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Council 57 Celebrating 110th Anniversary

St. Agnes Council 57 of London will be celebrating their 110th anniversary on Saturday, May 21 with a Mass at 5 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 61 South Union, London. In honor of their anniversary Council 57 will present the people of the parish with a gift. The gift is an icon, approximately 3 feet by 4 ½ feet of St. Brigid. St. Brigid is a co-patron of Ireland along with St. Patrick and St. Columbia and it is very appropriate that the image of this Irish woman be given to remind the people of the tremendous influence that women have held in the spread of Christ's gospel.

This image of St. Brigid is in the form of a triptych—that is three parts. The framework of the icon is made from the former baptistery gate through which many of St. Patrick's parishioners entered when they, as well as their ancestors and children, were baptized.

It is of metal mounted by a cross and as before it is painted gold. Flanking the image of St. Brigid are symbols of the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are in a Celtic style which was strongly influenced by the Eastern Church. Celtic knotting serves to unite the three icons into one using green shades of the shamrock.

Incorporated into the design of the brazier is an insignia of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This design is from an early training manual of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. It reminds us of the influence of the CLC in bringing the light of faith to our own holy families. Worked in the hem of St. Brigid's robe is the name of our local council of the CLC, the year of its founding and this anniversary year. As is typical of icons the background is in gold leaf. The gold represents the glory of the Kingdom of God.

Thanks For All You Do!

Having compiled all the volunteer hours and the activities held during the year by our Councils the Board members are always astounded by all our members do for their families, the CLC and their communities. A total of 22 Councils sent in activity forms along with several individual members. We are always glad to hear of the activities that the members and Councils plan along with all of the groups that are helped by our members. All the visits, babysitting, bake sales and time and talents that we as members of the CLC donate to our communities helps to strengthen our lives and all the lives that we touch. We are proud to serve as your Board and to be a part of this organization.

This year along with the 15, \$1000.00 scholarships given to our members, a total of \$2425.00 in Matching Funds were donated by the Home Office to our Councils charities. A total of \$5000.00 in Charitable Donations was set aside by the Board. \$4250.00 was donated as Charitable Donations by the Councils with the extra \$750.00 left in the fund going to the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple.

A total of 2636 Fraternal events were held by the Councils with 22914 volunteer hours and expenses for the events were \$21660.19. The total Community events held were 8596 with 55275 volunteer hours and the total money spent was \$27609.34.

We have reported our volunteer hours, dollar amounts and events to the American Fraternal Alliance. As they have changed their name they have also changed their reporting form. The Board is making changes to the Volunteer Hour reporting sheet and we will forward the new form to the Councils.

Thank-you so much for all you do and for reporting your Volunteer Hours to the Board. We use these hours to stay tax exempt. We know the government is looking for ways to collect more taxes and we need to stay Fraternal to help our charitable activities.



Ruth Miller, Ottoville Co 30 Secretary, is presenting their charitable donation check to Virgil Hohlbein, Chairman for the installation of a defibrillator in Immaculate Conception Parish Center and Hall.

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Sharon Says....

April showers bring May flowers!! With all the rain we have had there should be an abundance of beautiful May flowers!

In addition to the flowers, May brings with it much new life and new beginnings for many people! Many will be graduating from preschool all the way through to college and that definitely brings changes and new beginnings. Whatever stage in life you are at, may your future be bright and we wish you the best!

Everyone will be carrying on the tradition of celebrating and honoring all Moms on the second Sunday of May. A Mother always holds a special place in a child's heart. As a child we always remember making those special gifts for Mom in school and we could not wait until the day to give them to her. And you know as a Mom, those gifts made from the heart are always the best! Wishing all Moms a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

May is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The rosary is being said by CLC members each day and I invite others to join in. What better way could we have to pay tribute to our Blessed Mother. Remember prayer does work. I think of it just like the little ones do with their parents, if you continue to ask, they will usually give in to get some peace and quiet. Hopefully Our Lord will do the same! Persistence pays off!

Saturday, May 7 is Join Hands Day. This publication may not reach you before that day so my hope is that each of you did something to Join Hands and make someone else's life better. Please be sure and send in what you and your council did to VP Deb Evers. Remember no project or idea is too small...when they are all added together the results are huge.

On May 30 we will celebrate Memorial Day. Formerly known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day commemorates U.S. soldiers who died in military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is also considered the start of summer fun, so get out and enjoy the holiday!

*Maybe all I could do was mother...
And yet, why did I feel so fulfilled when
I bedded down three kids between clean
sheets? What if raising and instilling
values in three children and turning
them into worthwhile human beings
would be the most important contribu-
tion I ever made in my lifetime?*

Erma Bombeck



Dietitian Speaks to Kalida

Council 134 • Kalida

Council 134 in Kalida met in St. Michael's church basement on Monday, April 11 with 18 members present. Our guest speaker was, Donna Pohlman, a dietitian at St. Rita's Medical Center. She gave an excellent and informative presentation on "Power Foods". She told us foods from plants have great health benefits. Our foods can fight a variety of diseases. Supplements do not give us the same food value. She recommended the book 'The Cancer Fighting Kitchen' by Rebecca Katz and Mat Edelson.

A short business meeting followed. Our annual Good Friday Bake Sale was discussed. It will be April 22 at the Kalida K of C during the fish fry. We will also be selling colored eggs for \$2.50 a dozen. Call Ann Warnecke to order eggs. We are asking our members to donate at least 2 baked items. Donations will again be accepted for baked goods.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 9. We will be celebrating the 70th birthday of Rita Illiff and the 50th wedding anniversary of Joyce and Hubert Wehri.



Dates to Remember

- May 7 Join Hands Day
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 21 Council 57-London
110th Anniversary
- May 30 Memorial Day -
Home Office Closed

Perpetual Rosary

- April & May Lima Council
222
- June & July Fostoria Council
205



Ottawa Raises Almost \$100 For Helping Hands Fund

Council 7 • Ottawa

President Dorothy Siefer called the meeting to order in the school cafeteria following prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bills were presented by Dorothy Siefer for Masses and postage for three deceased members and \$20 for living member Masses.

A motion was made by Theresa Gable for \$50 donation to Right to Life seconded by Betty Kelley. A thank you was received from Sylvia Conn's Family. Pat Agner reported that Cheer Cards were sent to Lydella Agner and Mary Croy during March and a sympathy card was sent to Lamberta Simpson's husband. There were no April birthday attendees at this meeting. Dorothy Siefer again won the door prize and will have a reading next month. Dorothy Siefer read "He Sets His Pace to Ours" as last month's door prize winner. Those on the committee were thanked for their committee duties. Next meeting will be May 17th at SPPS Cafeteria for Member-Guest Potluck at 6:30PM. Committee Co-Chairs are Jeanette Meyer and Bea Wehri.

Joyce Ellerbrock made a CLC Insurance report stating Life Insurance sales are going fantastic and the Home Office is thrilled. Board of Directors meeting will be April 30th. Joyce said State of Ohio has new requirements for annuity sales beginning July 1st. CEUs of four hours must be met by agent or they may not sell annuities.

Sylvia Conn and Mary Croy were buried April 1st. Rosary services were held for both at Love's Funeral Home March 31st. It was noted that there was only one CLC banner which hung near Sylvia's casket. The Charter was draped for three departed members: Lamberta Simpson, Sylvia Conn, and Mary Croy and prayers were said for each.

Prayer closed the meeting. The committee served homemade angel food cake and frozen fruit dessert. Wrapped items and an Easter decorated angel food cake brought by members and were raffled by Deb Warnament and Brenda Aversch. \$97.50 was made for Helping Hands Fund and it was a lot of fun.

Ottoville Honors 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Council 30 • Ottoville

CLC Council 30 met in the parish center family room on April 11. Preceding the meeting, Theresa Burgei gave a short presentation on the various insurance programs and the benefits of these.

Meeting was opened with prayer and the charter was draped for the members who passed away since our December meeting; Mary Moggenberg, Leona Landin, Bernadine Hoersten and Jennie Plescher.

Thanks were read from the families of the recently deceased for the mass intentions and the services at the funeral home. Also from the ICY group for the donation to the CYO basketball prayer banner, from the Epilepsy foundation for our donation for Join Hands Day, 2010.

Our Right to Life collection was held following masses on April 9 and 10. We collected \$467.68, which is being forwarded to the main office. Thanks to all who helped.

A letter had been sent to members updating them on projects and a reminder of dues. A good response has been received. Thanks to all.

We are applying for charitable donation funds to be given to Immaculate Conception Church toward the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed in the parish center.

Our Join Hands project was with the youth group and the First Communion parents and children. They assisted us with the annual church cleaning.

Our annual fundraiser, the casino trip, will possibly be the first week in August, with Ruth and Annette in charge.

Festival tickets will again be purchased. \$50 will be donated to the ICY group.

Following the meeting we welcomed Paul and Joan Ruen, Leo and Helen Herman, Ruth Wannemacher and Sharon Fischbach, who all are observing golden weddings this year. A gift of a lovely angel was presented to each. A beautiful cake centered the table and their wedding pictures were displayed. Games were led by Annette Hilvers and Ethel Recker, who then served a delicious luncheon.

New Members

Co. 7 - Ottawa

Connor Patton, Lima

Co. 84 - Landeck

Adam Joseph Hellman, Findlay
Rachel Elizabeth Hellman, Findlay
Jason Joshua Gillespie, Delphos
Jacob Thomas Hellman, Delphos
Aaron Steven Hellman, Delphos

Co. 218 - Wauseon

Kathleen R O'Neil, Lyons

Co. 222- Lima

Glen R Early, Harrod

Co. 900 - Ohio

Abigail Marie Yarish, Pickerington
Richard Alexander Yarish, Pickerington

Fraternally Remembered

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
006	Ruth Koenig	Leipsic	01/21/11
007	Lamberta Simpson	Mt. Vernon	03/12/11
030	Jane Plescher	VanWert	01/30/11
092	Nellie Straley	Xenia	02/02/11
095	Vera Vassallo	Fairfield	11/07/08
121	Patricia Lahmon	VanWert	02/28/11
129	Harry Phlipot	Paulding	02/27/11
133	Carl Byer Jr	Newton Falls	12/12/10
139	Mary Kimpel	Edgerton	12/05/10
162	Patricia Augustin	Portsmouth	02/20/11
166	Jeannette Bowers	Elida	02/27/11
199	Helen Weber	Defiance	01/29/11
209	Norma Phlipot	Russia	12/18/10



Council to Host Mother Daughter Tea

Council 86 • Upper Sandusky

Council 86's April meeting was called to order by Pres. Teresa Brodman with 22 members present. Thank-you's were received from Irene Orians and St. Peter's School.

Ruthann Frey reported her niece, Krisi Nasse, has raised \$3275.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Cheryl Lyon reported on the Summer trip. The council will travel to Shipshewana on July 19 and 20. The cost will be \$190.00 double occupancy. Anyone wishing to go should call Cheryl Lyon at 419-294-3944 or Barb Grasz at 419-294-4042. Reservations and payment are due June 1, 2011.

Council 86 will be remembering 4 high school graduates this year. A donation will be given to Our Lady of Consolation, St. Mary's Chapel and Transfiguration of the Lord Festivals. A donation will also be given to the Sister's of Notre Dame. Our organization's charity. The Council will again have a bake sale at St. Peter's Festival.

Themes for the 2013 convention were discussed. Council 86 will be hosting the event.

For Join Hands Day the Council will be sponsoring the gatherings after the weekend Masses at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Also the Council will be collecting monetary donations at the April and May meetings for the food pantry.

Happy Birthday was sung to Harriet Amendola and Helen Rall.

Helen Rall won the door prize. Ruth Swartz won the 50/50 drawing.

Dessert was served by Mary Lou Derr, Mary Orians, Cora Derr, Dolly Weaver, La-Donna Orians, Mary Harbour, Judy Wheeler, Margaret Kin, and Mary Alice Wines.

The May 4 meeting will be a Mother and Daughter Tea sponsored by the Officers. It will be 7:00 p.m. at Richardson's Flower Shop 116 North Sandusky Avenue, Upper Sandusky. All ages are welcome.

*Mother's arms are made of tenderness,
and sweet sleep blesses the child who lies
therein.*

Victor Hugo

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