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Connor's Journey Blessed By CLC

“Sunday Aug 14, 2022 at 4:15 a.m. we were notified that Connor was seriously injured in a head on collision and being life-flighted to OSU Trauma Center. We arrived at the hospital at 5:25 a.m. when the trauma doctors explained that Connor had suffered life threatening injuries and needed to be rushed to the OR. Connor had a massive brain injury, multiple fractures, and lacerations and needed his skull plate to be removed to make room for the brain swelling.

Surgery took close to 3 hours. The surgeon came to tell us that the right skull plate was removed, and that Connor had a fist size blood clot deep in his brain along with swelling. He had no injuries to spine and that he would be in a medically induced coma for 7-10 days. The next few days were critical.

He had a broken nose, no other facial fractures, a large laceration through left nostril and roof of mouth, fractured ribs, and multiple fractures to right ankle. Once in SICU after surgery, ENT (ear, nose, throat) team came in to repair laceration to nostril/mouth, Ortho did a closed reduction (setting of) right ankle, surgery to repair at a later date. The monitor (I called it his martian probe) that measures his intracranial pressure (ICP) needed to be adjusted. His ICP continued to increase, so we started hypertonic solution (super salty) to help pull the fluid off of the brain.

Day 2 Mon. Aug 15: Central line placed in right neck. ICP numbers start to even out with the hypertonic solution, BP starts to rise. CT scan to see if blood clot shifted due to last 3 Neuro checks were a little different. Up to this time, Neuro checks have been good and reactive x4, meaning that all 4 limbs are reacting to stimulus.

Day 3: Tues. Aug 16 ICP went through the roof, BP still high, had to have martian probe removed and an EVD put into place, this is a larger drain system along with measuring ICP. After EVD in place, numbers came down, still concerned about high BP.



Day 4: Wed Aug 17 Started nutrition through tube, BP still high, working on finding the right combination of meds to get that regulated. Running low grade temp, on cooling blanket to keep temperature down. Blood cultures done. Reacting to stimulus on right side only. Tolerating nutrition.

Day 5: MRI done, just working on getting numbers to a stable level.

Have no idea what day it is: MRI showed that Connor had a stroke in the "already damaged part" of brain which effected his left side. We moved from SICU to NCCU, critical care unit on neurology floor. We called it his apartment in the castle!

Please forgive me, but I stopped taking really good notes once we moved. A couple days into the new move, the sedation that was keeping him in coma was being lowered. As it was completely out of system, Connor was reacting to stimulus about 50% of the time with right hand, then one day...we got a squeeze and a thumbs up! (continued on pg 3)



Fairy's Facts for September

Welcome to September. The children are back in school but the temperatures have yet to cool down. Fall is my favorite time of the year. I am ready for the cooler weather and the color changes in landscape! I am fortunate to live in a place where fall is brilliant.

Another place that is always full of colors this time of year is the Home Office. The coloring contests came flooding in and we get to enjoy our young members' creativity each day. I am amazed at the creativity and talent we see year after year. Congratulations to all of the winners and to all of the parents out there with such talented kids! Thank-you to all of our young members who entered.

September is life insurance awareness month and your reminder that Christmas is only 4 months away! What better way to say I love you than the gift of security through life insurance? Research shows that people who own life insurance are more likely to feel financially secure. Nearly two thirds of insured Americans say they feel financially secure, compared to less than half of those uninsured. Buying life insurance is a great way to secure your future and the future of your family. Don't forget to include life insurance in your retirement plans as well! It is always the perfect time to benefit the people in your life with a plan to provide for their future. Life insurance is less expensive to purchase at a young age and can be purchased in any amount to fit your budget. Contact your local CLC Agent or the Home Office at 1-800-845-0494 for more information.

During our latest Board meeting CLC discussed looking for policy holding members to volunteer on the Audit and Nomination Committee. If you would like to get more involved, make a short time commitment and need more information, please let me know directly or call the CLC Home Office for information. CLC is very fortunate to have such qualified Board members to support our society and love having our valued members included in that support through volunteering for our committees.

CLC's Annual meeting is approaching. With such a positive response and the convenience for our members, the meeting will once again be held virtually. Tune in to the meeting on October 14, 2023 either on our website at theclc.org or on

our Facebook page. Watch from the comfort of your own home or in your council meeting. You control the environment!

I look forward to attending Leipsic Council's tailgate party on September 11th at 6:00 at Leipsic's St. Mary's Parish Life Center. Also, Athens Council is holding their Ice Cream Social September 9, 4:00-7:00 in the Holy Family Center. Please come out and enjoy one or both events! It is always a good time when CLC members get together.

Are you a current CLC annuity/IRA/Roth IRA policy holder? Check out CLC's new rates! Current annuity/IRA/Roth IRA policy holder may qualify for CLC's new Loyal Member Program. Reach out to your local agent or the Home Office for more details.

As fall approaches take time to enjoy the cooler temperatures and beautiful colors that nature provides. Along with the beginning of fall comes the beginning of school. Please be aware of all the children as they start another year of learning. Happy Fall!!!

Make A Difference Day 2023

One of the wonderful things about CLC is how our membership makes a difference in their communities. We share our talents, our time and we give back. That's what being a fraternal means. Yes, we sell really wonderful products that protect you and your loved ones, but we also make a difference in our communities and to those around us. Each year, on Make a Difference Day, CLC members better the world around them. This year is no different. Make a Difference Day is slated for October 28, 2023. Consider helping CLC to strengthen our fraternal bond and give of your time and talents to a local charity, family in need, or cause close to your heart on or around that date. In previous years, we have gathered on this day to make a group effort, but we know everyone has busy schedules and may not be able to gather, or fit things in on that date. Because of that, we encourage you to do what you can, as you see fit. We look forward to seeing how our members engage in their communities and help promote CLC's commitment to fraternalism this Make a Difference Day. Please feel free to share photos with us at society@theclc.org, and you may be featured in an upcoming issue of the Index!

Fraternally yours, Lydia Rall; CLC Vice President.



picture on the left is Connor using his UpWalker only days after that setback. Seeing this young man's journey and fight is something to revel in.

Connor's mother started a second job to help pay medical bills, add the needed equipment at home and make up for the time she misses at her daily job in order to make all of his doctor and PT appointments. With the donation from CLC, Connor's mom was able to purchase the equipment he needed immediately as it helped get the fundraising goal for the UpWalker to the needed amount. Connor will be able to continue his work at home, in addition to the rehabilitation facility, in hopes he will gain his independence once again. Please keep Connor in your heart and in your prayers for continued health gains. We wish Connor and his family healing and strength from the CLC family.

Council Meeting On The Road!

Council 215 took to the road for their August meeting. The Meadows of Ottawa hosted our August meeting. There were four senior members in attendance that are also residents of the Meadows that attended the meeting. Dolores Kuhlman, Alice Lammers, Pauline Schnipke and Martha Ann Kuhlman. We thank you ladies for attending.

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He continued to show signs of improvement, it was 2 steps forward with 3 back, then 2 forward and one back. Things were happening fast and the days have blurred.

Connor has received nothing but phenomenal care by compassionate, skilled, knowledgeable staff, from the trauma team, Neuro team, critical care team, and nursing staff!! The Lord has truly blessed us multiple times over! He continues to touch our boy and answer prayers!"

Imagine this being a week in your life. This was a life changing week for Connor and his family. The story above are the words Connor's mother posted on a blog where she kept friends and family updated on his condition as so many were praying for his healing.

Though Connor has made great strides over the past year, his recovery is far from over. CLC donated money to help with the purchase of an UpWalker to assist with his continuing physical therapy and learning to walk again. A few days after Connor received the check he had a setback and was life flighted back to the hospital. The



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