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Ft. Jennings Council #88 Visits Jim Bowsher's Temple of Tolerance



Ft. Jennings council #88 traveled to Wapakoneta on Wednesday, September 12 for their meeting and toured the Temple of Tolerance. The yard belongs to Jim Bowsher, self-described "master" of the Temple. He took 18 years to build it. The Temple and its satellite shrines occupy all of the space behind Jim's home -- and that's a lot of space, because Jim owns the entire center of the block, roughly equal to about two dozen Wapakoneta back yards. It's unexpected and well-hidden; people driving past Jim's front door, on Wood Street, probably don't even know its back there.

The Temple of Tolerance is always open, and visitors who want the full Jim Bowsher experience can call ahead to arrange a personal tour. Jim hopes to someday donate his creation to Wapakoneta, but only if the town promises to keep it intact, admission is free, and open every day. "Even if it's torn down tomorrow", he said, "they will never

erase the good that it's done."

His message is simple yet powerful! He wants everyone to be treated the same and given a chance. There is no bullying or drugs there. Every rock has a story and he has it all recorded. Such an amazing place!

A photo of "The Tube" is shown below. "The Tube" is Jim's creation and contains a shell casing for every soldier, from Ohio, that died since the War of 1812. Jim has spent time picking up every one of those casings from local police gun ranges. Thus far, "The Tube" contains over 71,000 casings.



Make a Difference Day 2018 Is Just Around the Corner

October 27th is CLC Make a Difference Day! Caregiver's spend so much of their time doing for others they often forget to do for themselves or have no time for themselves. This year CLC would like you to "Make a Difference" in the life of a caregiver. Use a little bit of your time to give them some time to relax or get some things done they never seem to have time for.

Let us know how you made a difference in a caregiver's life by submitting your pictures and stories at www.theclc.org.



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Facts from Fairy

September was a busy month. The American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Annual Meeting was held September 5-7 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In attendance to represent CLC were Loni Perkins; Chief Operating Officer, Gail Kroll; VP of Sales & Marketing and myself. The AFA keeps us current on the new regulations and laws that will affect CLC. Attending this annual meeting allows us to gain important information to help us maintain the business. Again this year, governance and volunteer hours were some of the main topics of discussion. Thanks to Loni, CLC's Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure has been filed with the State of Ohio. This is just one of the new 2018 regulations. In order to meet all of our requirements CLC needs you to continue reporting your volunteer hours at your council meetings or on the CLC website. You may submit pictures, report donations and activities in the same manner each month. Remember CLC Make a Difference Day is October 27. I look forward to seeing your pictures and reading how you made a difference.

Teresa Brodman; Director and I attended a tailgate party hosted by Leipsic council #6. There were 54 in attendance representing 8 different councils. Thank you for the invitation, great food and great company.

The first "Sweet Treats" prize was handed out on September 13. Alice Teynor; VP and I presented Cloverdale council #10 with cupcakes, a door prize and other prizes from the Board. Each council is submitted in a drawing each quarter at a Board meeting.

Two years ago I set a goal for myself to update the list of active councils. The deadline for this goal was by the Convention in 2017. After talking and meeting with a lot of CLC members, I decided to extend that deadline.

The list is now updated. The list was featured in the September Index and is published again in the October Index. As you will see, our active council list has been reduced to just 29 councils. If any member would like to get more involved with CLC please contact any council near you or call the home office or send an email to society@theclc.org for information on starting a new council. As an active council you may apply for Matching Funds and Charitable Donations to support your communities and charities. More details are available on the CLC website at www.theclc.org.

I received memorabilia and charters from several disbanded councils. I am so thankful to the members for keeping the objects until they could be returned to the Home Office. We have quite a display. It is amazing to see how far CLC has come in the past 121 years. We are thankful to the women who came before us. Without them we would not be the CLC we are today.

The Board meeting was held at the Home Office in September. We are constantly working to improve our business practices, governance, education and fraternal activities. At each of our meetings we have Board education to keep current on the Fraternal Insurance business. Thank you for everyone's support as we move ahead.

Fall is here! The Wyandot County Fair is over, the weather is getting cool and buckeyes are showing up at my house so the leaves will be changing colors soon. I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the season. While appreciating the change of seasons please say a prayer for all the people that have suffered in the hurricane's devastation in the southeast.

American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting

Fairy Wagner, President, Loni Perkins, COO, and Gail Kroll, VP of Sales and Marketing, traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting. The three days were full of educational meetings while networking with other Fraternal Societies top executives. This was the AFA's final Annual Meeting before changing over to a new format of educational meetings. Pictured is Kevin Marti, the current President of the AFA Board of Directors.



CLC's List of Active Councils

Leipsic	Co. 6
Ottawa	Co. 7
Cloverdale	Co. 10
Defiance	Co. 32
Delphos	Co. 40
London	Co. 57
New Bavaria	Co. 75
Landeck	Co. 84
Upper Sandusky	Co. 86
Fort Jennings	Co. 88
Columbus	Co. 95
Bucyrus	Co. 115
Willard	Co. 116
Van Wert	Co. 121
Kalida	Co. 134
Portsmouth	Co. 162
Athens	Co. 165
Columbus Grove	Co. 166
Glandorf	Co. 179
St. Michael's	Co. 199
Springfield	Co. 207
Blakeslee	Co. 208
New Cleveland	Co. 215
Russell's Point	Co. 217
Lima	Co. 222
Ohio	Co. 900
Michigan	Co. 901
Indiana	Co. 902
Kentucky	Co. 903

Tailgating in Leipsic with Council #6

September 10th was a Monday night spent tailgating with the ladies of council #6. There were 54 members representing 8 different councils that joined in the festivities. They started their evening with prayer from Father Bill Pfeifer. Members enjoyed food, played picnic bingo and held a 50/50 drawing and other raffles.



And the “Sweet Treats” winner is.... Cloverdale, Council #10!

Fairy Wagner, President and Alice Teynor, Vice President attended the September meeting in Cloverdale for council #10 to award the “Sweet Treats”! All councils are entered in a quarterly drawing to receive “Sweet Treats” at their meeting from CLC. After the council’s meeting, Alice presented the members with

cupcakes and door prizes. There was also a gift basket awarded to one lucky member! The winner was Teresa Burge! Congratulations to Teresa and council #10!



Discover your library!

Do you know what your library has to offer? Thanks to Kathleen Witt, council #86 knows. Kathleen spoke about the library levy and everything they now have to offer. They have loaned over 2,000 books, have a history room and an archive of newspapers from as far back as 1853 on microfilm. She noted they have fax, laminate and die cut availability. They have meeting rooms and 12 computer stations with Microsoft access and high speed internet. There are weekly programs for preschoolers through adults that include music concerts, book talks, cooking demonstrations and much more.

Since 2015 they have installed a new digital microfilm reader, 6 additional computers, are able to accept credit cards, have automatic renewal, clothing swaps, and automatic door openers in the front entrance. In addition to all of that, new landscaping has been completed, signage, access to job search portals and “how to” databases. Many of these projects were conducted in cooperation with the Wyandot County Community Foundation and Friends of the Library. Reach out to see what your local library offers.

Happy (early) Birthday from Columbus Council #95!

As part of a council membership drive Columbus council #95 has started sending out birthday cards to all members of the local council. We wanted to brighten our members’ day, while also sharing information about a fun event, with sweet treats next summer! The first batch of cards went out in August and September, with more cards going out each month! If you have questions, or want to make sure we have you on our list, please feel free to email Lydia Rall, Council Secretary at Lrall@theclc.org or contact the Home Office at (800) 845-0494.

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1/3 of People
haven't bought life insurance
or more of it because they
"haven't gotten around to it."
Source: 2017 Insurance Barometer Study, Life Happens and LIMRA
www.lifehappens.org **LIFE HAPPENS.**

Join in the activities and contribute to
your community! Join a council today!

Contact the Home Office to find out
how! 1-800-845-0494

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- OCT 01 CLC Fall Retreat! Being held
at St. Mary's Chapel in
Kirby, Ohio
- OCT 19 St. Peter's Ho-Down Square
Dance
- OCT 27 CLC Make A Difference
Day!
- OCT 31 Happy Halloween!!!
- NOV 16 Purse Bingo hosted by the
Knights of Columbus for
benefit of St. Mary Chapel

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