Knights gathered on Saturday morning, July 30th at 6:30 AM, for the purpose of reviewing the "good, the bad, and the ugly" about how our Council is living out Fr. McGivney's ambitions. We discussed the many "good works" that we can truly be proud of. However, we also identified a number of challenges that absolutely need our attention. Our most significant conclusion during this "work session" was that our mission is not about: "What we do", rather it ought to be about "**Who will we serve!**"*

*Deputy Grand Knight – Ed Maher, Past Deputy Grand Knight (Recorder) - John Carroll, and I are committed to advancing our Council's Mission, but we can only do that if we have the opportunity to "**PLAY TEAM BALL!**" At our recent August 2nd Business Meeting, we had an open discussion among all of the members present; about how we can work together more effectively to serve: our Church, our Community, our Families, our Youth, Our Council, and those challenged by Life Issues. The conclusion was (and is), that service program leaders (and those other brothers who are willing to assist them) must have an opportunity to gather for a productive work session at some point prior to each one of our monthly business meetings. It was concluded that we ought to return to meeting a second time each month. In the past this was done on the **Third Tuesday** of each month. It was further decided that we should use the first part of these gatherings to work on advancing our service programs. These work sessions could certainly be followed by some time for fellowship and refreshments. The idea of inviting spouses (significant others) was also suggested; so they might seek to advance the idea of forming a Ladies Auxiliary; which had been suggested during Joe Majce's second term as Grand Knight.*

Over the course of the three (3) meetings (mentioned above), some crucial items were discussed that need our attention. They are:

- Our Membership Roster has a significant number of errors that we must help our Financial Secretary, Cat Alvarez, to correct. Correcting these deficiencies is absolutely necessary, because other important matters are dependent on an accurate accounting of our members.
- Despite the current healthy financial status of our Council, we must re-budget how we will spend our resources over the remainder of this Council Year. It again comes down to “not what we do, but “Who Do We Serve?”
- Our Perch, Peach, Pierogi, & Polka Festival is right around the corner. This provides wonderful opportunities for each one of us to reflect the love of Jesus to our “neighbors”; who will be coming to visit us from places yet unknown.
- We have an opportunity to recoup our State per Capita assessment (about \$750/year); by implementing a successful **“PRO FOOTBALL FUND CRAZR SWEEPSTAKES”**. “Stay tuned” – more information will be forthcoming.
- Our Hospitality coverage (as ushers) at the 8:00 AM Masses on the Second and Fifth Sundays of each month at Immaculate Conception Church needs to be better organized. This is to ensure that our Church Community sees the Knights of Columbus in a positive light .
- In keeping with the focus of “Who will we serve?”, we must also be more deliberate about how we relate to those individuals who we have put on our “Prayer List”. We should also determine if we can assist these brothers and sisters with more than just our prayers.
- We need to shift some of our focus (and time) more toward our Youth; both among our young people, as well as among our younger Knights; who must be properly mentored --- if they are expected to become our future Council Leaders.
- We have several of our new members who have gone through their First Degree Exemplifications, and are looking forward to moving through the Second and Third Sections. We need to assist them in making the necessary arrangements, and by accompanying them along their faith journeys as well.
- We need to be certain that our local community is well aware of who we are, and all of the “good” that the Knights of Columbus are seeking to do throughout our community. This will require us to have our activities publicized in more effective ways.
- If we are truly committed to doing all that we do: “THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, AND IN HIM”, we need to add two visual reminders of our commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. A banner (or sign) that expresses those six (6) Divine Words must be placed in a prominent place in our Hall. Also, the framed picture that we Catholics have come to know as the “Divine Image” of Jesus with the words, “Jesus I Trust in You”, also needs to be hung in a place of honor where we meet.

In conclusion, our Council was awarded another visual reminder of how truly blessed we are. At the July 5th State Tour Meeting in Tiffin, we were awarded top place in the State of Ohio for the best recruiting performance during that period. Adding our eight (8) new members brought home to us a beautiful framed picture of Our Blessed Lady of Good Counsel (see the image). We should all take pride in this accomplishment, we should all cherish the picture of our Blessed Mother, and we should all appeal to her for her intercession during our times of need.

If, as you are reading over this Newsletter and thinking about all of those things that our Council must do, please: 1) Consider seriously: “Who is it that we do need to serve?” 2) Make a determined effort to tell yourself that, “I am certainly willing to **“PLAY SOME TEAM BALL”**! 3) Ask yourself, “Where do I fit the best --- what service position takes most advantage of the gifts that I have to offer?”

We have said it before and it is worth repeating over and over and over again:
“MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”!

Thank you in advance and Shalom,

G.K. Jack Resetar



Our Lady of
Good Counsel

Note of Appreciation

We have recently received wonderful expressions of appreciation from John Bennett and his daughter Sarah; who we helped to fund their June mission trip to El Salvador. Both John and Sarah indicated that their experiences were life-changing, and they were blessed to be able to serve many who were in need during this mission trip. We can take great satisfaction in the donations that we made both as a Council, and also as individuals. Our financial contributions were instrumental in supporting John and Sarah in their altruistic endeavors.

Home Association News

Kudo's to all of our members who participated in the Home Association's great work to upgrade the HVAC systems, and the insulation of the front space overhead of the Denny Bergeman Hall. Not only have the operating costs (to heat and cool the space) been significantly reduced, but the Home Association was also awarded a \$1000 grant from the Port Clinton Main Street Improvement Fund for implementing these energy-saving upgrades. Ed Maher and others were instrumental in accomplishing these important improvements, and securing the award.

Also, it was reported by Home Association President Andy Migas that Brother Jerry Arnold was successful in acquiring a brand new upright freezer from Whirlpool Corporation; to replace our kitchen unit that had recently failed beyond repair. Jerry has already sent a letter of appreciation to Whirlpool for their outstanding generosity.

District Deputy

Turning to matters beyond our Council, and beyond our borders; our beloved District Deputy, John Madison, recently reported to us that he has been deployed for an unspecified military assignment with the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing. All we know is that John traveled twenty (20) hours to reach his new duty station, the temperatures there have reached 115 degrees, and John said that he will do his very best to keep us all connected on K of C matters via the internet. As we offer our daily prayers, let us be sure to include our intentions for John's safety, and his safe return on or about the New Year.

REMINDER: All Officers, Service Program Leaders, and brothers willing to help - will meet for a **"Work Session" on:**

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16TH AT 7:30 P.M. AT DENNY BERGEMAN HALL.

Our purpose will be to deal with some of the matters detailed herein, and to launch our efforts to advance our various service programs.

Playground

Council 1750 can also take a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that we *"Walked the Plank"* both by making a significant financial contribution; as well as contributing man-hours worked - on the recently completed ***Flagship Collaborative Play Place***. This all-inclusive, state-of-the-art, therapeutically designed playground will provide developmentally stimulating experiences for all children and adults who visit Port Clinton's Lakeview Park.

Council Shirts

Mike Hayes – Outside Guard; is also Council 1750's Knight who orders our handsome K of C, logo-embazoned, monogrammed, green shirts. Mike has received a number of shirts that he ordered for new men that need to be delivered to them. Mike needs to make arrangements to get these named shirts to their rightful owners. If you are a member who has ordered a shirt, and have not yet received it, you **NEED TO CONTACT MIKE HAYES** by calling him at: 419-341-4438.

Volunteers Needed for 4P Festival

For many different reasons, the number of volunteers who have agreed to staff the hundreds of time-slots (that make our Perch, Peach, Pierogi & Polka Festival such a success) have dwindled a bit this year. Co-Chair Jerry Arnold has made the request that if any volunteers (who are already scheduled) can also add another shift (here-or-there), it would be tremendously helpful. You can do so by calling Jerry at 419-341-3743.

In Memorial

We are all saddened to learn of the recent passing of Brother Knight Gerald A. "Gerry" Miller. Gerry was a long term member of Council 1750, a 4th Degree Knight, and a very good friend to many. Members of the 4th Degree will stand Honor Guard at Jerry's wake on Friday evening, August 5th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Also, our Brother Jim Even recently lost his daughter Mary Jo Westfall. We offer our sincere condolences to Jim and to his family.



Volunteer Request

For any Knights who may have some time to spare, and who might be willing to assist some wonderful, local, charitable organizations; we would encourage each one of you to seriously ponder the thought of giving a helping hand to:

- Our Parish Ministries
- Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
- Bistro 163 Community Restaurant
- Portage Resale Center

Many of our Brother Knights are already helping, but filling additional volunteer requirements is absolutely crucial to the well-being of these truly worthy organizations. In this Holy Year-of-Mercy, we all need to think long and hard about our Lord's call to: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Care for the Sick, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead.

August Birthdays

Thomas Rowe	8/2
John Schaffner	8/2
Joseph Merola	8/3
Paul Messerly	8/9
Donald Gaydosh	8/10
Stephen Levorchick	8/11
Lawrence Gonzales	8/13
Chester Wisenbarger	8/13
Edward Maher, Jr.	8/15
Dale Bird	8/18
Donald Gresbach	8/18
Thomas Polidoro	8/22
Donald Andras	8/31
James Zura	8/31

Calendar of Events

- Aug 14th – Hospitality 8 am Mass
- Aug 16th – Work Session 7:30 pm
- Sept 2nd, 3rd, & 4th – Perch, Peach, Pierogi & Polka Festival
- Sept 6th - Business Meeting 7:30 pm

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IN SERVICE TO ALL*