





## Grand Knight's Column

April 2007



Dear Brother Knights:

Happy Easter! May the joy of the Risen Lord shine on you and your families.

In this season of Glory and Praise, it's fitting to remember those among us who go above and beyond in their support of their fellow parishioners and Knights. Our Council has forwarded the names of the following individuals for consideration for Chapter and State recognition, and will recognize them at the Knight of the Year/Family of the Year Banquet on April 20<sup>th</sup>. I'm proud to announce:

Family of the Year - Shawn Ansbro Family  
Knight of the Year - John Zacovic  
Volunteer of the Year - Phil Siedlecki  
Lady of the Year - Kathy Baker

March was a busy month for our council, with support to Boy Scouts, our church, our fellow Knights and their families, and our Order. Many different Brother Knights and their families participated in these events, and your efforts are always appreciated.

March marked the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of this Council, and 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Order - we had special events to recognize these momentous occasions. Seven men were added to our council at a special 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, held in honor of our pastor, Fr Dan Ochs. Five additional new Knights from neighboring councils were also included, and we were honored to have the State Deputy, Gary Eckstein, participate in this event. Father Dan expressed his appreciation for the honor, and for the support that the dedicated men of the Knights of Columbus provide to him and the parish. Brother Knights and their families gathered for Mass on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, then joined together for a wonderful communion breakfast in the cafeteria to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks to Shawn and your team for this wonderful opportunity to gather together in friendship.

Postponed from February, we were able to celebrate the support our wives provide with a unique Wives Appreciation Dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. We also had the opportunity to participate in an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification - a truly memorable event to initiate Sir Knights into the visible arm of the Order.

Charity ticket and Clipper ticket sales are ongoing, and Measure Up campaign will be here soon. Please participate in these worthy fundraising activities as you can, to help us provide the charitable programs at the local council level. Every little bit helps, and early turn-ins of tickets are appreciated.

Marian Council in Whitehall has agreed to participate with us in our Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival again this year. We will have many opportunities to volunteer for set up, parking cars, clean up, etc. This year, the ladies have agreed to return with a Fried Green Tomato booth, and they will be looking for some assistance in that also. Mark your calendars for Wednesday through Sunday after Labor Day, with special emphasis on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be reaching out to you to ask for your assistance in this opportunity to showcase the Knights of Columbus to the community.

Your feedback is always welcome - you can reach me via the council mailing address, my e-mail ([pyarger@yahoo.com](mailto:pyarger@yahoo.com)) or on my cell phone at 614-746-6115.

Fraternally Yours,

*Paul Yarger, Grand Knight*





## Deputy Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights:

April 07

Spring is finally here and Easter is only a few days away. Needless to say we are hopping busy as always. The Spring Charity Campaign is in full swing and we need everyone to hop to it and turn in as many tickets as soon as possible. The more we turn in by the first turn in the better our refund will be. If you need more tickets please call your team captain and / or call David Baker at 614-861-1580 and thank you. Below you will find a schedule for the Council 5253 and the events we will be working on for the next few months. Please consider helping out for at least one event if possible.

### APRIL

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Social meeting** - Steve Looney will present a slide presentation speaking about his High School ministry.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil** – We will need ushers and people to help park cars – please contact Lee Brock if interested and able to help.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Women's Card Party** – Help with setup and takedown have been requested please contact David Baker if you can help. MEN - YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT – COME PLAY CARDS!

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Charity Campaign ticket turn in** – please bring your tickets and turn them into David Baker at the Women's card party – the more we turn in the more money we can receive on bonuses and refunds.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – 6 pm to 8 pm David Baker will be at the rectory so that you can turn in charity tickets if you didn't do to on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – Coffee and Donuts** – After the 10:15 mass the knights will be setting up the coffee and donuts. A few Knights will be needed to staff this – more details to follow.

### MAY

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – Measure Up Campaign** – We will need about 30 knights to help collect donations for people with mental disabilities. This is a big fundraiser for a very important cause. Phone calls are being made to round up volunteers – please help if you can.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – 11:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Parking Assistance

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – 11:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Parking Assistance

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day to turn in Charity Campaign tickets** – please bring the tickets to the council meeting and turn them into David Baker. This will be the last chance to get the tickets in so they can be at the state convention on time. Thanks for all your efforts to sell as many as possible.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>—Confirmation Mass** 7:00PM - Parking Assistance 6:00PM Assistance

### JUNE

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus Clipper's Night** – come to the game with your family and join your fellow knights for an evening of fun.

I want to thank everyone for all your help throughout the year. For more information please consult the council web site [www.kofc5253.org](http://www.kofc5253.org) for your convenience.

Fraternally Yours,

*S.K. David Baker, Deputy Grand Knight*





**From the Chaplain**

**April 07**



*I have just returned from the First Degree done in Father Dan's honor. I learned several new things. Tonight was the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our Council's charter. Our degree tonight modeled the first meeting of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. McGiveny had 13 men at that meeting. We had 13 candidates along with the pastor we honored. The similarities gave a deeper meaning to a degree that already reminds us so strongly of the first principle of our order, Charity. The giving of alms is an important thing for all of us to do all the time, not just now, during the Lenten season. We are called to share all that we have with the poor, the hungry, the homeless. But remember that Charity means more than just giving money. Charity is a way of life. It is a way to think. I once had a friend who was always giving of herself. It didn't matter who the person was; family, friend or stranger, my friend was always there. She would talk to the outcast most of us would walk by. She made food for the shut-ins. She carried Eucharist to those who couldn't come to Church. She gave to the best of her ability. She truly lived a life of charity. I was blessed to have such an example in my life. She showed me how simple being charitable can be and I will share the lesson with you. It is being aware of those around you and being aware of what they may need to make their life better. It is that simple, my friends. Live a life of charity, one person at a time.*

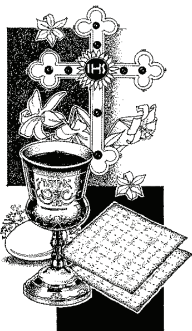
**Deacon John**

**MEMORIAL**

Less we forget, our condolences to Shirley Kirkland and Family upon the death of her beloved husband and our Brother John "Mac" Kirkland.

***John Kirkland***  
 Born: January 11, 1945  
 Died: March 9, 2007  
 John was a Knight for 26 Years

We believe the light of God surrounds them, the love of God enfolds them, the power of God protects them, and the presence



**TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS:**

*Shirley Kirkland and Family, Brett Baxter, Heraldo (Ham) Hamburger, Leo Shedlock, Ronald Kinietz, Dr. Richard Arnett Family, John Burtyk Family, John Lukie, Bryan Youngblood, James Marcum*

*Members of the Military- especially Scott Muehlbauer, Joshua Beyer, Seminarian James Dodaro as well as Jim Kelly and Charlie Miller who are studying for the Diaconate.*





## K of C WOMEN'S CLUB



March 12, 2007

We had many friendly faces at the meeting tonight. Our festive group consisted of Karen Huth, Mary Jo Neader, Karen Yarger, Winnie Doherty, Brenda Beyer, Kris Kinietz, Dee Ansbro, Martha Terry, Jayne Siedlicki, Jeri Turrin, Kathy Baker, Joyce Bauer, Peg Brock, Loretta Patterson, Debra Orellana, and Ann Burke.

The Card Party/Style Show is just around the corner on **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** in the St. Pius gym at 7pm. The ladies have been hard at work organizing their greatest fundraiser of the year. The tickets are \$8.00 in which entitles one to a style show by Fashion Bug and a delicious buffet of deserts, appetizers, snacks, and beverages. Also, there will be a silent auction, two 50/50 chances, our famous raffle, and door prizes. The theme is **“Tea for Two”**. Karen Yarger has been making beautiful centerpieces using teacups and teapots that our members have donated for the Card Party/Style Show. Contact Dee Ansbro for tickets. Come for an enjoyable evening of socializing with friends and of course a Fabulous Fashion Show.

The Knights of Columbus Women's Club is asking for food donations for the Card Party/Style Show. It would be greatly appreciated if our great bakers would donate their time to provide various food items for the event. Please remember to put your name on any containers, plates, or utensils that you bring.

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** is our fundraiser at **Max and Erma's** (Broad Street location). Come for a delicious lunch or dinner to support the K of C Women's Club. You must have a flyer so the K of C Women's Club can receive 20% of meal cost. **Look for the coupon in this newsletter.**

Any member of the K of C Women's Club interested in running for an office, contact Brenda Beyer (361-2569). She will present a slate of nominees at the April meeting. The ladies want to thank our hostess, Brenda Beyer, for a lovely St. Patrick's Day table. Joyce Bauer is the hostess for April.

The K of C Women's Club wants to extend our condolences to Shirley Kirkland on the death of her husband, John. Also, we want to send Get Well wishes to Laura Ulietti. If any member knows of someone in the club that is ill or needs some special thoughts and prayers, please contact Jayne Siedlecki (863-5284), our Sunshine Lady, and let her know.

Our next meeting is **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. The first half of the April meeting we will be finalizing plans for the Annual Card Party, Max and Erma Fundraiser, annual review of our bylaws and presentation of a slate of officer nominations. At the second half of the meeting, we will be having a speaker, **Delayne Williams, Horticulturalist from the City of Reynoldsburg**. She will be giving a “hands on” demonstration on how to make a **Hanging Floral Basket**.

It will be an exciting meeting whether you choose to make your own Hanging floral basket, or choose to just watch and learn. \*\*\*\* Please **RSVP by April 2nd**, to 614-216-0216. \*\*\*\*

1. All “Hands on” participants will be required to **bring your own** basket to plant the flowers in.
2. There is no cost if you just wish to observe the demonstration.
3. The cost to participate “Hands on” will be **\$ 5 per person (Members), \$ 8 (non members—includes \$3 membership)**

This cost will include:

- a. Flowers
- b. Soil
- c. Fertilizer
- d. Guidance from the expert
- e. Lots of ohhs and ahhs from the rest of the group

Get ready for our Spring Picnic, the “Return of the Tomato Festival” and our September Banquet.

Ann Burke, Secretary





### THANK YOU from Cub Scout Pack 326

During the months of February and March, the Knights have actively supported Cub Scout Pack 326 as judges in the Blue and Gold Cake Bake competition and assisting with the Pinewood Derby. I would like to thank Mike Angle for his assistance in the Cake Bake competition and Horace Gilmore, Mike Angle, and Todd Mislan for their help with the Pinewood Derby. Not only do I appreciate your help, but also Cub Pack 326.

Gordon Burke  
Charter Organization Representative



**Membership** - Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practical Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are in union with the Holy See. A practical Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and The Precepts of the Church. Our council strongly supports and promotes vocations awareness, pro-life activities and religious education. Charitable giving of both moneys and man-hours is our compass of virtue. Charity is the foremost foundation of our order. Over our short history, Fr. Hohman Council # 5253 has developed and grown into a very successful and highly recognized council within the Columbus diocese. Our programs and activities support the virtues and principles of Columbianism by Focusing in the areas of Church, Council, Family, Community, and Youth. This balanced approach assures that all aspects of our spiritual and secular needs are fulfilled. Today, Fr. Andrew Hohman Council has grown to over 200 Catholic parish men and their families. Our growth, prosperity and future lies in recruiting new Knights whom actively participate in our council activities and provide the leadership for our order as we progress in the new millennium. Do you know a prospective candidate? Have you talked to him about the opportunities to grow through the five areas of service - faith, community, family, youth and fellowship? As men of faith, Knights are committed to making a difference by helping others.

**Member Benefits** - Did you know that your annual dues not only provides the seed moneys supporting your councils program activities but also provides up to \$2500 for accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost, twelve free issues annually of the worlds largest Catholic family magazine, -- Catholic family evangelization at its best--, the opportunity to provide for your families security and well being through a Superior Rated Insurance Program, six different college scholarship programs, as well as Mass offered daily for deceased members and the deceased spouses of members. Pick up a Council Brochure, put a form 100 with it and give it to your prospect. Answer his questions and give the signed Form 100 to an officer in our council for processing. We believe in each other as we believe in ourselves. – Jerry Lowery, Membership Director – [jlowery@insight.rr.com](mailto:jlowery@insight.rr.com), (614) 322-1792 Home, 614 322-1792 Cell.

### Measure Up Campaign

The “flagship” charity of the Knights of Columbus has long been our support for citizens with mental disabilities. In recent years, the Knights of Columbus have been recognized as a major corporate sponsor to the International Special Olympics with many councils, including those in Ohio, sponsoring local events. Here in Ohio, our primary support and fundraiser for assisting those with mental disabilities is our Measure-Up Campaign. Each year, this campaign raises approximately \$500,000 for statewide and local caring agencies to help sponsor a variety of training and support programs. 80% of the money collected by our councils is returned for donating to those local agencies. The remaining 20% is used for statewide programs and our new McGivney Fund.





***Obtain your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree*** - If you are a 1st Degree member of the Knights of Columbus you can become a full Knight in our Order and obtain the Second and Third Degree, Unity and Fraternity, on **Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>**. The exemplification to these degree's will be conducted at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 3730 Broadway Grove City OH 43123-2298, about a 1.5 miles West of I-270 On west Broadway on the left, beginning at 12:00 Noon. Candidate call is 11:30AM. Your cost is only your time and you will be served dinner following the 3rd degree. Remember to bring your travel card and if you need transportation, please contact me. – Jerry Lowery, 614 322-1792

### ***News for Veterans***

Go to <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/index.cfm> and learn more.

**Federal Task Force Launches Web Site** - WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson, head of the new inter-agency task force examining the processes for combat veterans seeking services and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal agencies, announced the creation of a dedicated Web page to solicit input on the ease of accessing federal

**VA Is Nation's Largest Provider of Mental Health Services** - WASHINGTON -- As more newly returned combat veterans turn to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for health care, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson said the Department continues to enhance services that will provide them with world-class care, including

**VA Seeks Best Electronic Records to Track Injured Veterans Seamlessly Through System** - WASHINGTON -- Citing the need to provide America's veterans with the best services available, the top physician in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) defended the Department's decision more than two years ago to reject a flawed veterans' tracking system. (3/8/07)

**Nicholson Leads Federal Task Force on Combat Benefits** - WASHINGTON – President Bush has created a special, inter-agency task force under the leadership of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson to thoroughly examine and cut through red tape affecting the latest generation of combat veterans seeking services and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or any other federal agency. (3/7/07)

### **Solafide**

***Men's Gospel Quartet***

***Benefit Concert for St. Francis Center  
(Catholic Mission in Vinton County, Ohio)  
Presented @ St. Pius X***

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm  
Free Will Offering (no admission)**

**Solafide**

**Bill Bates Gary Henkel Dave McKenney Brian Schleppe**

### **2007 SUPER CASH BONANZA PRIZES**

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3. \$12,720 - Payable \$212 a month for 5 years
4. \$4,000
5. \$3,000
6. \$2,000
7. \$2,000
8. thru 11 \$1,500
12. thru 15 \$1,250
16. thru 20 \$ 1,000

**Columbus Chapter Knight of the Year &  
Family of the Year Dinner  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Berwick Manor Party House, 3250 Refugee Rd  
Cash Bar 6-7 pm, Italian Evening Buffet Dinner 7pm.  
Cost is \$28 per person.

Please RSVP to Lee Brock (614-85\61-5137) by April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Announcing - Ohio State Council K of C  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual State Family Campout  
Lake Wapusun Campground, Shreve, OH  
July 27-29, 2007**

Information is on the State of Ohio Council Web-  
site, or contact  
Donald Morris at [dmorris@kofc2726.org](mailto:dmorris@kofc2726.org)





**Knights of Columbus Women's Club  
Annual Card Party & Style Show  
"Tea for Two"**



**Tuesday, April 10th- 7-10 pm!**

The K of C Women's Club will hold their Annual Card Party fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 10th, 7-10 pm** in the school gymnasium. Grab a foursome and spend a special evening playing cards, socializing and enjoying friends. Cost per ticket is only **\$8.00** and includes a chance for a door prize, dessert buffet, appetizers, coffee, tea and punch. Silent Auction and Raffle tickets will also be sold for some great prizes. Bring your own cards and have fun with your friends. We will also provide a **Spring Style Show**. Fashions will be provided by **Fashion Bug**, 2857 Taylor Road, SW., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance from any K of C Women's Club member. This is the Women's largest fund raiser for the year and assists with donations to local charity. Contact Dee Ansbro (614) 759-7876 or Kathy Baker (614) 861-1580 for tickets. Help support the Women and their local charities.

**Knights of Columbus, Council 5253 are selling  
CLIPPER TICKETS !**

General admission tickets are **\$2** and can be used at the Columbus Clippers Family Nights at Cooper Stadium. Tickets are good for home games from opening day to early June. This is a great cause and supports the Special Olympics of Franklin County. Contact Ron Kinetz at [rkinetz@insight.rr.com](mailto:rkinetz@insight.rr.com) or (614)583-0922 (office), (740)-964-6334 (home) or (614)679-9727 (cell). What a great way to spend some family time together!

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**Thursday, April 19th**

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## **Knight of Columbus – Assembly 2900 Cell Phone & Ink Jet Cartridge Recycling VA Volunteer Services Fundraiser**



**Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2900**  
conducts annual Columbus Diocese cell  
phone and ink jet cartridge recycling for  
Veterans of America Volunteer Services  
(VAVS) fundraiser. Funds raised are used to  
support the VAVS Activities of the VA  
Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic in  
Columbus Ohio. There's nothing to buy. We  
are simply asking you to protect the  
environment by donating your used digital  
cell phone(s) and empty ink jet cartridges.



Your used cell phone(s) may be tax  
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accordance with EPA regulations or  
refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds  
will help fund the Columbus VAVS  
programs. Items collected can be brought  
to the monthly Council, Assembly or  
Columbus Chapter Meetings or call me or  
your District Deputy for collection. We  
greatly appreciate your support!

## **Recycle Cell Phones & Ink Jet Cartridges**

**Jerry J. Lowery, Faithful Navigator Assembly 2900 – (614) 322-1792- jlowery@insight.rr.com**

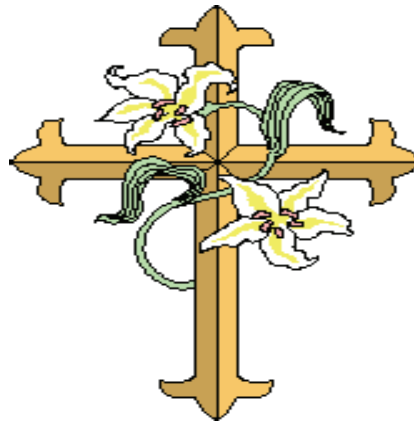
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*Happy Easter*

## April Birthdays

Anthony Briski, John Burtyk, Gregory Canfield, Gerald Cooke,  
Jeffery Cox, William Dessert, Robert Doherty, Dr. Robert Durbin,  
Joseph Fenneken, Fred Fuchs, Herald Hamburger, Joseph  
Kochensparger, John Leers, Dr. Gregory Matthews, Andrew  
McKinley, Todd Mislán, John Nijssen, Michael Osei, Nick Persichetti,  
Joseph Sanderall, John Stock, Richard Taylor