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## *Ubi Caritas est Vera*

Thank you very much to the outgoing officers, especially our outgoing Grand Knight Ray Rehtin. Your service is much appreciated by every member of this council.

The winner of the annual Scholarship contest is Zachary Gutzeit. A round of applause for this worthy recipient. Zach will receive a scholarship to St. Henry High School this fall.

The Essay contest first place winner is Cara Schwartz from St. Paul's and second place went to Nick Auteri also at St. Paul's. Congratulations to these fine, and now award winning, writers.

Make your nominations now for the Family of the Month.

## **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*

Please pray for Mike Madden and his family as they prepare to bury Mike's nephew Russell who was killed in Afghanistan. We also mourn the loss of Eve Phillips, wife of Dan Phillips who died this month. Pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Buschle, Eric Ritchie's aunt.

Please pray for our District Deputy Wayne Brown who is recovering from a mild stroke. Continue to pray for Beverly Bernard mother of Steve Graham, Vickie Nesmith wife of Scott Nesmith, Deacon Bayne and his family, 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 Tom Bonar, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery. Also pray for 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 Chris Mandic. Pray for Rick Sopar's daughter, Lisa. Pray for Joanne, a friend of Brother David Biehle's wife. Pray for Karen Ward, daughter-in-law of Don Ward. Pray for Aileen Adams, wife of Dean Adams. Aileen recently lost her father to pancreatic cancer and now she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for Frances Meade, mother of Fred Meade. Pray for Virginia Neal, wife of Jack Neal. Please pray for our overseas Service men and women including: Chrystal Cahill daughter of Keith Cahill, and Joey Smith, son of Bob and Ardella Smith. Pray for William Rehtin son of Ray Rehtin

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

## Grand Knight's Message

This is my final message as Grand Knight. I can not leave without saying a heartfelt thank you to all of you and most especially to the officers. Without their support a tough job would have been impossible. Particularly, I would like to thank Fred Meade and Keith Cahill. Also Dean Adams, Eric Ritchie, Chuck Hitter and Ron Browning. What successes this council has had this year has been due to their hard work.

I also wish to thank Robert Greene, who approached me and asked if I would consider joining the Knights of Columbus nearly 10 years ago. He sponsored me into this council and without that invitation I would not have had the opportunity to serve this great council.

This council is not only large, it is truly a marvel. This not my doing, but the hard work of those who came before. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who have labored for the success of this council and its programs over the past 50 years. Particularly, we owe a debt to Sonny Acree and those who worked with him to develop the donut sales. While other councils struggle to find fundraisers and keep them going, we struggle to keep up with the demand for donuts. As has been often said to me, we need to guard the quality of our product carefully.

I often say to those outside the council that we are the best kept secret in Northern Kentucky. Why? Because we go about raising money and serving our parish communities and surrounding area without fuss or fanfare. Many times, people in our parishes do not even know that we are knights. This is to our credit and to our detriment.

To our credit no one can accurately call us vain or cocky. It is to our detriment because very few people are aware of the reach and depth of the programs in place. Very few are aware how many people are touched by this one council. Council 5453 raises and distributes in excess of \$30,000 every year to a range of worthy causes. This council got to this point not by resting on its laurels but by constantly seeking new ways of serving.

As new councils break off from this council, it will be harder to maintain the existing programs if we do not actively recruit. Our best recruiting tools are our record of charitable giving and service **and our members...all of you.** We must bring in new members who will be the future of this council in a few years. We must also look to the youth, as they will be the future of this council, our parishes and our country in years to come.

We can no longer hide our light under a bushel. A light serves only one purpose...to illuminate. Let's illuminate our parish communities.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus.

## Council News

In June, new officers were elected. Mike Madden will replace Ray Rehtin as Grand Knight, Ray Rehtin will replace Keith Cahill as Trustee. Fred Meade continues as Financial Secretary. Chuck Hitter stays as Treasurer. Eric Ritchie will still be Recording Secretary and Ron Browning will still be Deputy Grand Knight. Bob Greene stay as Advocate while Tim Hillenbrand moves to Warden. Joe Baumgartner becomes Inside Guard and John Doubrava is the new Outside Guard. Dean Adams and Jim Alcorn stay as Trustees.

The Donut Trailer 2010 season is off to a good start. We have had very successful outings to IHM Boy Scout Troupe 727, St. Paul's Youth Group and St. Tim's Scout Troop 702. But this is just the start. Call Kieth Kahill now to get in on the fun of making donuts to further God's glory

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Contact Carl Biery @859-781-5054 for more information.

The rosary raffle at this year's State convention netted \$525. With Supreme Council's matching funds for Ultrasound Machine for pregnancy centers, it means that \$1050 will toward the purchase of a sonogram machine for the Rose Garden mission. This device will provide detailed pictures of the new life developing in a mother's womb, a proven deterrent to abortion. The sisters are accepting any and all donations to this most important cause. Many thanks to Dean Adams, for making and donating the rosary and the Ladies Auxiliary for promoting the raffle.

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, www.KofC.org, and pray the novena for the Holy Father.

If you are interested in helping with the Soccer Challenge please contact either Robert Erp, Chris Puckett or contact the Grand Knight and he will put you in touch with them. Many hands will be needed when the day of the challenge rolls around.

The monthly rosary devotion in the Council hall still has a few slots on the schedule that can be filled by you. Contact Mike Madden and keep the prays flowing up to our Heavenly Father.

## Good of the Order

The May attendance drawing of \$62.50 went to Sparky Merk who was not present, and the charity drawing of \$62.50 went to Joe Wagner who was not present. The June attendance drawing of \$73.50 went to Joe Baumgartner who was present, and the charity drawing of \$73.50 went to George Ridick who was not present. Joe Bamgartner elected to donate his winning towards the Ultrasound Machine fund for The Rose Garden Home Mission. This donation will be funneled through Supreme to get the matching funds, meaning that a total of \$147 will go to the purchase of this badly needed life-saving tool. Way to go Joe Baumgartner!

### Dates to Remember

July 2-3, 2010	Rosary Devotion
July 14, 2010	Business Meeting
July 26, 2010	Fourth Degree meeting, Fr. Kehoe
July 28, 2010	Mass/Social Meeting
July 31, 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual NKY Knights Golf Outing
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