

Assembly 809 Knightly News



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Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Ralph Blamer

Dear Sir Knights,

Lady Sandy and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Merry Christmas and a great New Year. **May we all keep Christ in Christmas and be Blessed in his Birthday Joy!** Here is wishing and hoping that the New Year gives all of us hope and inspires us in our work for the Knights Of Columbus. Taking stock in the past year, we all will start a fresh step in the New Year. Let's strive for an even better one. Keep Christ alive in Christmas by slowing down and taking time to be thankful for family and friends; keeping them in mind always. Let us not forget the Priests, Deacons, and the Sisters. Let us celebrate them by giving them Christmas Cards, a special gift, or even a dessert. Let your Church secretary, custodian, and all of the P.S.R. teachers know that you're thankful for their dedication, talent and for their service, by doing God's work. God has truly Blessed them!

Next Month's Meeting: ST. Lad's will be using our room as a supply room for the Holiday baskets for the Needy, as well for the Food Pantry. We'll be having our social dinner and gift exchange on that day also. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING!** This will give us a chance to eat w/o rushing through it, and also enjoy the fellowship even more. We then will also have our Gift Exchange. We also will see who ends up with the Helmet and the Tray, to be exchanged. Please bring the Tray and Helmet with you to the Christmas Celebration. The gift should not exceed \$10.00.

Please start recruiting for the St Patrick's March Exemplification Weekend. I'm hoping that each council in Assembly 809 can bring in at least 4 new members. Joe Rossi set the mark for the Ads in the Exempt Book. Joe said, "How do you know, unless you ask?" Let businesses know that they can advertise through the Knights Of Columbus Program Book giving them more visibility in the community's work. Your council can also advertise in the book too. You can even take out a personal ad to thank your wife for her love and support. We will get the prices and the paperwork out on the Ads Books to all of you soon in the New Year.

The PFN Dinner and Dance information will be out soon in the coming year. Please check the Pilot's Report for upcoming events, times, dates and locations. Help support all activities as we go into the New Year full of Hope and encouragement.

The VA COLOR CORP. went very well. They had a great party for the VETS and they passed out all of the supplies that we were asked to donate. The tables were all full of different kinds of supplies and some were left over for the hospital wards also. HATS OFF to the VA Chairman and his great Crew. GOOD WORK, BOB NEIDER! I was truly moved as they all thanked us for being there for them. GOD BLESS OUR VETS!

The families would like to Thank all who made the Memorial Mass possible. As we show our respect to all of the Worthy Knights who passed away this year, we celebrate their life's contribution to the Church and the Country. They are the Building Blocks of the Foundation to the Knights Of Columbus – as we are. We had 26 people arrive at MCL Cafeteria afterwards to celebrate their lives with a meal. A time to remember, a time to be Thankful to the memories of the ones that enlightened us.

We wish to thank the Assembly 2900, Sir Knight Jerry Lowery Navigator, for joining us as they remembered their Sir Knights as well. I feel that's "True Brotherhood".

We need a Captain, as well as an Admiral, which has opened up!!!!!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

From Assembly 809 to all of your families

*Fraternally yours,
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The Captain's Corner

AN URGENT MESSAGE: YOUR ASSEMBLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Captain's position is still vacant. Your faithful Captain, Chuck Harris, moved to Texas. And Charlene Core stepped down from her position, effective September 1st.

THEREFORE, A NEW CAPTAIN and his Lady IS NEEDED. Please, Sir Knights and Ladies, give some serious prayer and thought to this office. It is a very important one for the Assembly. If you have any questions about what the position requires, please give your Faithful Navigator Ralph Blamer (321-4303) or Charlene Core (860-1855) a call. Charlene said she will give the new Lady any assistance that she can to make her job easier but she also said that "assistance" is the operative word.

The following announcements are pertinent this month:

1. The Top of the Month Dinner: The Assembly has scheduled the TOTM at TAT Restaurant on the first Tuesday of the month for the next two months. Therefore, they will be Tuesday, December 5th, and Tuesday, January 2nd, both at **7:00 PM!** Come join us! Please call Charlene, at (614) 860-1855 or you can e-mail her at core.home@juno.com to let her know if you are coming so she can give the restaurant an estimate of how many to expect. This is good PR for the Assembly and also gives us better service.
2. POTLUCKS before the meetings:
 - December – our annual cookie exchange. The Captain's table will provide stuff to eat.
3. Our annual gift exchange will take place instead of the December business meeting. Each person is asked to bring a gift for the same sex as you are. In other words, men bring a gift for a man and women bring a gift for a woman. The helmet (men) and plate (women) need to be returned; remember it is a prestigious honor to wind up with the helmet and/or plate, which is kept for a year and returned in next year's gift exchange.

PILOT'S REPORT

Greetings, Sir Knights, The Commander and I would like to remind everyone that we must develop better means of communication. All deaths and funerals are to be reported immediately to the Faithful Navigator.

Below is a list of the activities that are scheduled ahead so far: for December thru March

As of 24 November 2006

DATE	PLACE	GATHERING TIME	EVENT	REQUIREMENT
Saturday, December 2, 2006	Church of the Resurrection (Old Church) 6300 East Dublin - Granville Rd. New Albany OH 43054	2:00PM	District 3 Meeting, 2-5PM, Tux Required	Color Corps
Saturday, February 11th, 2006	Villa Millano's, 1630 Schrock Rd. Columbus	6:00PM	Clergy Night	Color Guard
Saturday, March 3rd, 2006	Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring St, Columbus, OH	6:00PM	Past Faithful Navigators Ball	Color Guard
Saturday, March, 17& 18th, 2006	4th Degree Exemplification, Cherry Valley, Newark Ohio	9AM-3PM	Cherry Valley Lodge and Waterpark, 2299 Cherry Valley Road Newark 43055	Color & Honor Guard
Saturday, March, 17th, 2006	St Patrick's Day Parade	9:00AM	City Center Parking Entrance	Color & Honor Guard
Saturday, March, 17th, 2006	K of C State Free through Championship	11:00AM	Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Rd, Columbus	Color & Honor Guard

At this writing, this is all that is on the schedule, but we ask you to check the web site for future postings. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be at these events and functions.

Respectfully & Faithfully yours, Frank Shortridge

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The officers of Assembly 809 would like me to include the birthdays and anniversaries of our members and their ladies in our newsletter. I can only do that with your cooperation.

Our faithful Comptroller has given me a list with the birthdays of all the members. Therefore, I would ask that each Sir Knight send me your anniversary date and the date of your lady's birthday, if you have not done so already.

Then I will compile them and post the birthdays and anniversaries that fall during the month of the newsletter's publication – see below and box at right.

Then we would ask that the rest of you to make a note of those birthdays and anniversaries and remember the recipients in special prayers on their special days. The power of prayer is awesome and this will be a holy endeavor for the Knights.

It will not cost any of us any money, but the rewards will be great.

You can mail the information to me, Charlene Core, at 2083 Birchview Rd., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, or e-mail it to core.home@juno.com.

Thanks for your participation



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Dec 07 – Ron & Mary Ann Janning

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 01 – Gerry McGovern
Dec 02 – Bob Neider
Dec 03 – Steve Bennett
Dec 04 – John Buker
Dec 05 – John Hurst
Dec 05 – Courtney Bush
Dec 06 – David Shaver
Dec 07 – Leo Stark
Dec 08 – William Harris
Dec 09 – Charles Harris, Jr.
Dec 10 – Thomas Watson
Dec 10 – John Priest, Jr.
Dec 11 – Steve Skinner
Dec 13 – Joseph Briski
Dec 14 – Mario Lusignolo
Dec 14 – Charles Baumbusch
Dec 18 – Tom Miller
Dec 20 – David Hoermle
Dec 20 – Irene Cassady
Dec 21 – Billy Hundley
Dec 23 – Richard Sheehan
Dec 26 – Godwin Duru
Dec 28 – Thomas Schlieb
Dec 30 – James Hilles
Dec 31 – Homer Lash
Dec 31 – Reginald Brown



*BEST WISHES TO
EACH AND
EVERYONE OF
YOU*

WHERE'S THE HELMET? WHERE'S THE PLATE?

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT QUESTION MEANS, YOU MUST BE NEW TO THE ASSEMBLY!
So let's see if we can help you understand! It is a tradition that belongs to our annual gift exchange. Read on!!!**

THE HELMET

Several years ago, one of our past members, the late Jim Bates, bought an ice bucket in the shape of a Knight's helmet and wrote a poem to go with it and put it in the gift exchange. The poem said that the helmet would only be yours for a year and then it had to return at the next gift exchange and the men could bid and exchange until the very end to see whom the lucky recipient would be. Then they would have the honor of keeping the helmet for the next year. And so it goes each year. And it is suspenseful until the very end – even the last person to be drawn in the gift exchange gets a chance to steal it away from the person holding it at the time.

THE PLATE

After Crystal Harris's husband, Chuck, joined the ranks of the 4th degree and after sitting through a couple of our gift exchanges, Crystal decided that the women needed a tradition of their own. So she went in search of something special and found a plate with a similar poem to Jim's on it. She bought it for the ladies gift exchange. Now the ladies have a gift to bid and exchange and keep for a year before it has to reappear in the annual gift exchange.

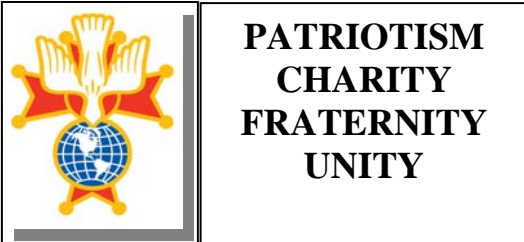
Unfortunately, Crystal passed away before we had the first exchange that included the plate. But she is smiling down from heaven, I am sure, and glad that we are doing this in her memory.

We hope that this explanation makes you want to be a part of the fun and that it makes you desire to carry on this tradition and the memory of Jim and Crystal. May the best man and woman win the honor of the special gift and tribute. Be sure to come join us for the December potluck and gift exchange – there will be NO business meeting that evening – December 21, 2007. The entire evening will be strictly social.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>* See notes in Pilot's Report ** See notes in newsletter</i>					<i>1 First Friday</i>	<i>2 First Saturday District 3 Meeting (Tux required) *</i>
<i>3 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 TOTM at TAT Restaurant</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10 2nd Sunday of Advent *</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 *</i>
<i>19 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>21 Social Meeting ** Gift exchange</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24 4th Sunday of Advent /31</i>	<i>25 Christ's Birthday</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>

NEXT EXEMPLIFICATION IS MARCH 18TH IN NEWARK

Yes, you did read that right! Our next exemplification will be in Newark the weekend of March 16th, 17th, and 18th. It will follow the usual format and the actual exemplification will take place on Sunday morning, the 18th. Mark your calendars and make your plans now.

Since it will be earlier than usual, we need to start recruiting new members immediately. Let us make this an exciting time for the Fourth Degree and get as many Third Degree Knights as possible to commit to the Fourth Degree now. There are many out there who are not 4th Degree Knights and only because they have never been asked to take that next step and join the 4th Degree. Maybe you can remember when you were asked – what an honor! And every measure was taken to make that time a special one for you. So do the same for your fellow Knights who may just be waiting for you to approach him. You need to take that next step and invite him to join our ranks and maybe that will be just the incentive he needs to take his next step.

There is no greater place to be in the Knights of Columbus than in the Fourth Degree. Get busy now and check your Council's roster and see who is still a Third Degree member and needs an extra push to join us.

Ask him now!!!

Your worthy and Faithful Master, Frank Iannaggi



Here is a photo of our newest member of Assembly 809. His name is James Baltzer (center) and he joined our ranks at the Marietta Exemplification in October. James is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4603 Grove City.

Editor's note: What an awesome feeling it must be to come into the 4th degree and have your picture taken with Master Frank Iannaggi (left) and Former Master Larry Bales (right). Congratulations, James!

The entire staff of Fr. Huber Knights of Columbus Assembly wants to wish each and every one of you all the joys and peace of the Christ Child during this Holy Season and throughout the New Year of 2007.

**ABOVE ALL:
REMEMBER TO KEEP
CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!!**

PEACE AND
CHRIST'S
BLESSINGS DURING
THIS HOLY
SEASON!



IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 01 – First Friday
DEC 02 – First Saturday
DEC 02 – District Meeting at 2:00 PM-Resurrection Church
DEC 03 – First Sunday of Advent
DEC 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
DEC 17 – Third Sunday of Advent
DEC 21 – Assembly 809 Social potluck and gift exchange
DEC 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
DEC 25 – CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

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ASSEMBLY 809 MEETING'S TIME AND LOCATION

The Assembly meets on the Third Thursday of each month. Social meeting @ 7:00 PM & the Business meeting @ 8:00 PM. We meet @ St. Lad's Church at 277 Reeb Ave. Columbus, Ohio

Assembly 809 web site: www.KofCAssembly809.org

REMEMBER: The 3rd Thursday of each month is the Social and Business meeting of the Assembly.

The social always starts with FOOD and it is served promptly at 7:00PM.

The Ladies enjoy a program while the Men hold their business meeting: starts promptly at 8:00 PM.

Come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

Newsletter information and articles

This newsletter is published as close to the first of the month as possible. All articles must be in the Editor's hands **no later than the Tuesday after the business meeting**, so the date will vary from month to month. **Any and all articles are welcome** but no article will be printed if it does not have a name and phone number accompanying it. This is necessary in case we need to verify information, etc. However, we can and will withhold your name from the newsletter if you so desire. **We always reserve the right to edit — for brevity and for clarity.**

Contact the Newsletter Editor, Charlene Core, at 614-860-1855 or e-mail her at core.home@juno.com.

The Faithful Navigator, Ralph Blamer, has asked that you submit your e-mail addresses to the Newsletter Editor so that she can send you your copy of the Newsletter via e-mail.

We currently have 71 Sir Knights signed up on the e-mailing list.

This will get the news to you faster and save a little on postage.

E-mail your e-mail address to Charlene Core @ core.home@juno.com

**IF YOU KNOW OF A BROTHER SIR KNIGHT WHO IS SICK OR IN DISTRESS,
PLEASE CONTACT - Sir Knight Lou Burke
Lou can be contacted @ [740-927-5965](tel:740-927-5965)**

IN MEMORIAM

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Prayers are asked for:

Jack Kady, Laura Kent, Karen Kostelac, Don Divney, all of our troops, the Baumbusch family.

For all the sick and suffering, especially those with terminal illnesses, those in hospitals and nursing homes, those undergoing or recuperating from any kind of treatment or surgery, for those suffering the loss of loved ones, and for all their care givers, that they may all feel the healing presence of God.

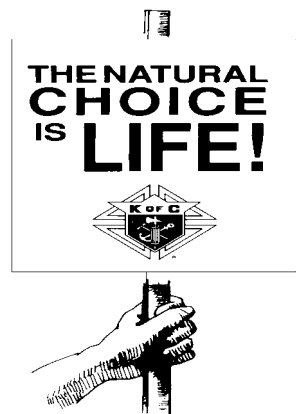
FLAG WINNER



Nick Renat

1/2 & 1/2 WINNER

Tom Schlueb



**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

November 16, 2006 Meeting opened 8:05 P.M. by the Faithful Navigator

Roll Call of the officers, present: Faithful Friar, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Comptroller, Faithful Scribe, Faithful Purser, Faithful Trustee 1st year, Faithful Trustee 2nd year, Faithful Trustee 3rd year.

The Faithful Captain and Faithful Admiral positions still remain open – the assembly needs your help!

Bill Bond has stepped forward to volunteer for the Outer Sentinel position. It is to be voted on at the next Assembly meeting.

Reading of the Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes and a motion was made to suspend the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published. The motion was seconded and passed with no discussion.

- **Friar's Report:** The “holiday” season is upon us. Thanksgiving is a very unique holiday, it is the oldest holiday. In 1621 the Plymouth governor put it into the by-laws. Now it is a presidential proclamation. It is the only religious holiday, other than Christmas, on the American calendar – whom are they giving Thanks to? They are implying that they are giving thanks to God. So don't forget to give thanks to God this Thanksgiving and go to mass. Pray that we remain safe and secure. Give thanks for those who have come to the aid of people in natural disasters. People that have come to help rebuild, provide hope, love a neighbor. Father read the proclamation for the National Day of Thanksgiving signed 11/18/2005 from George Bush. He then shared a paraphrase of Corinthians 13 done by Chaplain Richard Stilma that expressed the need for us to give thanks to God.
- **The following bills were read and referred:** Postage for dues to be mailed, notices to widows for the memorial mass, and doughnuts for the memorial mass: motion was made for the bills to be presented to the trustees for their consideration. The motion was seconded and passed with no discussion.
- **Pilot's Report:** Attendance sheets were turned into the Historian. This Sunday at St. Philip's has been taken care of and no more Knights are needed.
- **Captain's Report:** Don't forget the TOTM dinners.
- **Admiral's Report:** No report was given.
- **Purser's Report:** All account balances were presented at the meeting and the report was placed in the book of the minutes of the meeting. CD was renewed for 9 months at 5.07% rate.
- **Comptroller's Report:** 231 members – with lots of outstanding dues. Robert Udeck was restored. WARNING: all ten remaining brothers who have not paid by January 1st will be suspended. Raffle tickets are available and the first turn in will be in December.
- **Scribe Report:** No report was given.
- **Commander:** Gather for the memorial mass by 10:00.
- **Special Committees Report:** VA hospital – Thursday 11/10 at 10:30.
- **Navigator's Report:** Three of the letters sent out to the widows came back due to invalid addresses. Our sponsored seminarian, K. McCandruie, sent us a thank-you note for the money that we sent him. Mary Smith sent a thank-you card for our support at Dave's funeral; she also included money in the letter to pay for a plaque for Dave at the Cathedral. Carnations have been ordered for the memorial mass.

New Business: St. Mary's, in German Village, council is having a men's evening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. And the Christmas trees go on sale, at St. Mary's, starting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. State Bowling tournament is in Dayton this year in March and April for 6 weekends. The next exemplification is March 18th so get out there and recruit.

Trustee's Report: No report was given.

Unfinished Business: Father Bakle, our Faithful Friar, has waived the expense for the priest for the memorial mass since he will be the celebrant at the mass. Mary Smith sent a check for David's plaque. Chuck Sands will pick up the plaque from the monument store and take it down to the Cathedral for it to be mounted.

4th Degree Master's Report: No report was given.

Patron Report: No report was given

Historian Report: No report was given.

Good of the Order: Jack Kady, Laura Kent, Karen Kostelac, Don Divney, all of our troops, the Baumbusch family.

Flag Winner: Nick Renat

50/50 Drawing: Thomas Schlueb

Respectfully submitted by Ron *Janning, Faithful*

Scribe

CHRISTMAS DECORATING KIT

Key Verse: Luke 1:11-12, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (NIV).

Devotion: Each year as the Christmas season approaches I look for ways to balance the duties and distractions of Christmas while keeping Christ at the center of our celebrations. This year I'm committed to finding a spiritual application for items I might use in preparation for this holy and wonderful holiday. Let me illustrate this idea for you in what I call my "Christmas Decorating Kit."

As I prepare to bake our favorite holiday treats, I will need my cookbook. What a wonderful reminder that the Bible is my cookbook for life. It gives me the ingredients and instructions for fruitful living.

When I cover my clothes with an apron I'm reminded that the blood of Christ covers me and keeps me from being stained by sin. My kitchen timer ensures that nothing is under or over baked, in the same way the Lord times out every situation in my life perfectly.

As I bake holiday treats to share with family and friends, I always use sugar. This is my reminder to share the sweetness of Christ's love with others. The measuring cups and spoons I use provide exact amounts of the necessary ingredients for my recipe. Think about how God always provides an abundance of His love, His mercy and His grace in our lives. Aren't you thankful that God's provision is not limited to measuring cups and spoons?

When I add spices and flavorings to my foods I'm reminded of Christ's words in Matthew 5:13, "You are the salt of the earth" (NIV). I should be adding flavor to the lives of others.

I have many different cookie cutters in my collection, and as I bake our favorite Greek cookies I'm reminded that, just as my cookie cutters are all different, each one of God's children is unique and wonderfully different.

In setting the table with my Christmas china I am reminded I must feast on God's Word each day for spiritual food and I should be reminded that Christ is the "Bread of Life."

When I pull out my artificial Christmas tree I like to place a nativity scene between the branches. When I see the tree I am reminded of why we celebrate this holy season. Christ was born in a manger, but He came to die on a tree for our salvation.

Christmas music holds a very special place in my heart since I am a former singer. Songs that tell the glad tidings of Christ's birth are a wonderful reminder to proclaim this joyous message to all those we encounter during this holy season and throughout the year.

I like to decorate our home with lighted garland and lots of candles. This is a perfect picture of Christ coming to be "The Light of the World." This year I hope everyone who visits my home and yours will know that it is decorated in honor of Christ's birthday

My Prayer for Today: Father, Help us to remember that Christmas is not about the gifts, or the twinkling eyes of children; it's not about a Christmas tree and special cookies or families gathering together. Christmas is the time to celebrate the fact that Your Son became man to enable man to become Your sons (and daughters). I pray our focus will be Christ alone as we celebrate this season. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT

**JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON**