



THE OHIOAN

The official newsletter of the Ohio Grand Council

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Message from the Grand Counselor - David Knapp

So you're walking onto an elevator wearing one of your many UCT golf shirts and someone asks you, "What's UCT?"

"Well, it stands for United Commercial Travelers."

"So you're a travel agency?"

"No, we offer insurance products and other benefits to our members."

"Sure, I've heard of Travelers Insurance."

"No, we're a Fraternal Benefit Society. Our members volunteer countless hours and support various projects in their local communities."

"Sorry, never heard of you."

Sound familiar? Talk about an identity crisis.

This is why branding is so important. Our brand is derived from who we are, who we want to be and what people perceive us to be.

We all know what fraternal organizations are about. Fraternal benefit societies bring

together individuals with a common bond and provide them with the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to their local communities. And sometimes we eat and play cards. That's OK.

Now is the time to work together to share what we're about with the rest of the world. One identity, one purpose and one message.

Here is a pitch that you'll be seeing more of in the future. Feel free to use it the next time you happen to be on an elevator.

"UCT is an international member-benefit organization uniting people with a common passion for good citizenship and volunteerism to improve their local communities."

The part about eating is optional.

David

Message from the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer - Jerry Thomas

Dear Friends:

What an exciting time it is to be a part of UCT. Debbie and I are ever thankful that the Ohio Grand made it possible for me to serve as your Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

What do you think of UCT's new logo? UCT is implementing a new marketing plan which will over time make our Order more appealing to all generations. The new logo is part of the plan. Research has shown that the younger generations enjoy participating in volunteer and community service activities but not so much attending meetings. What's more, it would be so nice if more of our existing members were active members. The marketing plan calls for updating our logos and marketing materials to appeal across generations.

The plan will help us better promote our impact in our communities as well as help us to develop new community service events which will expand our community impact while appealing to prospective members and increasing the involvement of current members.

Here's an example. UCT's Medal of Honor Program has been expanded and improved. The program now includes the

Medal of Honor Community Service Award which focuses on council community service activities and unlike the gold, silver, and bronze medals, does not require a net gain in fraternal membership. By completing five of eight required community service activities your council can earn the Community Service Award and receive \$100. For more information go to the members' section at www.uct.org or give me a call.

New products which appeal across generations are also a part of the marketing plan. This summer, in partnership with Marsh U.S. Consumer, UCT is introducing a new protection program for members. New products include: auto insurance, homeowners insurance, home warranty, SmartSavings Discount Mall, pet insurance, laptop/PDA insurance, trip insurance, and ID Theft insurance. In addition, UCT now offers Dental Vision and Hearing Insurance, Annuities and so much more. Just go to www.uct.org and take a look.

So long for now, with thanks,
Jerry & Debbie Thomas
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

Message from the Ohio Grand Membership Director

UCT's new membership year began April 1, 2010 and ends March 31, 2011. The kickoff presentation took place during the Ohio Grand Session this past June in Boardman, OH.

We are going to focus once again on writing new members, retaining current members, and perhaps we can reinstate members that once belonged to our great organization. Each Ohio member who writes one new, or reinstated member during this membership year shall receive a \$1 gold coin and safety kit.

The council with the lowest percentage of membership lapses within their respective category will receive a \$50 check to be presented at the Grand Executive Board meeting preceding the Ohio Grand Convention, June 9-11, 2011 in Columbus, OH.

Learn about UCT's fraternal insurance benefits – Accidental Death and Hospital Indemnity Plan (ADHIP), LifeGuard 1, Membership and Accident Coverage (MAC) and Emergicare Plus. A Fraternal Membership application is available for those who want to take advantage of UCT's membership benefits but don't want to buy an insurance product.

We are faced with a challenge. Things are not the same as 20 or 30 years ago. Do what you can to deliver the message to prospective members.

I challenge each of our 18 councils to write at least one new member. As of July 1, three councils have met this challenge. I know we can accomplish this.

We Are. We Are Ohio UCT.

Fraternally,
David Burt, PGC
Ohio Grand Membership Director



The Order of the United Commercial Travelers
Jackson Fraternal Council 380

Grand Counselor David Knapp

Grand Chaplain David Van Order

Annual Grand Counselor Night

First Presbyterian Church
225 Church St. Jackson, Ohio

Oct 2, 2010 5:30pm

Dinner - 6:00

\$15 per person

RSVP by September 27

Ruth Ruth (740) 286-4051 or

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Directions From State Route 35 East: Exit East Broadway & Pattonsville Rd. turn **right** onto East Broadway go to the second traffic light, turn **left** on Main Street, go one block to the next light turn **left** on Church Street. The First Presbyterian Church is on the end of the street. Parking is available across the street at Wesbanco Bank.

Check out the UCT PromoShop

for all the latest UCT apparel and gifts.
The website can be found on the UCT home page
at www.uct.org



Grand Convention Highlights

June 9-12- Holiday Inn Boardman

- Congratulations to new Grand Officers: Grand Counselor **David Knapp**, M.J. Terapak Council 144; Grand Secretary **Larry Morton**, Bucyrus Council 334; Grand Sentinel **Al Lutz**, Salem Council 590; Grand Executive Committee member **Mindy Van Order**, M.J. Terapak Council 144; and, Grand Chaplain Dave Van Order, M.J. Terapak Council 144.
- Congratulations to **Phyllis Burt**, Lancaster Council 6 for receiving her Past Grand Counselor honors
- We were honored to have several others from the home office in attendance: CEO **Joe Hoffman**, Marketing Vice President **Bob McCollins**, Marketing Manager **Sue Barclay**, and Community Outreach Manager **Tony Szymczak**
- Thanks to PGC **Lester Fritz** for serving as Grand Secretary for 9 years
- Next years Grand Convention will be held at the **Holiday Inn Worthington, Ohio**, June 8-11, 2011



Congratulations to 2010 Fraternalist of the Year – Jerry and Debbie Thomas, Columbus Council 1



Thanks to Supreme Counselor Jim Walsh and his wife Yolande for attending the Ohio Grand Convention



Pictured left to right are Supreme Past Counselor Keith Ward and his wife Connie, Yolande and Supreme Counselor Jim Walsh, Grand Counselor Willard Martsof and his wife Colleen.

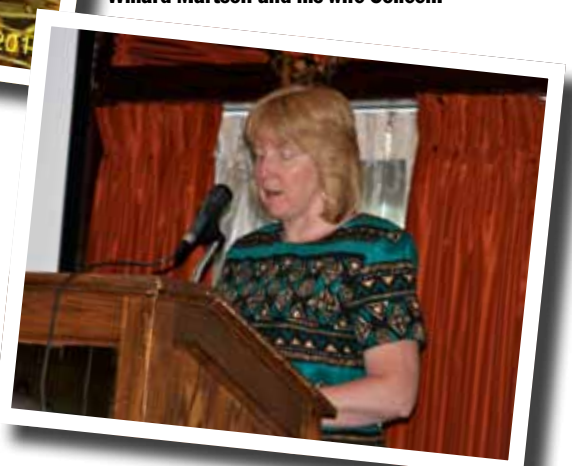


David Knapp, center, is surrounded by all his escorts, left to right are Lee Ann Oyler, Yolande Walsh, Linda Smith and Julie Van Order during his installation as Grand Counselor. Marshall Rick Gruszecki, far left, looks on. ▶



Two unfortunate souls, UCT CEO Joe Hoffman and Supreme Counselor Jim Walsh, left to right on floor, are inducted into the Iran Guild of the AMOB by Installing Officer new Supreme Sentinel David Burt./

Mindy Van Order, Chairperson of the Grand Necrology Committee, reads a poem specially written by Home Office employee Debbie Myers during the Opening Ceremonies. ▶





Salem, OH Council 590 sponsored a car in the 5th annual Soap Box Derby for Challenged Children. The race was held in downtown Salem on Saturday, June 12, 2010 for children ages 9-18 years old. There were 17 children participating in the free race. Salem Council members helped work on cars to get them ready for the big day. Two of the participants qualified to go on participate in the Akron, Ohio Soap Box Derby. A wonderful time was had by all.



Members of Columbus Council 1, Lancaster Council 6 and M.J. Terapak Council 144 recently conducted a campaign among UCT Home Office employees to collect school supplies for needy children of central Ohio. This effort was in conjunction with Betty Kletrovets, a local Grove City women who has been supporting The Tom Fennessy Back-to-School Project for many years. Betty is also the President/Organizer of the entire project. The Tom Fennessy Back-to-School Project, is an all volunteer, non-profit organization serving the Central Ohio community. Last year they provided 7,000 backpacks and school supplies. Ms. Kletrovets fell over the winter injuring her back and shoulder and was unable to collect all of the supplies on her own. The program helps children from six counties. \$210 in additional donations were accepted. Thanks to all who contributed.

2010 - 2011 Ohio Grand Call List

Note: The person calling about a death or illness is to call the Grand Counselor and the Grand Secretary. The Grand Counselor and the Grand Secretary will then call the Grand Officers under their name. Each Grand Officer is assigned PGC(s) to call. Please inform the widow(s) of PGC(s) in your council of any illness or death.

Grand Secretary Larry Morton 419-562-2980	Novella Anderson	419-693-6310	Grand Counselor David Knapp 614-326-2844	Jack Kelly	740-522-4450
	Evelyn Heyman	419-443-0453		Ted Click	740-772-2140
	O.C. Cooper	614-877-3527		Ralph Hurley	937-599-6662
	Lester Fritz	419-562-2395		Homer Huprich	330-537-4432
Grand Treasurer Jerry Thomas 614-882-3339	Bob Geer	740-927-5548	Grand Past Counselor Willard Martsolf 330-938-9618	Bob Gruszeckli	330-537-4882
	Mary Komives	614-444-7411		John Trimboli	(s) 330-792-1176 (w) 727-585-6008
	Tom Smith	614-579-6585		Ray Greenisen	330-332-0282
	Sharon Kossman	614-443-1069			
Grand Conductor Ken Milliser 614-837-4414	Edna Puthoff	513-563-6799	Grand Junior Counselor Ron Shively 330-332-1027	Lee Althouse	330-332-5145
	Mike Hammontree	614-431-8109		Jim Coy	330-337-8119
	Keith Ward	502-241-0191		Don Sutts	513-522-4978
Grand Ex. Committee Bonnie Willis 740-432-4718			Grand Conductor John Raptosh 937-890-0075	Rick Gruszecki	330-938-9117
	David & Phyllis Burt	740-654-9753		David Lee, Sr.	937-898-2547
	Bob Strickler	740-453-6555		Wes Ward	937-233-4267
Grand Ex. Committee Mindy VanOrder 614-851-0158	Harry Kearns	740-452-7008	Grand Sentinel Al Lutz 330-537-3078	Bruce Petry	937-294-8522
	Jim Smith	614-898-0029		Alan Gabbard	937-438-0631
	Leonard Varacalli	740-354-3514		Archie Highley	813-723-6157
	John Thompson	740-927-8478		Russ Hodgson	304-882-3247
				Jim Yanneralla	330-393-9677

(s) = summer (w) = winter

Even though you may email people, please contact by phone to be sure everyone is informed.

U.C.T. ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

BUCRYUS COUNCIL 334 CORN ROAST

WHEN: *Saturday, August 28, 2010*

WHERE: *Valley View Golf Course, 2106 State Route 598, Galion, Ohio (Same place we had it last year)*

TIME: *12:00 NOON*

COST: *\$28.00 Per Person*

Everyone will pay the golf course when you get there. This will be a fun event and no prizes will be given. However there will be a challenge event to make this round of golf more fun, and challenging.

Bucyrus Council #334 will be hosting their Annual Corn Roast that evening. We invite everyone to attend for a fun filled evening of fellowship and fraternalism.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Mail your entries to PGC John Thompson, 201 Pebble Creek Drive, Pataskala, Ohio 43062. Telephone Number 740-927-8478 or e-mail johnsusiet@yahoo.com (We need your entry so that we can get the correct number of tee times)

If you cannot get a full team, send in the entry anyway and we will try to pair you up with another council.

LET'S PLAY GOLF!!!!!!!!!!

TEAM NAME

Contact Telephone #

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Supreme Convention Highlights:

July 11-14, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis
Jim Walsh, Supreme Counselor

- PGC **David Burt**, Lancaster Council 6 was installed as Supreme Sentinel
- **Jerry Thomas**, Council 1 was installed to serve his second year as Supreme Secretary-Treasurer
- Thanks go out to **Keith Ward** for serving six years as a Supreme Officer and receiving his honors as Past Supreme Counselor
- The Books for Youth project was a huge success - a total of 6,400 were donated with 2,676 being from the Ohio Grand members. Grand Page John Raptosh and his wife Ernestine attended the convention on their own and donated 700 books.
- **Sharon Kossman** presided as President of the ISTA with **Mary Komives** as Page, **Phyllis Burt** as Chaplain, and **Homer Huprich** as Executive Committee member. Sharon also received her honors as ISTA Past President. For next year, Mary Komives shall serve as ISTA Vice President, Phyllis Burt as Chaplain, and Homer Huprich as Executive Committee member.
- **David Lee** served on the AMOB Imperial Guild as an officer
- PSC **Tom Smith** served as 2nd Vice President of the Past Supreme Counselor Association
- PGC **Rick Gruszecki** was recognized as a Fraternalist in Action
- The donations given by those in attendance were outstanding: Charities Trust Fund - \$28,605.05, May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund - \$7,784.00 and the Fraternal Fund \$2,250.00
- Amendment No. 1 was accepted and Amendment No. 2 was withdrawn
- **Fraternal Council 380**, Jackson accepted a Join Hands Day recognition certificate

- There were 49 that attended the Supreme Session from the Ohio Grand and the overall session voting strength was 266 members
- Grand Counselor **David Knapp** served as chairperson of the Roses for the Living Committee with the following serving with him: **Willard Martsof, Edna Puthoff, Ron Shivley, Wes Ward, John Thompson, Homer Huprich, David Lee, Rick Gruszecki, Ken Milliser, and Robert Gruszecki.**
- May E. Tisdale Scholarship fund presented a scholarship to Julie Van Order, daughter of Mindy and Dave Van Order, M.J. Terapak Council 144, Columbus.
- PGC **David Burt** served on the Supreme Examining Finance Committee
- PGC **David Lee** served as chairperson of the Supreme Resolution Committee
- The following were appointed by new Supreme Counselor Stewart Wagner to serve on Supreme Committees for 2010-2011: **Tom Smith** on Supreme Advisory and Charities Trust Fund Committee, **John Thompson** and **Leonard Varacalli** as Delegates at Large.



Madeline Lichtenberg, Cincinnati, Ohio Council 2 won third place in the Public/Parochial School Middle Division



The first of three years UCT provided the services of Corporate Kids. Many activities were scheduled including a trip to the Indianapolis Zoo. Each youth received a T-shirt sporting the new UCT logo and a special tag line "The Future of UCT."



Ohio delegation members pose with Ohio's contribution to the Books for Youth campaign at the Supreme Session. Ohio donated a total of 2,676 books. Pictured left to right is Supreme Past Counselor Keith Ward, PSC Tom Smith, Linda Smith, Jen Chillinsky and Mindy Van Order. Front row is Julie Van Order and Connie Ward. Way to go Ohio.



Grand Past Counselor Willard Martsof accepts an award certificate on behalf of Ohio for placing 2nd in the Grand Newsletter Contest. Congratulations to Editor Tom Smith and designer David Knapp.



PSC O.C. Cooper, second from left, front row, accepted an award of recognition on behalf on Fraternal Council 380, Jackson for their JOIN HANDS DAY event.



Rosella Fortener and PGC John Thompson enjoy a good laugh at the Ohio/Michigan dinner.

Dubbed the Four Supremes, Supreme Counselor Jim Walsh, Supreme Past Counselor Keith Ward, Supreme Conductor Randy Young and Supreme Junior Counselor Stewart Wagner flex their pipes at the First Ladies Luncheon. ◀

Keith Ward receives his Past Supreme Counselor pin from wife Connie as their son Brian and daughter-in-law Andrea join in the celebration. ▶



PGC David Lee accepts a certificate of recognition from Supreme Counselor Jim Walsh and First Lady Yolande on behalf of Gem City Council 3, Dayton for donating \$1,000 or more to the UCT Charities Trust Fund this year. Also donating \$1,000 or more was M.J. Terapak Council 144, Columbus. Congratulations to both councils and thanks for your contribution. ▼



Ohio's David Burt was installed as Supreme Sentinel. Marshalls PSC Craig Alcorn, left, and Mel Schwartz, both from Illinois, look on.



David Knapp
UCT Ohio Grand Council
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UPCOMING events – mark your calendars

Aug. 28, 2010 - Ohio Grand Golf Scramble - Noon at Valley View Golf Course. Contact John Thompson at (740) 927-8478 or at johnsusiet@yahoo.com with reservation or for more information.

Aug. 28, 2010 - Bucyrus Council 334 will hold their annual Corn Roast at 6 p.m. at the Crawford County Conservation Club. Contact Lester Fritz at (419) 562-2395 or at lfritzjr@columbus.rr.com for more details.

Oct. 2, 2010 - Jackson Fraternal Council 380 will have their yearly Grand Counselor Night at the First Presbyterian Church, 225 Church St., Jackson, OH at 6 p.m. Contact Ruth Ruth at (740) 286-4051 or at ruth204@roadrunner.com for reservations.

Oct. 16, 2010 - Gem City Council 3, Dayton will play host to the Ohio Grand Executive Board meeting at 2 p.m.

Oct. 16, 2010 - Gem City Council 3, Dayton will hold their annual Grand Counselors Dinner and Ladies Night. Contact David Lee for reservations and for more information at (937) 898-2547 or at dlee19@woh.rr.com.

Oct. 29, 2010 - Scioto Council 33 Ladies Night Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday evening at the Fellowship Hall of the Christian Union Church on High St. in Chillicothe. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Contact Janet Stauffer at (740) 773-2016 or at jstauffer@roadrunner.com for reservation or for more information.

June 8-11, 2011 - Ohio Grand Session will be held at the Holiday Inn Worthington. The hotel is located at the intersection of N. High St. and Wilson Bridge Road just south of the U.S. 23 exit from I-270. Room rate is \$85 plus tax which includes a breakfast buffet each morning.

A note from the Supreme Sentinel

It is an honor to be elected your new Supreme Sentinel. It would not have happened without the support and backing of our Ohio UCT family. Phyllis and I want to thank each and every one. I know it will be a challenge and I will do the best I can.

Fraternally,
David Burt
Supreme Sentinel