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Keep Moving Forward

Jim Maslach, Grand Knight

“**Keep Moving Forward**” is a phrase popular, to an almost extreme extent, in the Disney movie “Meet the Robinsons.” This movie depicts the life of an orphan boy as he tries to find a family to call his own. This phrase is part of a more in-depth phrase from Walt Disney himself:

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

Funny how life turned out as Walt Disney went on to create movies and amusement parks to the joys of millions of people.

There are times in our lives that we do not want to move forward. We are happy with where we are and what we are doing. Doing the same fundraisers and service programs year-after-year-after-year are

OK but to expected different results is on the edge of insanity.

Brothers, this year we challenged ourselves to move beyond yester-year into programs and events that will define the



Knights as a family-fun, faith developing organization.

As we move into 2011 you are going to start to see different events for you and

your family such as: A Knight of Wine Tasting, A Knight with the Monsters hockey game; while gone is the Horseshow. And there will be more changes once we complete our 501c3 license.

Yes, change can be difficult, hard to understand, and really, as people, we like things the way they are. But we, members of the Knights of Columbus, are pressed to continue moving forward to strengthen our faith, fellowship, for our families, the youth and for the people in our parish and local communities.

We are striving to keep moving forward. Because it is just like Walt Disney stated we must continue to open new doors, feed our curiosity and discover the new paths that only Jesus Christ can lead us down.

Ladies Appreciation Review

Mark Hovanec

On Saturday November 6th 2010 a small army of chef’s in training on loan from the prestigious culinary school Placko’s School Of Culinary Excellence prepared a wonderful meal for 47 of the top A Team socialite women in Brunswick (wives, of Knights of Columbus membership St Ambrose council 4847) Our crack staff of highly trained, well dressed Knights waited on these fine ladies, paying attention to detail (or hearing about it later from there wives) was their motto for the evening. In some cases our head waiter (John Taylor) brought out 2 plates for the same lady in case the exact temperature of this Socialites’ meal was not to her liking.

Our Maître D for the evening was David Placko, proprietor of the 5 star restaurant Café Del Placko, and it was noted to the kitchen staff that he was writing notes down concerning the noise coming from the kitchen as well as the often off key signing that was. We believe these were reprimand letters he was writing to us. Our bartenders did a outstanding job keeping

up with our ladies beverages for the evening (it was also noted John Chalfa was asking for tips, we think he got a reprimand letter from David Placko as well).

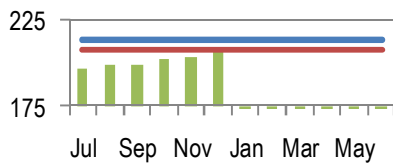
The live piano music fit well thru out this glamorous evening. At the end of the evening the ladies paid us what we feel is the highest compliment. They said the ambiance was excellent, the meals were great, the flowers we presented to them was thoughtful and they were impressed that we actually cleaned up and did the dishes as well. In conclusion if we all are not fired by Dave we are looking forward to hosting this event in 2011.



Goals and Objectives 2010-2011

Increase Membership by 10%:	+12 (67%)
501c3 Application:	In-Progress
Investigate a Squires Circle:	On Hold
Increase Membership Participation by 15%:	+1.5%
Review/Update By-Laws:	Complete
Second Degree Team:	In-Progress

Membership



Welcome the following new members that joined our Order at the First Degree on December 21:

L. Paul Soprek
Mark Osowski
Father Joe Mecir
Joe Szelenyi

These four (4) new members have now pushed our membership back above 200 and have surpassed Supreme's goal.

We are still short two (2) for the Insurance goal. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Pete Troha at 440.554.7775 or via email at Peter.Troha@kofc.org.

Upcoming Degrees

January 13	Cuyahoga Falls #13517 (1, 2) - 7PM Candidates
January 23	Akron #3410 (1) - 1PM Candidates
January 25	Garfield #4130 (1, 2) - 6:30 PM Candidates
January 30	Garfield #4130 (3) - 1PM Candidates
February 2	Cuyahoga Falls #13517 (1, 2) - 7PM Candidates
February 15	Brunswick #4847 (1) - 7PM Candidates
March 9	Cleveland #4731 (1) - 6:30 PM Candidates
March 10	Cuyahoga Falls #13517 (1, 2) - 7PM Candidates
March 13	Painesville #947 (3) - 1PM Candidate

Please contact our Worthy Chancellor Frank Pacek for more details.

A Time for Thanks Annual Council Banquet

The dinner was held at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton on November 13, 2010 in honor of our PGK John Brown and was presented by current GK Jim Maslach.

Over the past 51-years that the council has been in existence, there have been great men at its helm – starting with Robert Miller; there have been 41-Grand Knights. These men, blessed with the talent and skill to help shape the council to what it is today. I am honored to be in the line and only hope that I can live up to the reputation that these men have set before.

One of those men is our honored guest this evening. Grand Knight from 2007 to 2010, John Brown helped to shape the council in a direction that pave the way for the future. Under his direction, the council becomes significantly more involved in activities at St. Ambrose and throughout the Diocese with his crowning jewel being the annual parking at the Fest in Center for Pastoral Leadership. John



helped to bring in some new fundraisers and started the council on its path to a 501c3 license. His leadership style was one that allowed his people to do the work that was needed – asking questions when necessary and trying to keep the ship moving forward. In the end, John successfully cast his line into the pond and reeling in the biggest catch of all time. His legacy is set in the people that follow him and direct the ship to where the big fish are.

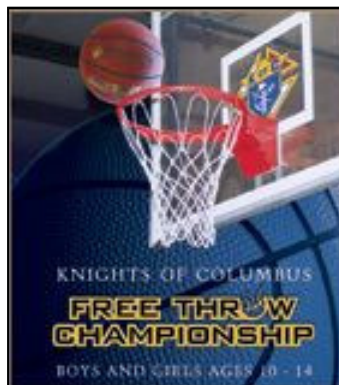
On a personal note, I first met John 10+ years ago on a Christ Renews His Parish renewal

team. He was one of the team members coming on to help my team out. The love of Christ and ability to mesh with the team was something to admire. I have always considered John one of my best friends, someone that I could share anything with and would do anything for.

To his wife Cathy who was there helping and aiding him at all of the events and waiting for him to come home late at night after a meeting, I want to thank you for giving us, Council #4847, the pleasure of working with John.

A Holiday Spectacular KofC Children's Christmas Party

On December 11th, K of C Council #4847 kicked off the holiday season by putting on its annual kids Christmas party. The party was held in the church hall and all members of the council and their families/guests were invited to attend. Pizza, sub sandwiches and salad were provided by Savory Subs. Our members and the ladies guild provided deserts and bakery. DJ Kris Koch (Council 4847) provided the entertainment and Santa Claus (Jim Lepi of Council 4847) visited with all of the 75 - 80 children, took pictures and passed out gifts. The gym was decorated with lights and Christmas trees by the parish, the children and their families danced and played games together for the entire afternoon. Thanks to Vince and his crew for an excellent family event.



WHEN: Sunday, January 16, 2011
10-12 Start at 6:00 PM with 13/14 to follow

WHERE: St. Ambrose Catholic Church Hilkert Hall

The competition is open to both boys and girls from ages 10 to 14 with the winner and runner-up advancing to the district competition.

For more information and a sign-up for, visit www.kofc4847.org.

Helping Those In Need

St. Nicholas and Friends Breakfast

The Saint Ambrose Youth Group Faith In Action Teens (FIAT) works along side the parish in its outreach ministries. That includes two times a year a trip to the Dominican Republic. Here in the small town of Higuey, the parish and teens have been constructing a school and building a well that will help supply education and water to the village.

Many Knights and their families have gone to assist. December 2010 will mark the eighth such trip. The costs for these trips range around \$2000 a person.

For the past couple of years, the Knights of Columbus Council #4847, have been doing their part to help these kids and families continue the mission of Jesus Christ in Higuey. Annually, we co-sponsor the St. Nicholas and Friends Breakfast. The funds generate from this



event go directly to the families that are sending members to work. It is a great way for the Knights to be able to help out..

The breakfast is a tradition for the council with Iron Chef Dave Placko at the helm. The outreach ministry will be able to send supplies to the school as well as send a couple of families to assist in the work. Thank you to all of the Knights that donated their time and talents to make this event another outstanding effort.

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, January 23, 2011
1:00 PM to 6:30 PM
St. Ambrose Hilkert Hall

Price		Menu	
Adults	\$6.00	Spaghetti	
Kids (4-12)	\$4.00	Homemade Meatballs	
Seniors	\$5.00	Italian Sausage	
Under 4	FREE	Garlic Bread or Italian Bread	
		Salad	
		Coffee/Tea	
		Punch/Kool-Aid	
		Seconds on Spaghetti Only	
		Desserts While They Last	
		Pop/Water \$0.50/Each	

Come and enjoy a great meal—at a great price—including a **CHINESE AUCTION** with winners drawn at 6:30 PM.

All proceeds go to support our KofC charities including Pro-Life and helping the handicapped. Please come and bring your family and friends.

Any questions, contact Dennis Pastorelle at 330.225.4636 or John Taylor at 216.570.7786.

A Knight with the Monsters



Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, February 26th as the Lake Erie Monsters take on the Grand Rapids Griffins in great AHL action starting at 7:30 PM. Depending on the number of people, transportation from St. Ambrose may be an option. Also, that evening there is a tribute to the Cleveland Browns and some players will be available afterward for autographs.

Tickets are only \$17 each with a great view of the game. Bring the family and friends and show them the fun and fellowship of the Knights.

A Knight Above All Others

Steve Koly, Knight of the Year

It is early morning and the lake is smooth as glass. Yes, this is the morning that we all dream about where crystal clear water and the horizon meet. The dew is just settling down on the trees. Our KOY is getting himself set – ready to get the big fish.

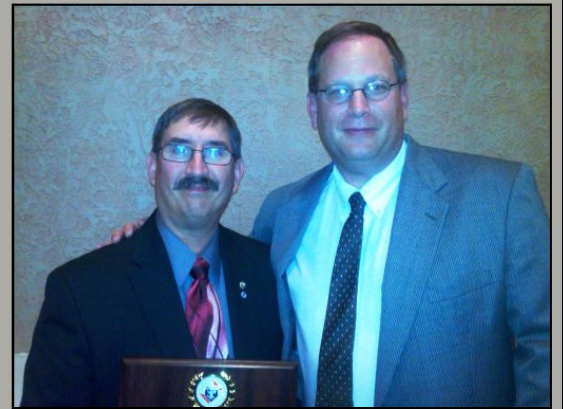
He checks to see if he has all of his gear – his fishing pole designed by the hand of God to help catch Men to serve the Lord, his tackle box full of lures of service programs, fundraisers and good times, his boat – designed to hold many candidates to bring back to the Order; the motor – primed and ready to go. Yes, our KOY is well equipped to go out and land one for the Lord.

As he heads out, obstacles start to come into focus. These are the events that would try a man's soul. Not our KOY! He dodges them as best he can steering to the left, then right and then left again. Avoiding the rocks that he can see. But, our KOY cannot see what is underneath him. He gets tangled up in the weeds and rocks of life questioning why he is here and what he needs to do. A cry is heard

over the loon. Our KOY of the presses on making his way through the weeds and rocks of life with the power of God and good fellowship with his Brother Knights. Yes, life is full of obstacles, but our KOY knows what light to steer by when looking for the ultimate prize fish.

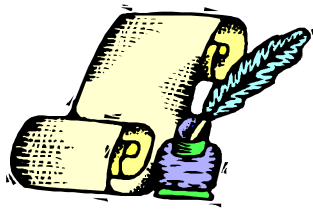
Finally, he reaches his goal – the perfect spot and the perfect time of day. The peace and quiet of the morning reaching into the depths of his soul. He baits his hook with Fish Fries, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs – Oh My. He casts them into the water of life to pull out men that God has asked him to save. He uses door prizes to lure more into his realm. Our KOY can be seen all over the lake looking for places to help our Lord – Bingo, Lenten Fish Fries, Autumn Harvest Festival, Summer Festival, The FEST, Family Picnics, Bunny Brunch, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Measure Up, City Chicken Dinners, Old Fashioned Days Parade and so on. Yes, our KOY has shown that when it comes to the Knights, Charity, Unity and Fraternity are the path to a good life.

With his boat full, our KOY returns to his family – tired, beaten by rocks and weeds of



life, he see in the distance his family – patiently waiting for him. When he arrives at the dock, he cleans up putting away his fishing pole and tackle box till the next morning. Today was a good day in the Lord when a man can be one with nature can still serve the Lord. He rests up in order to go at it again tomorrow and the next and the next. Brother Knights, Ladies and Honor Guests, I would like to introduce to you the 2010 Brunswick Council Knight of the Year – a man that I am happy to call my best friend, Brother Knight Stephen J. Koly.

Honorary Member Annual Payment Changes



On Aug. 5, the Supreme Council voted to amend Section 118(c) of the Order's Laws by adjusting the annual payment for honorary members (Knights who are 65 years old and have been members for 25 consecutive years).

Formerly, the annual membership payment was fixed at \$10, which included State and Supreme per capita charges and levies. As amended, the annual payment for honorary members will include Supreme per capita charges (\$3.50), Catholic Advertising (\$1), and the amount of the annual State Council per capita charge (\$6.50). The new membership for Honorary Members for our council will now be \$11.00 to cover these costs (\$1 increase).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless,
Sebastian Scarpino, III
Financial Secretary

Give Me Five!!!!

The "Give Me Five" campaign is underway. This year we will be sending out "Give Me Five" flyers with your membership dues statement (scheduled to be sent out this month). If you wish to donate to "Give Me Five" just simply send in your membership payment with the **voluntary** "Give Me Five" assessment (\$5.00). All members that donate during this time will receive a "Give Me Five Club" recognition stamp on their 2011 Membership card.



The "Give Me Five" donation will show up on your membership statement as a **voluntary** assessment (Give Me Five). If you do not wish to donate just pays your membership dues and the **voluntary** assessment will be removed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless,
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Did You Know

Did you know that more than 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance? One reason supported by a survey by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association was that 43% of people were afraid to make the wrong decision regarding their life insurance needs.

This problem can be solved by a simple meeting with your professional, full-time agent. Your agent is dedicated to serving members and their families, answering their questions and making personalized recommendations that suit your needs and budget.

A conversation with a Knights of Columbus agent can help inform about the products we offer. In the end, you'll realize that the only wrong decision was not meeting with him sooner.

Contact Pete Troha at 216.544.7775 or Peter.Troha@kofc.org.

Stop Procrastinating. Put Your Plan Into Action

Thomas P. Smith, Jr.



The end of the year is fast approaching and the Christmas season is in full swing. You are likely very busy running errands, planning celebrations and preparing your family for a joyful and holy holiday. Hopefully, you haven't waited until the last minute. Holidays can be stressful if you haven't taken the proper steps to be ready. And don't ever allow yourself to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Most of us are procrastinators. It is part of human nature to put things off, especially when a task seems difficult or makes us uncomfortable. And we always believe we have more time than we really do, and that time quickly passes. Wasn't it just yesterday that you were celebrating Easter?

Unfortunately, this compulsion to procrastinate applies to life insurance. The Life Insurance Marketing Research Association (LIMRA) reaffirmed this through a study conducted in September during Life Insurance Awareness Month. One in four households plans to buy life insurance for the bread-winner or another member of the family in the next 12 months. Of course, we know what happens to the best laid plans, and many of these families are unlikely to follow through on this goal.

During the struggling economy, families have been forced to re-evaluate their financial situation. Fiscal responsibility is at the forefront of their thoughts. They are paying off debt and saving more than in previous decades. Life insurance ranks lower and they are willing to wait. A month quickly becomes a year, yet 70 percent of those surveyed agreed that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of a wage-earner.

Less than half of all households in North America have individual life insurance. You probably know a friend or relative who is uninsured or underinsured. Maybe it's your family who lacks coverage. What if, when you are ready, it's already too late? May I ask: what are you waiting for?

This season, follow through on the promise to keep your family financially safe and secure by meeting with your professional Knights of Columbus agent. Give a gift that shows how much you truly care.

Calendar of Events (Go to our www.kofc4847.org for updated calendar)

JANUARY 2011

January 4	7:30 PM	Council Business Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
January 8	9:00 AM	Spaghetti Dinner Prep	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall Kitchen
January 9	7:00 PM	Second Degree Team Formation	Buehler's Community Room (Brunswick)
January 16	10:30 AM	Corporate Communion Mass	St. Ambrose Church
	6:00 PM	Free Throw Challenge	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall
January 18	7:30 PM	Social (Members Only)	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
January 20	7:00 PM	4th Degree Officers Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
	7:30 PM	4th Degree Business Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
January 23	1:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall
January 25	7:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
January 29	5:30 PM	Winter Carnival	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall

FEBRUARY 2011

February 1	7:30 PM	Council Business Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
February 5	2:00 PM	Welcoming Lunch Chili Cook-Off	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall
February 6	7:00 AM	Scouts Sunday Breakfast (Kitchen Duty)	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall
February 13	3:00 PM	Valentine's Day City Chicken Dinner	St. Ambrose Hilbert Hall
February 15	7:30 PM	First Degree	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
February 17	7:00 PM	4th Degree Officers Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
	7:30 PM	4th Degree Business Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
February 22	7:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting	St. Ambrose Lehner Center
February 26	7:00 PM	A Knight with the Monsters (See Page #3)	Quicken Loans Arena
February 27	1:30 PM	4th Degree: Confirmation Mass #1	St. Ambrose Church
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