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## FOUR SIMPLE WORDS

# Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

### Grand Knight's Report

By: Jim Maslach

Four simple words that every member of the Knights of Columbus in this council and across the world have heard hundreds of times. Words that we, members of the largest fraternal, Catholic men's organization, pledge to live our lives. Yet, for some it is difficult and challenging.

Our council does so many great things for the parishes under our envelope, greater community and for each other. However, there are times that when we forget or are pressured to live outside of the things that are right.

There has been a lot in the news lately about what is legal and what is morally the right thing to do. Penn State case, and now, Syracuse, bring to light issues that for years nobody wanted to talk. Now, there are consequences and lives that need to find

closure.

As members of the Knights, these four simple words mean to each us different things. But, we are bonded together by these words to do the right thing and to be the men that Jesus Christ tells us to be.

It is difficult—yes. Jesus Christ is there to help us and lift us up. I look out across our council daily and see the faces. Faces that are familiar, faces that are struggling, faces of men feeling the pressure of society. Yes, my brothers, it is challenging and we will slip up from time-to-time. Jesus is there for you. We are there for you. You need to take the first step and open the door.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism—four very simple words that we strive to make part of our daily lives. Together, we are stronger. Together, with Christ, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

*“Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.”*

- 1 Kings 2:3

### Remembrance and Peace



St. Ambrose parish built a Peace Memorial consisting of a new flag pole and marble monument with the Ten Commandments on one side and the Beatitudes on the other side. The Peace Memorial was funded by donations from the Knights of Columbus and the St. Ambrose Women's Guild. The dedication ceremony for the new Peace Memorial was held on September 11th, 2011 in remembrance of 9/11. The ceremony consisted of a concert by the St. Ambrose music ministry, remarks were made by Speaker of the House, William Batchelder and honor guards provided by Brunswick Fire Department, Police Department, local government

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# RESOLUTION #2011-002

## *Proposed Resolution to Brunswick Council #4847*

WHEREAS, Brunswick Council #4847 being a Charitable and Fraternal Organization that conducts many charitable activities throughout the year.

WHEREAS, many members of Brunswick Council #4847 support various council fundraising activities and functions by charitable donations of their time, talents and treasures.

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Council #4847 maintains a savings account with Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union located in Brunswick, OH.

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Council #4847 savings account has been in existence for over 20-years.

WHEREAS, the savings account contains approximately \$1,650.

WHEREAS, the K-C Corporation was established in 1966 and was charged with obtaining a future home for Brunswick Council #4847.

WHEREAS, all members of Brunswick Council #4847 are automatically members of the K-C Corporation.

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Council #4847 was required via its by-laws to donate any excess amount of the General Account to the K-C Corporation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Brunswick Council #4847 make a donation to the K-C Corporation and to their assist in the expenses of the corporation in order to fulfill their commitment to obtain a future home for the Brunswick Council #4847 from the Council's Savings Account. The amount is not to exceed \$1,000.

Respectfully Submitted: The 1st Day of November, 2011



Brunswick Council 4847 graciously donated a check for \$600.00 for the intended use of religious education needs to purchase materials to supplement the Catholic educational needs for both children and adults in our Cleveland diocese.

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## Remembrance and Peace

officials, the VFW, American Legion and Sir Knights from Assembly 3105.

Following the ceremonies inside the church the group processed outside to dedicate the new Peace Memorial. Estimated crowd was 350 to 400 people who attended and witnessed the dedication.

## KofC Halloween Party

Vince Berardinelli



The second annual St Ambrose kids Halloween party was open to all families of the parish. The purpose of this event is to promote family life. The interaction and family bonding between parents and child is what the knights encourage. The smiles and fun that the parents and children have says it all. All of the children and many of the adults dressed up in costume and competed for best costume prizes. Music and entertainment was provided by DJ and K of C member Kris Koch (Num Num World Entertainment). Kids and adults danced and played games throughout the afternoon.

All of the children received gift bags filled with candy. Halloween decorations and kids crafts were provided by St Ambrose parish and supervised by Helen Lanzoretta (Adult volunteer). With the help of teen volunteers Aaron Zorij, Jordan Zorij, Amanda Sansone, Kristen Maslach, Nick Gati, Rachel Luna and Hallie lemon the children enjoyed making ghosts, placemats, door hangers and face painting. Knights of Columbus volunteers provided hot dogs, mac and cheese and refreshments for 150 attendees Mark Hovanec, Dave Klem, Joe Szelenyi, Mike Anderson, John O'Malley, John Ballash, Steve Koly, Jim Maslach, Roland Bator, John Brown, Mike Levasseur, Brian Tittle, Bob Tittle, Vince Berardinelli, Frank Pacek, Mike Lucci, Kris Koch and Ed Brown all contributed

**ATTENTION ALL:** THERE ARE NEW FORM 100S COMING OUT! Yes, Supreme has changed the wording on the form. Please make sure that you have the up-to-date forms. God Bless.

## Angels in the Kitchen and Singing

Jim Maslach

Who says angels are not everywhere? On Saturday, November 26th, there were angels in the kitchen and in the church at St. Ambrose. In the kitchen, is the army of KofC volunteers preparing to feed approximately 500-people in less than one-hour. A true sauce man, Sonny Scarpino, doctored the sauce and made it just right. Meatballs, noodles and sausage were cooked by Mark Hovanec and Steve Koly. The rest of the army was out in front serving. A great site and please crowd. The meal was FREE donation of the Knights. In the church, the world-famous Singing Angels performed to the delight of all in attendance. Thank you to all the brothers: Bob Tittel, Mike and Andrew Lucci, Joe Gezymalla, Mike Levasseur, Brian Tittel, Darryl Sper, Rich Wenmoth, Dave Placko, Dave Sikorski and Jim Lepi.

## KofC Helps with Community Day

Steve Koly

On November 5th, 2011 members of our council 4847 started the morning very early at 6:30am in preparation for a breakfast and as always we opened with prayer by our Grand Knight Jim Maslach. The Knights in partnership with the PSR of St. Ambrose co-sponsored this event.



The purpose of this event was to welcome 169 second Graders and their parents giving them time to bond and to invite Christ into their lives. This is in preparation of their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, as they foster a greater peace and spirit in their homes and neighborhoods. The PSR group arrived shortly after and set up the hall for the breakfast and activities headed by Patty Bachman, Director of Religious Education. Patty opened the event at 9:00am with prayer and discussed the itinerary for the morning activities which included a craft project of making a decade of the rosary with their parents, a keep sake box and writing a pen pal letter between day school and PSR students. Followed by a brief talk from Father Bob Stec.

As we prepared the breakfast, it never fails that someone will ask where to find something in the hall kitchen. That's when we rely on Brother Knight Brian (RADAR) Tittle who will come up with whatever needs to be found. Eight graders and confirmation students helped serve and bus tables. During the morning's preparation of the breakfast several knights reflected on our contribution to this event. We discussed by leading by example of our actions. Forgiving others as we were taught that the Lord will forgive us as we reconcile with the Lord. We had one other mishap which always makes these events something fun, interesting and something to talk about. The six griddle pans used for the pancakes kept popping the circuit so a brother knight hooked up an extension cord and unplugged the oven I was using to cook the sausage by mistake, however, we still had everything ready before 9:00am. A tribute to our perseverance and dedication to helping our youth and adults grow in their faith. Knights who helped and volunteered for this event GK: Jim Maslach, DGK: Steve Koly, John Taylor, Brian Tittle, Mark Horvanec, Mike Levesseure, Joe Gzzymalla, Ed Brown, Mike Anderson, Rich Wenmoth, Dennis Pastorelle, Joe Szelenzi

## Remembering Those That Came Before

Steve Koly

On October 29th, 2011, in a partnership with the Catholic Cemeteries Association, our council held a Memorial Mass at Resurrection Cemetery. Those of us who braved the cold weather celebrated an outdoor mass presided by Father Bob Stec of St. Ambrose. A letter was sent out throughout the diocese and as a result, several Sir Knights from other Councils and Assemblies were in attendance. This occasion gave the Knights and their families time to reflect and share their memories of our departed brothers who have passed into our Lord's loving arms as names were read the year they left this earth to be in a better place with God so that they may watch over us and guide us in spirit.

After the mass, we were treated to a dinner put on by the Catholic Cemeteries Association. There were about fifty people who attended the dinner. Melissa Malone gave a brief introduction on the responsibilities of the Association covering sixteen cemeteries in this area, Melissa also introduced several key members of the Association as well as Deacon Tony DeGracia who gave a brief talk on the bereavement counseling he does through out the Diocese. Jim Maslach disappeared along with Father Stec and appeared a short time later with several bottles of wine for dinner and as door prizes. Looks for this to be an annual event.

## Annual KofC Family Christmas Party



Sunday, December 18th  
1:00 to 4:00 PM  
St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall

Please RSVP to either Vince Berardinelli or Jim Maslach with children's names. We want to forward these to Santa so he can check his list. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## Corporate Communion Kicked Up

On October 16th, 2011 council # 4847 gathered together for a Corporate Communion Mass at 12:00 at St. Ambrose



Church (Brunswick) which coincided with our October Blitz weekend where we sponsored this month's donut Sunday. This time to show are unity in faith and family we asked all 4th degree members to dress in their social regalia and processed into church with our wives and family at our side followed by the all other knights with their significant others and families

Our council does this quarterly to give the knights and their families an opportunity to come and sit together in unity to strengthen their faith in joyous celebration by, praying, singing and personal reflection. Although singing is not this council's main attribute there are some very talented (idol like) voices in the crowd that make those of us who can't sing (me) sound wonderful. This occasion gives the Knight's time for personal reflection and to be thankful for what they have. During the homily and final blessing Father Bob Stec encouraged all men in attendance at the mass to think about joining the knights because we are Men who Serve the Lord.

In attendance were twenty knights and their families. Presenting the gifts during the offertory were Jim and Carol Lepi, Dave and Marie Placko and Roland Bator. After mass we gathered for a potluck lunch.

## Upcoming Events

### DEC

- 6 General Meeting @7:30p (SA LCDL)
- 8 Immaculate Conception
- 11 St. Nicholas Breakfast @ 6a (SA HH)
- 15 Assembly Meeting @ 7p (TBD)
- 17 St. Ambrose Live Nativity @ 6p (SA HH)
- 18 KofC Family Christmas Party @ 1p (SA HH)
- 20 1st Degree @ 7:30p (SA LCDL)
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Officers Meeting @ 7p (TBD)

### JAN

- 3 General Meeting @7:30p (SA LCDL)
- 15 KofC Free Throw Contest @ 6p (SA HH)
- 17 Fraternal Benefits Night @ 7:30p (SA LCDL)
- 19 Assembly Meeting @ 7p (OLOG)
- 21 RTL Spaghetti Dinner @ 3p (SA HH)
- 24 Officers Meeting @ 7p (TBD)
- 28 Winter Carnival @ 5:30p (SA HH)

## COUNCIL OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Grand Knight	Jim Maslach
Chaplain	Father Bob Stec
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Koly
Chancellor	Frank Pacek
Financial Secretary	Sonny Scarpino
Recorder	Ed Kilroy
Treasurer	Dave Placko
Warden	Ed Brown
Inside Guard	Mike Levasseur
Outside Guard	OPEN
Advocate	PSD Roland Bator
Trustees:	PGK John Brown PGK Bob Tittle PGK John Chalfa
Insurance Agent	Robert Bath
Church Director	Steve Koly
Community Director	Jim Maslach
Council Director	Dennis Pastorelle
Pro-Life Director	Pete Troha
Family Director	Vince Berardinelli
Youth Director	Brent Monnin
Membership Director	Frank Pacek

## Birthdays

### DEC

- 1 Brent Monnin
- 4 Rich Golan  
Sonny Scarpino
- 8 Bob Drum
- 15 Richard Kemski  
Fred Schultz
- 18 Ed Napolitano
- 20 Mark Armstrong
- 21 Michael Klein
- 22 Mike Abella, Sr
- 24 Father Robert Burge



## ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Navigator	SK Jim Lepi
Friar	SK Father Bob Stec
Captain	SK Jim Maslach
Pilot	SK Frank Pacek
Comptroller	SK Roland Bator
Scribe	SK Mark Hovanec
Purser	SK John Chalfa
Admiral	SK Dave Placko
Inside Sentinell	SK Mike Levasseur
Outside Sentinell	OPEN
Trustees:	SK Steve Koly SK Dennis Pastorelle SK Ed Vanselow

## Degree Schedule

### DEC

- 4 1st — 1:30p @ 3410 Akron
- 14 1st — 7p @ 4731 North Olmsted
- 20 1st — 7:30p @ 4847 Brunswick

If you or a candidate that you have sponsored is interested in making a 2nd or 3rd degree, please contact our Worthy Chancellor Frank Pacek at 330-225-4370 or Grand Knight Jim Maslach at 440-785-9838. You are responsible for letting our Worthy FS Sonny Scarpino know the date and location of the degree and the candidates name so that our membership records can be updated.

The next **3rd degree** is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2012. If interested, please contact the people above.

The **4th degree** exemplification is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14th. Contact FN Jim Lepi for more info at 330-225-1801



*Have a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year!*

## Council Membership

Total Membership	Month to Date				Year to Date				
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	
196									
YTD Change	MBR	13	1	0	1	4	0	4	31
-3	INS	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.