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Fraternalists' Trade Association Unveils New Identity

The nation's premier association of fraternal benefit societies has adopted a new identity to better reflect its purpose, membership and value to communities throughout the nation: American Fraternal Alliance.

The organization, which will be known informally as "the Fraternalists" or "Fraternal Alliance," also unveiled a new logo and tagline as part of its new identity. The association, formed in 1886, previously was called the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA). Catholic Ladies of Columbia is a proud member of the Fraternalists.

The American Fraternal Alliance is a non-profit trade association with 70 members, each of which is a fraternal benefit society. These member societies operate in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Fraternalists throughout the U.S. and Canada celebrate their common bonds, work together on thousands of volunteer efforts in

communities all across the map, and have brought the concept of mutual aid into its third century. The fraternal system is a time-honored, cost-effective way that a large segment of Americans and Canadians provide financial protection to their families.

Did you know:

- Fraternal benefit societies represent nine million individual members who participate in 31,500 local chapters—among America's largest member-volunteer networks.

- These members contributed an estimated \$400 million in direct financial aid to charitable and fraternal programs last year.

- Members represent one of America's largest volunteer networks, with individuals volunteering 91 million hours for community-service projects last year.

- Fraternal benefit societies have \$363 billion of life insurance in force.

- Fraternal benefit societies paid \$3.3 billion in life insurance benefits, \$4.6 billion in annuity benefits, and \$475 million in accident and health benefits in the U.S. last year.



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Dates to Remember

February 2	Groundhog Day
February 3	Feast of St. Blaise
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day
March 31	Scholarship Application Deadline
March 31	Volunteer Hour Deadline
April 18	Tax Day
May 7	Join Hands Day

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

You may download CLC 2011 Scholarship Applications from our website. Go to TheCLC.org. The file needs to be opened through Adobe Acrobat.

If you have problems or do not have access to a computer, call the Home Office at 800-845-0494 and they will mail you an application. Directions for completing it are printed on the application.

Each eligible student may be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship two different years while in college.

DEADLINE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO HOME OFFICE IS MARCH 31, 2011

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Sharon Says....

The shortest month of the year is here! Just because this month is short on days doesn't mean there isn't plenty to do.

We start the month off with Ground Hog Day on the 2nd. According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring. We can only hope it is a very gray day!

This day is followed by the Feast of St. Blaise. On this day we get our throats blessed to ward off sore throats for the year. Why, you may wonder, does this blessing of the throat take place on the feast of St. Blaise? St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. As a child I can remember taking part in this blessing each year if not on the actual day then at Mass on the Sunday nearest the feast. It seems to have been lost in recent years.

Other days to celebrate include Valentine's Day and President's Day. So if you are looking for a theme for your meeting, this month has many possibilities. Each month I try to give an idea to encourage more attendance at your meetings. So you could use one of the days to celebrate or you could bring a little spring into your meeting by having a representative from a local greenhouse come and give ideas for indoor gardening. Or gather some supplies of seeds, soil and pots. Have the members plant the seeds and get the plants started indoors to later plant in their gardens.

A letter recently went out to all council presidents explaining the many fraternal projects available to all members for the upcoming year. If your council did not receive the letter please call the home office and a copy will be sent to you.

As we near the tax deadline, remember that you can still contribute to your IRA for 2010 until you file your 2010 tax return. CLC is offering good interest rates so take advantage of this and save tax dollars.

Remember to turn in your volunteer hours. You can turn them into your local council or mail or email them to the Home Office. These hours are added together and turned into the American Fraternal Alliance. And we need these hours to keep our tax free status! No amount turned in is too small, so email to Fairy Wagner, fwagner@udata.com. Deadline is March 31, 2011.

We are in the process of redoing our website. Hopefully by the time you receive this, it will be up and running. Check it out!



Ottawa Names New Officers

Council 7 • Ottawa Ohio

A soup and salad buffet for the Installation of Officers preceded the first meeting of the year. Installation of the following officers was lead by a Past President, Jeanette Meyer: President Dorothy Siefer; Vice President, Carol Beutler; Treasurer, Doris Tenwalde; Secretary, Pat Agner; Monitor, Agnes Klemman; Inner Guard, Ruth Kuhlman; and Trustee, Marlene Niese.

President Dorothy Siefer called the meeting to order in the school cafeteria following prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A thank you was received from the Ottawa Food Pantry stating how much our continued contributions help. New Cleveland CLC Chapter # 215 invited members to their March 15th cheese & wine tasting at 7 p.m. after Mass.

Shirley Duling and Imogene Ellerbrock were sent a cheer card from the meeting.

Sympathy cards were sent to Teresa Meyers for her father-in-law, Marlynne Myers for the death of her husband, Florence Verhoff for her daughter in law, and the Doug Verhoff Family for wife & mother Vicki who was on our Christmas Shut-in list. Shirley Duling won the door prize. She will have knee surgery the 19th. So, she may give a reading next month. Ruth Kuhlman read "Tomorrow is Another Day". Norma Meyer and Ginny Landwehr were thanked for their soup and committee duties. Next meeting will be February 15th when perfect attendance prizes will be given and one wrapped gift for the jitney auction should be brought per attending member. Motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Kuhlman and seconded by Carol Beutler. Prayer closed the meeting. Cards were not played by members due to large size of snowflakes but prizes were awarded by drawing names.

Notice

We have been receiving a lot of phone calls at the Home Office regarding the lien balance at the end of your annual statement. Nothing has changed since the six page letter was sent out in February 2009 regarding this temporary lien. The only difference is we are now required to list it on your annual statement. We hope this clears up any confusion that you may have. If not, please do not hesitate to contact the Home Office for further discussion.

*Thank You,
The Home Office Staff*

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www.theclc.org!
It has a new
look and lots of
new features!

Council 86 Plans Mission Fair Wehri

Council 86 • Upper Sandusky

The January meeting was called to order by President Teresa Brodman with 21 members present. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2011 officers were installed by Mary Lou Derr.

The charter was draped, resolution read and prayers said for our departed members Miriam Vent and Barbara Mathern.

Thank-you's were received from the Miriam Vent family, Sister Lee McCrady, Father John Stowe, Father Paul Faroh, Sister Dionne and Sister Francine Starner, Sister Jeanette Zielenski, Joan Rall, Mary Lou Derr, Ruth Ann Frey, and the CLC home office for the Right to Life donation.

Lou Strasser reported visiting the shut-ins for Christmas.

Charlene Beeler was welcomed as a new member.

The Christmas committee was thanked for having a successful and well attended party.

Members were thanked for the donations to the children's KofC Christmas party. 55 goody bags were prepared.

A Mission Fair will be held Feb. 5 at St. Mary's Center in Kirby from 6-8 p.m. Members were asked for donations for the auction. Children's games and food will be provided. All proceeds will be donated to the Missions. Donations for the auction can be brought to the next meeting on Feb. 2.

Lou Strasser won the door prize. Fairy Wagner won the 50/50 drawing.

Dessert was served by Vivian Oney, Joyce McMillan, Neva Orians, Jean Shumaker, Carolyn Clabaugh, Dottie Lenhart, Teri Long, Catherine Gillen, Laurie Donough, Helen Vent, Betty Wines, and Kim Parsell. Feb. committee is Dotie Rowe, Edie Dlubak, Jennifer Young, Cheryl Lyons, Lin Bils, Doreen Calmes, and Rose Rowe.

Presents Gold Award Project

Council 134 • Kalida

Council 134 began the new year with a meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, in St. Michael's church basement.

Special guest was Jill Wehri who is finishing her Girl Scout service project of recycling paper at St. Rita's Medical Center. She brings the paper back to Kalida to recycle which benefits the town's new park. She has also been collecting old tennis shoes for recycling which she delivers to Cincinnati. She had prepared a handout on the tips of recycling which she shared with us. She mentioned that Log On Computers in Ottawa will recycle old computers. Cell phones can also be recycled. Good Project! We should all try to recycle.

Our Christmas party in 2011 will be held at our regular meeting in December. We tried an early party in November, 2010, but some members preferred the December date. We will work around the school program. Mary E. Hoffman and Carol Bockrath volunteered to chair the party. Mary will be our chef.

A reminder was given for the letter writing campaign in response to the abortion clinic now located in Lima. Details were also given for the 1st annual March for Life in Putnam County. The march will be held on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 am. It will begin at the the Courthouse in Ottawa. Jane Kimmell will speak. Then there's a short walk to the Lord's Park for prayer. Cookies and hot chocolate will follow in the American Legion hall.

Don Rall is organizing a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Monday, January 24. He asked if we could help defray costs. We will donate the cost for one person.

Next month Jan Kahle will speak on end of life issues. We will also have a cookie exchange. The March meeting will be held at the Meadows of Kalida.

New Members

Co. 84 – Landeck

Landon M Hummer, Delphos

Co. 86 – Upper Sandusky

Gabrielle Ann Oney, Powell

Sue Ann Hoepf, Upper Sandusky

Co. 88 – Ft. Jennings

Karter James Beining, Toledo

Co. 134 - Kalida

Grady Thomas Lambdin, North Canton

Hailey Rae Lambdin, North Canton

Co. 158 – St. Marys

Kristine L Schmitmeyer, St. Marys

Co. 165 - Athens

Kathleen Hecht, Athens

Caitlyn Ann Craycraft, Lewis Center

Co. 217 – Russells Point

Edna R Reichert, Lewistown

Irene Hellman, Harrod

Co.222 - Lima

Ralph Uhlenhake, St Henry

Fraternally Remembered

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
040	Leone Miller	Cloverdale	11/08/10
085	Mary Proetle	Dayton	3/31/10
105	Grace Vitori	Middletown	11/14/10
179	Marie Kuhlman	Ottawa	11/23/10
192	Marilyn Rini	Lyndhurst	9/07/10
206	Phyllis Hughes	Galion	11/13/10

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Email your stories to
marlenaballinger@gmail.com





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Fluffy Hot Chocolate

- 8 teaspoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking cocoa
- 4 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

In a saucepan, combine the first four ingredients. Cook and stir over medium heat until the marshmallows are melted, about 8 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in vanilla. Ladle into mugs.

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