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DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

Jim Maslach, Grand Knight

Many things are more easily said than done. "Don't sweat the small stuff." "Everything is small stuff." "The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing." These are quick-and-easy things to say, but the doing is less so.

We move from experience to the next adventure and try to stay balanced, but keeping the "main thing" clear as the "main thing" takes wisdom and patience. What is a "small stuff" today might be a "big stuff" tonight. Living our Christian faith is definitely not a quick-and-easy way of existing.

Living the Eucharist is one of those not-easy "main things", but gathering together with other strugglers can provide a sense of proportion or resizing. Jesus gives His Body and Blood to us so that through us His "main thing" of blessing us in our "sweating" and attempts to stay balanced will be humanly possible. As we prepare for the Eucharist, we might pray with the "Big stuff" of each day, and hour, and see if there is any grace for us to live this Christian possibility.

Brothers, as we move into the new fraternal year, we as members of the Knights of Columbus must remember our "main thing." That "main thing" has been handed down through the ages starting with Father



McGivney and it is up to us to "keep it going."

What is this "main thing" we are talking about. Simply put, brothers, it is our mission—to continue to provide faith and service opportunities for our members and our families.

We do this by working within our service programs. Programs handed down to us from the state to help inspire us in the areas of Faith, Family, Church, Community, Pro-Life, Youth and Membership. Each of these categories provides growing experiences that have help to transform so many and yet, need to reach so many more.

After some great discussion with the officers and the results of the membership

satisfaction survey, it is apparent that our council needs to grow. Not grow in numbers of members, but to grow in our faith and dedication to each other. We must remember that we are all together on the same team and part of the same family. Family members will always tend to disagree, but when the time comes, family is always there for each other. We as a council have lost some of that.

How do we get ourselves back on track? We have to start by setting goals and objectives. Just like last year, we set goals and objectives that we all could get behind. Some of those goals we accomplished and some are still in-progress. As we move into 2011-2012, are goals are slightly different than last year. These goals are outlined below.

Look though these goals, attend a couple of meetings, and get involved. If you do not know how, see me or another officer, we can certainly find a place for you. If you have an idea that works with these goals, please let us know.

Yes, the "main thing" is that we stay focused on the goals on hand and not to sweat the small stuff.

Category	Goal (What do we want to do?)	Objective (How are we going to do it?)
Faith	Provide a faith growing and strengthening experience for our members and their families.	Provide faith supporting and growth opportunities during our general meetings; Utilize the Lecturer Program; Support men's ministries and events
Family	Support and strengthen family life and marriages	Provide opportunities for our families to serve with the members at various events; Offering programs and events where families can come together and share at no or minimal cost
Youth	Support the growth and education in Catholic faith	Support youth ministries, financially and personnel, at all our parishes; Support religious education at the schools and PSR programs; Provide programs to the youth groups that are fun and family orientated.
Fellowship	Provide a warm, compassionate and conducive environment for our members	We will support each other through prayer and compassion; We will help fellow members, to the best of our ability, in times of trouble; We will provide compassion and mercy with an understanding heart, all ideas brought forth
Pro-Life	Support and defend life at all stages	We will actively defend and display support for life at all stages at the communities we serve within; We will pray for all parents dealing with the decision of whether or not to abort God's creation; We will help to financially
Membership	Grow our council with quality members dedicated to Catholic faith and service the parishes and general communities	13-Associate Members; 1-Reinstatement or Readmission; 1-Youth (18-39); 5-Insurance Members; 0-Suspensions

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership	YTD Change in Membership			
199	0			

	Month To Date			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net
Member	13	0	0	0
Insurance	5	0	0	0

	Year To Date			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net
Member	13	1	0	1
Insurance	5	0	0	0

WE PARK CARS FOR JESUS!

PGK John Brown

I want to thank you, my FEST Warriors, for proving once again that I'm not the only crazy who attends the FEST. Before I say anything else, I want Don and Jim L to thank Chris and Carol because they are just as nuts as you. Please extend to them my gratitude. They hung in there until the bitter end.

You hung in there all day and well into the night with John, Jim and I. You didn't have to do it. You went above and beyond the call. In other words, you acted as Knights of Columbus should act - selflessly. Your dedication to the FEST and our Order is exemplary. They should show a picture of you guys (including Chris and Carol) standing there with water running off your soaked clothes, directing folks to safety, and use it as a recruiting picture. The caption would read "Here's What Your Order Expects From You All."

John Chalfa, Ed Kilroy and Dennis Pastorelle are our field generals. Whether it's making sure we maximize the number of cars on the grounds or helping someone in distress, or explaining why someone can't just park inside the red line these two come through again

and again.

Steve rides herd over the Handicap Parking. The rumor that he made that one legged guy get out of the car and prove he only had one leg were greatly exaggerated - he never threatened to remove the guy's other leg if he didn't cooperate. Rich Renz was our Vendor Nazi. I don't think I would have the nerve to try to get past him. Rich worked himself into the First Aid tent this year. Here's praying you don't scare us like that again. I think you even scared yourself this year.

Mike Levasseur has become synonymous with the FEST mentality. He starts calling a month before to make sure John and I will not forget him so he can help line the field. He's quick to lighten the mood or to snidely point out a mistake, but he's always one thing for us - he's there.

Jim and Carol Lepi, Don and Chris Styka and Mike Badaczewski are the brains of the outfit. They stand there and calmly explain that "Yes, you have to pay to park on the grounds" and "No, you are not bringing that RV on the grounds" to over a thousand carloads of people coming to have a good time.

Our Worthy Grand Knight had been our Mr. Vendor last year - but we have much more sinister plans for him. He stood there and listened to every story and reason ever invented and he never flinched. Jim got an up close and personal look at what it takes to handle parking at an event like the FEST. He



got some on-the-job training. I hope it took, because Jim is going to be the parking guru next year.

Then there are the new recruits: John O'Malley, Joe Szelenyi and John Ballash. I know I'm nuts. I didn't realize you guys are just

as bad as me. You two stepped into the lion's den with your eyes wide open and you didn't even flinch. I know Joe has had experience with crowds. It showed in the way he handled the situations that came up. John hung in there like a trooper. VIPs have a tendency to be a little high strung. You both handled them with great compassion and empathy, but at the same time you stood your ground - not an easy line to walk. Who knows, maybe next year it won't rain?

This year was more difficult than the past few because I couldn't invest the time I wanted. What saved us was John Taylor. He's been my right hand man for the past few years and has made my life tolerable during our FEST experience. We pick each other up when things are tough and laugh about it later. He's my go-to guy and I'm proud to have served with him. As we were flying around Sunday morning putting up signs that should have been done the day before, I think we both realized how far behind we were. It never fazed him. John's favorite line to me is "we'll get through this". He's always right... and he's also always the reason we do get through it. John, you're my brother in every way that counts.

Steak, Picnic and a Little Rain

Frank Pacek

It was a big weekend for the council. On Saturday, August 27th, the council assisted the St. Ambrose staff by serving dessert at the Annual Steak Roast. This is a general fundraiser for the parish to help with parking lot improvements. The council served up over 350+ cherries jubilee and hand delivered most of them to the people attending. In exchange, the council was



allowed to put up our booth and actively recruit members. A couple of men inquired but nothing was coming of it till the end. A gentleman named Bill came up and started to talk with Frank and Steve about the Knights, the church and our role. Before you knew it, their enthusiasm and energy got to Bill coupled with the great atmosphere, Bill completed his Form 100 and is set to attend the upcoming First Degree on 9/1/2011 in Strongsville.



The following day was the Our Lady of Grace Parish Picnic in Hinckley. Father Joe Mecir invited the Knights to come down and get to know the parishioners. Although OLOG has been under the council's umbrella for a long time, there really has not been much activity. The Knights set up our booth and brought out some of our more recent awards. A number of people came over - it helps to have ice cream there as well - and several names and numbers were taken. Although the rain came and shorten the picnic, some seeds of thought have been placed into the hearts of the men at OLOG. It is up to us to cultivate and bring them into the Knights and help us fulfill our motto of "Men Serving the Lord."

Knights Lend A Helping Hand

Jim Maslach

Nearly 75 volunteers lifted, measured, drilled, shoveled and raked throughout the day Saturday, August 6th raising a massive multi-colored playground for St. Ambrose Day School and parish community in Brunswick. The much-anticipated build day brought out helpers from many different ministries, all ages and skills, that included the Brunswick Knights of Columbus of Council #4847. The council members worked along side with members from the PTU, Day School staff, and Snider & Associates – the professionals as they became known.



Among them was Brian Tittel, 3rd Degree Member, who was helping out at the site on Saturday morning. "I came out to help these people and see if it could get done faster, and for the kids" said Brian, who was so eager to see the playground finished.

St. Ambrose principle Chris Bopp, with her arm in a sling, was helping, guiding and documenting the entire project. "I'm just thankful to so many that came out to help the school and parish community," she said. "And this is going to make it even better. It's something long-term that's going to be great for the parish and school." Brother Knight Mike Levasseur commented "We're



here just to help the little kids, because I know they would want something like this," he said, calling the new, colorful playground equipment "pretty cool."

As the concrete dust settled and the crates and cardboard were stored away, all of the workers looked back at what was just accomplished. A prayer was said thanking everyone and God for the great day and effort of all the people present. Everyone had a great time and the smiles on the kids faces were worth the sweat.

Under the guidance of the professionals, the old playground was removed, and holes started to go into the ground. "So many holes" was the cry heard throughout the day. For the most part things were going as planned except for the three buried treasures that had to be removed – the old footers from previous playgrounds. "The goal was to get the first post in by lunch," according to the professionals. Well, when the bells chimed 12 Noon, six poles were in and set. Throughout the next seven hours, many more holes were dug, platforms raised and fellowship was shared.

Make Your Plans Now!



Attend the 52nd Annual KofC Banquet

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
1088 Ridge Road, Hinckley

Attend 4PM Mass and then come on down for Cocktails starting at 6PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person that includes, dinner and open bar with the announcement of the 2011 Annual Award Winners. All 4th Degree Sir Knights are requested to attend in their tuxedos and Social baldric. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4847.

Installation of Officers on Tuesday, September 20 starting at 7:30 PM in Church. Reception to follow at Lehner Center Upstairs Large immediately afterward. Please bring a small dish to share.

Got An Idea for A New Program or Spicing Up A Tradition—Bring it to an Officer and we will be glad to listen. Help Us Help You Make this a Great Council!

We Remember

Sunday 3:00 p.m.
for the 9/11
Remembrance Ceremony
Reception to follow

**9/11
REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY**

We remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001. On this 10th Anniversary, we pray for peace and for God's continued protection for our country and those who serve to protect her. We come together to remember the fire fighters and officers whose lives were lost with a blessing of our new Peace Monument.

we come together in prayer...



SPECIAL INVITATION FOR MEN TO GATHER FOR A HOME COOKED BREAKFAST, SPIRITUAL

ENRICHMENT & FELLOWSHIP WITH FATHER GREG OLSZEWSKI

St. Ambrose,
Saturday, September 17 @ 9am
RSVP Appreciated



Pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother for all Life!



Calendar

All Meetings are held at St. Ambrose Lehner Center unless otherwise noted.

SEP 5	Labor Day	OCT 4	General Meeting, 7:30p (StA Hilkert Hall)	NOV 1	General Meeting, 7:30p (StA Hilkert Hall)
6	General Meeting, 7:30p (StA Hilkert Hall)	8	St. Ambrose Harvest Festival, 5:30p (StA HH)	5	Community Day Breakfast, 7a (StA Hilkert Hall)
8	Council Anniversary (1959)	9	KofC Memorial Mass, TBD (Resurrection Cem.)	15	Social, 7:30p (StA LCDL)
11	9/11 Prayer Service, 3p (StA Church)*	16	Blitz Corp Communion, 12p (StA Church)*	19	Annual Banquet, 5p (OLOG)
13	New Member Get-Together, 7p (Invite Only)	18	1st Degree, 7:30p (St. A LCDL)	22	Officers Meeting, 7p (StA LCUS)
17	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9a (StA Hilkert Hall)	23	St. Ambrose OktoberFEST, TBD	24	Thanksgiving Mass, 9a (StA Church)
20	Installation of Officers, 7:30p (StA Church)	25	Officers Meeting, 7p (StA LCUS)		
27	Officers Meeting, 7p (StA LCUS)	29	Halloween Spooktacular, 1p (StA Hilkert Hall)		

* 4th Degree Turn-Out Requested



9/1 Anthony Pytel
 9/3 Joseph Pavlick
 9/5 Daniel Dieckman
 9/7 Thomas Szuhly
 9/9 Brian Tittel
 9/10 Thomas Montavon
 9/11 Brendan Keenan
 9/11 Charles Gazso
 9/11 Robert Sabol
 9/11 David Lemons

9/12 Thomas Beitt
 9/15 Robert Downs
 9/17 Rudolph Lavrenchik
 9/17 Roland Bator
 9/19 Michael Badaczewski
 9/22 Frank Kaminski
 9/23 Robert Nowoczynski
 9/26 John Jedlicka
 9/27 John Tevis
 9/28 David Klem

9/29 John Gedney
 9/29 Robert Tittel
 9/30 Frank Carchedi
 9/30 Francis Busovicki
 9/30 Raymond Cusick
 10/2 Vince Berardinelli
 10/3 Andrew Belter
 10/4 Frank Markiewicz
 10/5 Kevin Lynch
 10/6 William Deighton

10/8 Robert Stec
 10/17 Neil Carlson
 10/17 Ray Purcell
 10/19 John Dugan
 10/19 Richard Budzinski
 10/22 Stanley Joswick
 10/24 David Dougherty
 10/26 Paul Rehman
 10/30 John Kole

Upcoming Degrees

Anyone interested in a degree below needs to contact there sponsor and Worthy Chancellor Frank Pacek at 330.225.4370. No member should go to a degree alone. If the sponsor cannot go, please let Frank know and we will make sure someone goes with the candidate. All candidate information **MUST** be turned into the Worthy FS Sonny Scarpino to update membership records.

Sponsors are also encouraged to use the New Member Checklist Form available on our website. Make sure that the our newest members are introduced, informed and welcomed to our council.

Date	Degree	Time	Council	Location
9/8/2011	1st & 2nd	7:30 PM	13517	Cuyahoga Falls
10/9/2011	1st & 2nd	7:30 PM	7970	North Ridgeville
10/12/2011	1st	7:00 PM	4731	North Olmsted
10/18/2011	1st	7:30 PM	4847	Brunswick
10/20/2011	1st	7:30 PM	7970	North Ridgeville
10/25/2011	1st & 2nd	7:00 PM	4130	Garfield Hts

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