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Ubi Caritas est Vera

The May charity drawing will be for \$62.50 and the attendance drawing will be \$62.50.

Make your nominations now for the Family of the Month.

Our Chaplin, Fr. Andrew, has asked for our help in feeding the more than 1 billion starving people in this world. Please give generously to the International Missions Fund.

Pray for Our Family

Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. James 5:14

Pray for DD Wayne Brown who had a mild stroke, Beverly Bernard mother of Steve Graham, Vickie Nesmith wife of Scott Nesmith, Deacon Bayne and his family, Eric Ritchie's Aunt Pat Buschle, Chuck Yocum, Burt Conway, brother of Don Conway, James Stratman, Thomas Rose, and Ron Braunwart's daughter Charlene, Tom Blaker, Jim Haynes, Carol Conway, wife of Don Conway, Paul Becker. Pray for Jim Bonar, son of Tom & Joyce Bonar. Also pray and Mary Cahill, wife of Keith Cahill. Pray for Leo and Annette Riehle who are suffering with heart problems. Also pray for Sheila Mandic, wife of Brother Chric Mandic. Pray for Rick Soper's daughter, Lisa, who is recovering from surgery. Pray for Joanne, a friend of Brother David Biehle's wife. Pray for Karen Ward, daughter-in-law of Don Ward. Pray for Deloris Kleier and the Kleier family. Pray for Frances Meade, mother of Fred Meade. Pray for Sparky Merke who is recovering from surgery. Pray for Terry McNally, Dean Adam's father-in-law. Also Virginia Neal, wife of Jack Neal.

Please pray for our overseas Service men and women including: Katie Cahill Williams, daughter of Keith Cahill, and Joey Smith, son of Bob and Ardella Smith. Pray for Russell Madden, nephew of Mike Madden, who is heading for Afghanistan. Pray for William Rehtin who is in Special Forces training.

If you have prayer requests you would like published in this newsletter, please contact GK Ray Rehtin at r.rehtin@kofc5453.org or 859-817-1103

Grand Knight's Message

We are winding down another Fraternal year and much has happened. The biggest event in all of our minds has been the new council at Mary Queen. After all of these years, I am sure that many of you feel that it has been like losing part of yourself. We must not look at it that way. It is for the Good of the Order. Many new Knights have joined who would not be in the order if the council had not formed. If they continue with the enthusiasm that I have witnessed, they will serve Mary Queen Parish well for many years to come.

A new Ladies Auxiliary has been formed for spouses, widows, daughters, and/or mothers of members of our council. They are adding new members every month. They have started selling cookies at the weekly Fish Fry to raise money for the causes that they have chosen to support. Enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm and these ladies are enthusiastic about the task they have undertaken.

Rick Soper, our Lecturer has conducted three excellent talks so far this year at our social meetings. Two on Our Lady of Guadalupe and one on The Shroud of Turin. Attendance is up dramatically at the Social Meetings, thanks in large part to Rick's well researched presentations.

The council donated \$150 to STARZ, a local organization assisting youth overcome the loss of a loved one. The council donated \$250.00 to Haitian Relief fund through the Supreme Council. We have held a successful free-throw competition. Three youths who participated went on to participate in the State competition at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY.

So far this year the council has added 13 new members. This still leaves us 5 short of the goal set by Supreme for new members for Star Council award. We are 9 short of the goal for Insurance members.

Our efforts to secure another fund raising donut trailer event by participating in the Gallatin County fair has not worked out since the organizers have moved the dates of the event to conflict with parish based fund raising events. This means a loss to our efforts to provide financial support to local St. Vincent de Paul chapters and to raise more money for The Rose Garden mission. We will continue to look for other venues to help these very worthwhile causes.

Chris Marquis is awaiting returns for the essay contest for eighth graders from our parish schools. We had 11 entrants for the Scholarship this year. The winner will be announced in May. This program has been headed up by Dean Adams for several years.

I wish to thank Robert Erp and Chris Puckett for stepping forward and volunteering to take over the Soccer Challenge for the fall. This means that we will have yet another youth activity for the next Fraternal Year.

This just gives you a snapshot of some of the activities of your council for just the past 6 months. It does not even cover last year's successful donut season. It includes but a small portion of the council's activities. It is not too late to get involved. You are never too old, and as long as you are a member, you are never too young.

This leads me to my final point. Due to financial responsibilities, I am not seeking another term as Grand Knight. The Trustees are currently seeking candidates to fill this position. If interested, please contact Keith Cahill.

Ray Rechten

Council News

Council 5453 is looking for men to represent us at the state convention, May 15 – 16. Contact GK Ray for more information.

The Donut Trailer 2010 season opens on May 16 - 17 with the St. Paul Youth Festival. There are many opportunities to support our Council and the many worthy organizations supported by the only Holy Donut trailer in Northern Kentucky! Get on-board and volunteer now. Contact Keith Cahill.

Now taking orders for the 2010 Knights of Columbus polo shirts. Only prepaid orders will be accepted. The Council is also looking into a source for KofC Logo hats. More on this later. Contact Fred Meade to order your shirt.

Insurance members are needed to extend our incredible string of 9 consecutive Star Council awards. Help keep the record alive and call our new insurance representative, Bob Sheil, today. Really, call him today, even just to chat.

The Catholic Church, and our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in particular, are under vicious attack from the enemy once again. Please visit Supreme's web site and pray the novena for the Holy Father.

The 2010 Council #5453 Golf Outing will be held on May 8 at the Boone Links Country Club. The \$70 price includes golf, cart, steak dinner and prizes. Hole sponsorship is available for \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

The Friday Fish Fry at IHM can always use some extra hands. Call Fred Meade to sign up.

We were looking for a Knight to become the new chairman for the Soccer Challenge until new 3rd degree Knights Robert Erp and Chris Puckett volunteered to co-chair this event. If you are interested in helping with this worthy youth activity please contact either of these men or contact the Grand Knight and he will put you in touch with them.


It is not certain that Fr. Andrew will be moving on from his post at IHM. As details become clearer upon his return from India we will pass them on.

Good of the Order

The 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Knights of Columbus Golf Classic to benefit Catholic Charities will be held on Saturday, July 31 at Hickory Sticks Golf Club. It is a 4 man Scramble Format. Cost is \$85.00 per golfer. It is a 4 man scramble format. Contact Crl Biery @859-781-5054 for more information.

The April attendance drawing of \$49.50 went to Richard Hanser who was not present, and the charity drawing of \$49.50 went to Mark Dornoff who was not present.

Dates to Remember		
May	May 7-8, 2010	Rosary Devotion
May	May 8, 2010	Council Golf Outing
May	May 10, 2010	Business Meeting
May	May 16-17 2010	Donut Trailer at St. Paul's Youth Festival
May	May 22, 2010	Autism Walk Coney Island
May	May 24, 2010	Mass/Social Meeting
Jun	June 1, 2010	1st Degree 7pm
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