

Knights News

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North Ridgeville, Ohio

Council 7970

July 2018

Brothers,

Welcome to the new fraternal year. Our officers will be installed July 5th at St. Julie's at 7:30 pm. This is a council event. It is open to all members and their families. Please consider coming to show support for the new officers. As we begin our new year look for ways that you can help our council in continuing the good deeds and works we have been doing for years.

Let us start to build teams to run our programs and charitable activities. If you want to, ask me or any brother knight how, where and when you can help. Many hands make light the Lord's works.

Welcome our newest council members. They made their 1st degree in June. Will Price, Martin Flores, Dennis Boose and Lucas Carson. Congratulations Brothers.

Don't forget the family picnic July 22nd at the Rak farm. Ask Andy Rak how you can help. Our "Of the Year" awards will be given out at the picnic.

Have a safe and Blessed summer,

GK Ed Knoblauch

Membership

Membership 187 Members 6-15-18

Deceased Brother Knights

Here is an updated list of mass intentions for deceased brothers: All are at St. Peter Church

George Smith

8/5/18 Sunday 8:00 am
11/25/18 Sunday 12:00 pm

Winners – Winners

June Membership Drawing - \$20 – Josh Barto (Josh was not present so the August will be for \$40)

50/50 drawing was \$26 won by Roger Anderson

Wine for S.O.S. was won by Ed Knoblauch

Summer Uniform is now in effect

Calendar of Events

	July
5	Officer Installation – St. Julie
8	K of C Sunday
22	Family Picnic
28	Monthly Luncheon – Lone Tree
	August
2	Council Meeting – St. Peter
5	K of C Sunday
12	Quarterly Communion & K of C Sunday
	September
6	Council Meeting – St. Julie
9	K of C Sunday
	October
4	Council Meeting – St. Peter
7	K of C Sunday
TBD	Fall 4 th Degree Exemplification

Email Policy

The Council email network must remain secure. We are currently getting a lot of "junk" mail in our "In Box." Some of the subject matter could be considered of obscene nature. How does this happen. When an email is sent out via our list with a request to reply, some send their replies back to the "Sender" instead of the person making the request. When this happens sometimes the Replier has imbedded in his email a bug/virus that sends "Junk". Thus our email list is then hit with the bug/virus and becomes rather difficult to remove. Because we have been hit with the bug/virus we then begin to send the same bug/virus out on outgoing mails.

The <u>kofc7970@msn.com</u> **is not** for "Reply" to mail that has been distributed to the membership. Please only reply to the person making the request. His address should be in the body of the letter or his phone number. Let's make an attempt to keep our list clean so all members are not affected by Junk they do not want.



New District Deputy

Brother Knight Al Makselan has recently been named as our new District Deputy. Brother Knight SK Dale Grimes has served his time and

is looking to serve our order in other roles. Brother Al has been a District Deputy for some time and has just had his councils rearranged to include his/our council as part of his new assignment.

Donations

S.O.S. - \$94 so far this quarter St. Peter School Golf Match - \$100

Quarterly Communions Scheduled

Scheduled Quarterly Communion Masses are: August 12, 2018 @ St. Peter @ 10:00 a.m. October 28, 2018 @ St. Julie @ 10:30 a.m.

Neither parish has any other Masses scheduled for K of C 7970 in 2018. If you feel that there is something else scheduled, check with the respective parish?

Second Degree in Formation

Any 3rd Degree Brother Knight is welcome to become a member of the Council's 2nd Degree Exemplification Team. Please contact Brother Rich Hokanson if interested. Currently the 2nd degree is badly needed in Lorain County and the West Side of Cuyahoga County and this would be a great service for our Council to provide and help our Brother 1st Degree Members advance in their quest to full Knighthood in our Order. Rich can be reached by calling (859) 321-2265



Committee Formations

It is the goal of the Council that when a fundraiser or action requires a brother knight to head up that a Committee made up of members from the Council be gathered to assist with the completion and or action of the Program/Project. It is not fair that one person should take on any one project alone and shoulder all responsibility.

Therefore, going forward when a project or program is started a Committee Chairman will request assistance as he sees fit and necessary. Brother Knights will be called upon to help where possible.

Food Drive for Community Care Follow-up

Brother John Barnes reported at the recent Council meeting that our spontaneous food drive was a great success. Members contributed a total of 67 pounds of food and also made a \$20 cash donation. All was to benefit our North Ridgeville Community Care pantry. It is during this time of the year that most food pantries need help because they go forgotten until the holiday time. Thank you brothers for your help.

We Measured-Up!

Brother Knights another year — another SUCCESSFUL Measure-Up Campaign. Yes, thanks to all who stood outside both St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter's Church these past couple weekends. Last year's collection reaped \$1100. This year — with the combination of your time after masses on Sundays and the wonderful giving hearts of the parishioners — over \$1658 was raised to distribute to the Lucy Idol Home in Vermilion and the National K of C Charities for the Mentally Handicapped.

Fellowship Follow-up

This year's Fellowship Day held at the Rak Farm was very successful. 4 Form 100s were filled out with the possibility of a future Brother Knight also (just have to get him fully into the church.)

Will Price Lucas Carson Dr. Dennis Carson Martin Flores

Approximately two dozen Brother Knights attended along with our Chaplain, Fr. Gonser. A couple of games of "Bags" were played while others enjoyed great food such as beef heart, cow tongue, sausage, brisket and wonderfully prepared and grilled deer.

The day lasted well into the night with some wives coming up to sit around the bonfire later. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and look forward to next year.

Football Frenzy Follow-up

Just a short note to all who sold tickets for the annual Football Frenzy. This year was successfully held and although no one from our council won; we still managed to raise a lot of money for the council activities. This year's rebate was for \$900. Thank you Brothers.

Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 22nd. Prior to the actual event there will be a "Planning" night on Friday, July 20 and Setup will be Saturday at 12:00pm. We need to get tables and chairs from St. Peter Gym and also set a couple of canopies for shade.

Scheduled to appear is The Pony for the kids and yes there will be a Piñata!

This is a FREE affair for the entire family. There will be plenty to eat and drink. All families are asked to bring a dish to share. A-M = Appetizer and N-Z = Desert. See you there.

Do You Have Pics?

Do you have pictures from our many events? Would you like to see them on our website or in the newsletter? We are looking to add more pictures of our events so others can see what we do and how much fun we actually have serving. Also, when we submit our projects to State and Supreme Headquarters it is always better understood if we have pictures to show what went on. All pictures will be considered for publication. All you have to do is get them to Bill Daw.

Contact Bill either by email wdaw924@msn.com or by cell phone (440) 376-5260. If you have pictures that are printed you can give them to Bill and he will scan them and return the pictures to you. You can also text message to the cell phone number and send your pictures that way too.

Check out our Council 7970 Manual on the Links page of our website www.kofccouncil7970.org

Monthly Luncheon

The July Monthly Luncheon will be at Lone Tree Tavern on July 28th at 6:30 pm. See you there – it should be a nice evening.

3rd Degree Medallions Available

The Council will make available to any 3rd Degree member this year's Commemorative Medallion that is being offered to all those completing the Third Degree Exemplification. You do not have to re-do your 3rd degree if you desire to have one of these beautiful coins. You will be able to purchase them at any council meeting for the cost of \$5.00. Just come to a meeting.

Quality of Life Awards

Three 8th grade students were awarded certificates and cash awards on May 23 at Appreciation Day for their essays on Quality of Life. At the end of this newsletter I have attached the winning essay. Every member should read this and not only be proud for the student but also consider what Right to Life means to them.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Thanks to Tom Banner for persevering month after month holding a Holy Hour on the first Tuesday from 6–7 PM. Numbers of attendees are on the

increase and Tom says there is still room for more. All are invited to attend this very worthwhile cause. A rosary is included during the prayer time.

Brother Tom Banner reported at the recent Council meeting that we will now have 3 Seminarians to support in the coming year.

Lucas Carson James Livingston Mitch Carson

Council 7970 Officers for 2018-19

Grand Knight – Ed Knoblauch
Deputy Grand Knight – Rich Hokanson
Chaplain – Rev. Dr. Richard Gonser (Ret.)
Chancellor – Pat Foster
Warden – Tom Trotto
Recorder – Terry Tobin
Treasurer – Ken Williams
Financial Secretary – Herb Sill
Outside Guard – Dale Kramer
Inside Guard – Pete Fera
Advocate – Larry Kowalski
3 year Trustee – Chris Snyder
2 year Trustee – Gary Klemens
1 year Trustee – Chris Snyder (accepted nomination)
Lecturer – Ray McConaghy

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Enthusiastic about the Elderly

Mercy killing, also called Thalaikoothal, is the traditional practice of senicide and is observed in some parts of southern India. As a kid observing medical advancements the idea of mercy killing seems more like murder than help. As children we can help people who are elderly and not in nursing homes. In return they may even share some of their wisdom with us.

Pro life means a fair life for the elderly. As the human race has advanced we have developed nursing homes and assisted living. Nursing homes are amazing places for those who can no longer take care of themselves. I had a grandpa who was in the nursing home for awhile. Although he always complained that he wanted more food, our family found it a relief to have a properly trained staff taking care of him. Before he went into the nursing home he lived next door as our neighbor. This was fine except one day he fell in the bathroom, but nobody knew, so he was not helped right away. It was because of this event that caused my family to put him in a nursing home. We were able to live without fear for my grandpa's safety. Nursing homes are good because they are built just to help the elderly in their old age. Assisted living is also another option. This option is good because it is for the people who still prefer to be living independently, but their families want someone to check on them and be ready to help them in a moments notice. Many people will go into assisted living when they are no longer able to see so well or when they can not get around as well any more. As individuals we can help by participating and volunteering at nursing homes and assisted living. You can even go and just sit down and talk to the residents. That may make their

day or make them smile. As a group we can volunteer to help out or to lead activities at nursing homes or assisted living. I personally have gone to a nursing home with my 4-H group around Easter time. We brought chicks and goats with us and just let people hold the chicks and pet the goats. The chicks brought joy to the people. One man couldn't see, yet even he held the chicks. This made him smile. As you can see the human race has advanced to be able to better care for our elders.

The future I wish to live in will have equality for all. By equality, I mean that all people have a home and food to eat. This is important because in the winter people without homes have to live in the elements and go without medicine so many people will get severely sick or may even die out in the cold. This is why people need homes.

People also need food to eat. Food gives proper nutrients to the body to help it function right. Without these nutrients your body may start to shut down. Without food you may die. So if everybody has food and a home there will be less suffering in the world.

Another way I hope to see equality is by race, age, and gender. Everybody knows of racism. This is bad because we are all created in God's own image. If people are racist they are basically being rude to God himself. Certain ages may also ridiculed. People will make fun of older people because they can't see or because they can't move as fast. Our elders need to be respected as the wisest in our time. For gender it isn't so much as now, but in the past men were viewed as superior to women. This is wrong because if we were all created like God why is one gender better than the other gender?

"You shall rise up before the gray headed and honor the aged." [Leviticus 19:32]
As you can infer elderly people matter in our society. We must respect our elders as though they are the same age as us. Although our elders sometimes need help they have stories, wisdom, and knowledge they can share with us. These are my own opinions on what pro-life means to me and what I would like the future to be. What's your definition of pro-life and what would you like the future to be like?

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