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Message from the Grand Counselor - Ron Shively

Mary Lou and I are having a wonderful time visiting the various counsels throughout Ohio. Each one of them has made us feel very welcome and shown us a great time.

We have been blessed to have good weather for all our trips so far and are grateful for that. Grand Chaplain Homer Huprich and his wife Gerrie have traveled with us and we have enjoyed their company very much. We thank them for serving in this very important position and helping us in so many ways.

This past Thanksgiving we were reminded of our many blessings and gave thanks for all of them.

We should have many opportunities to "Tell A Friend" about United Commercial Travelers over this Christmas Season and hopefully bring them into our great Order.

Although it seems far away, the Ohio Grand Convention held in June in Boardman will be here before we know it and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Ronald Shively

Message from the Supreme Page - David Burt

It is an exciting time of year for your Supreme Officers and UCT's Home Office employees. The Supreme Board of Governors' meeting will be Dec. 9-10, 2011 at the Home Office in Columbus.

The Finance Committee and Home Office staff have put together a potential 2012 budget for Board review. Reports from the Audit Committee, Canadian Operations Task Force, UCT Charities, Constitution Review Task Force, BOG Candidate Review Committee and the Department and Continuing Education Committee will be reviewed and discussed. All of the above will strengthen UCT in 2012.

It is also an exciting time of year as we give thanks for all the many blessings that we have. UCT's foundation is based on Fraternalism and its members have always stepped forward to help those in need.

I can tell you the Home Office executive staff and employees work hard for members of UCT. If you have questions about your policies or volunteer programs offered by UCT, don't hesitate to call the Home Office.

Set a goal for 2012 to achieve the Medal of Honor Program or Community Service Award. Write a new member. For those of us in the Ohio Grand, what a better way to honor Supreme Counselor Randy Young during our Swing Thru Ohio, Jan. 13-14, 2012, than to present him with a signed application for UCT membership. Thank you Ohio Grand Council members.

Phyllis and I wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

David Burt
Supreme Page



Many children will wake up on Christmas morning with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts thanks to M.J. Terapak Council 144 in Columbus. At the Council's December Christmas party toys were collected and donated to Toys For Tots who's primary goal is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. Showing the toys are Senior Counselor Ann Marshall and Grand Sentinel David Van Order.

Swing Thru Ohio

Kick off the new year with the Ohio Grand's 2012 Swing thru Ohio honoring Supreme Counselor Randy and First Lady Sandi Young from Baton Rouge, La.

Alliance Council 261 and Salem Council 590 join efforts to host the first leg on Jan. 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be at Maximo Zion Church, 7047 Oakhill Ave. N.E., Maximo, OH. The cost is only \$12.50 per person which includes meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, rolls & butter, cake and drinks.

All UCT members and their guests are welcome. Contact Alliance Sec./Treas. Edwin Ackley at 330- 823-9611 OR Salem Sec./Treas. Homer Huprich at 330-537-4432 between 6-10 p.m. for reservations before Jan. 2, 2012.

Overnight guests may make reservations at the Comfort Inn, 2500 W. State St., Alliance, OH 44601 by calling 330-821-5555.

Columbus Council 1 will host the second leg on Jan. 14 at the Olde Summit Towne Restaurant, 14163 Broad St. S.W., Pataskala, OH 43062. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$12.50 per person which includes Chicken or Roast Beef, baked potato, salad bar and desert. After dinner will be a silent auction and pie auction.

Contact Sharon Kossman at 614-443-1069 or at sfkossman@columbus.rr.com before Jan. 6, 2012 to make dinner reservations.

Overnight guests may make reservations at the Country Inn & Suites, 6305 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213 by calling 800-596-2375 or 614-322-8000 before Dec. 24. The rates is \$69.

Columbus Council 1 will host a hospitality room at the hotel before and after the dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Please write a new or reinstated member application to either dinner to present to Supreme Counselor Randy Young.

Alliance Council 261 members walks the walk

Alliance Council 261 helped sponsor the 14th annual Great Pumpkin Race where all proceeds went to benefitting the Stark County DD Special Olympics. The theme was "Run. Walk. Serve." which consisted of a one mile walk and a four mile run. Alliance Council was represented by Sarah Akins who participated in the one mile walk with Danita Fick and Catherine Wells participating in four mile run.

The race had 504 participants and raised over \$4,500, the second highest amount raised by the race in its 14-year history. The Council's involvement consisted of a walker, runners, course helpers, awards ceremony helpers and working at the UCT display and

information booth.

The sponsorship the Council provided helped raise funds for the more than 300 people with developmental disabilities. The year-round program includes seven sports: basketball, bocce ball, bowling, softball, swimming and track and field.

The proceeds from this event go toward purchasing uniforms, equipment and much more for the athletes.

The next scheduled event for Alliance Council 261 is the Relay for Life in Louisville/Alliance held June 1-2, 2012. Team UCT 261 will participate for the second year.

Keep up the great work.

Lancaster Council 6 makes the Season Bright

Each year at this time, Lancaster Council 6 gives donations to three local organizations to help defray the cost of holiday gatherings or to purchase special needs items for those who cannot attend the parties.

We have given support to the Center for Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy, Forest Rose School and the Fairfield Industries/Opportunity Center for more than 50 years. In 2010, Council 6 contributed to the local food pantry and presented a check to the director. This

year Lancaster 6 increased its monetary donation. David and Phyllis Burt also presented the pantry with food donations and toiletry items.

Director, Carol Wagner, was excited to receive the items. She stated just as in all communities, the need is getting greater, and the generosity of those able to help are extremely appreciated. She thanked the Council for reaching out to the local community and wished everyone a "Happy Holiday Season."

UCT Honors Members

Jackson Fraternal Council 380 of the United Commercial Travelers (UCT) at their regular monthly meeting November 21, 2011 honored members Alvie Pelfrey, Mark Carlisle and Kathy Carlisle for their quarter century of fraternal affiliation with the order of The United Commercial Travelers of America.

The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America conducts fraternal activities and provides fraternal benefits, accident, health and life insurance, and annuity products to its members throughout the

United States and Canada.

Call 286-4051 for more information to join "UCT" where Community and Compassion Unite.



Kathy Carlisle and Mark Carlisle are presented with UCT 25 Year Membership pins and certificates by Fred Althur, Senior Counselor, and Orlan Cooper, Past Supreme Counselor.

Alliance Council 261 Dinner

On Saturday March 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Alliance Council 261 will host their Annual Past Counselors' and Ladies Night dinner at the Maximo Zion Church, 7047 Oakhill Ave. N.E., Alliance, Ohio. The menu will be family style roast beef. Past Counselor and 25-year member honors will be presented.

All UCT members and their guest are welcome. Please call Edwin Ackley at 330-823-9611 (6-10 p.m.) before Feb. 1, 2012 to make reservations. Cost is \$12.50 ea.

Grand Counselor Ron Shively and First Lady Mary Lou from Salem Council 590 will be present for the event. In addition, we will be having a 50/50 drawing and all who stay to the end will be eligible for door prize drawings.

Hope to see you there to share the UCT family spirit and enthusiasm.

Rooms are available for overnight guests at the Comfort Inn, 2500 W. State St., Alliance, OH 44601. The room rate is \$71.99. Call 330-821-5555 or 800-948-5555 toll-free for reservations before Feb. 1, 2012. Reference United Commercial Travelers.

Message from the Ohio Grand Membership Director - David Burt

Your help and participation is particularly important now. For over a century UCT members have worked to help provide for others. Thanks to the support of local council members, many people have discovered what UCT is about and witnessed the on going projects within their communities.

Now is the time to "Tell-A-Friend." By blending fresh ideas from new members with deep rooted traditions from existing members, we are preserving UCT for future generations - so that UCT can carry on.

Continue working to keep lapsations down. Write a new member and present the application to Supreme Counselor Randy Young during his Swing Thru Ohio, Jan. 13-14.

Remember what Grand Counselor Ron Shively and Supreme Counselor Randy Young say: "Tell-A-Friend" and "UCT-With a Little Bit of Lagniappe"

Thank you for your help and support.
David L. Burt

Certainly you must know an outstanding fraternalist

The Ohio Grand Fraternalist of the Year Committee is taking nominations for the Ohio Fraternalist of the Year for 2012. There are many UCT members in the Ohio Grand that give their volunteer hours, dollars and support to community causes. Complete an application and send it in.

An application can be downloaded at the Ohio Grand website at www.ohiograndcouncil.com or by contacting Editor Tom Smith at (614) 579-6585 or tsmith@eandicorp.com.



Grand Counselor and pirate Ron Shively (right), Grand Page Al Lutz, and PGC Homer Huprich (not pictured) participated in a Halloween Party for the children at Bycroft School for the mentally challenged. This is the second year they participated in the event. Various groups set up a table in the gym and the kids go around to the various tables for treats. Huprich says the kids really enjoy attending the event.



Ohio Winter Hockey Festival

On February 11-12, 2012 UCT is putting on the first ever UCT Winter Hockey Festival in Toledo, Ohio. The festival will give special hockey teams the opportunity to showcase their talents with other special hockey teams. This festival goes hand in hand with the support that UCT has pledged to the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA).

A total of ten teams have already signed up for the festival coming from Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and D.C. Each team will be guaranteed three games during the two-day event. The hockey festival will be held in an outdoor hockey rink which will give each player the unique experience of participating in the sport as it was originated...hockey in its purest form! The festival will promote special hockey and raise awareness of ASHA and UCT!

To host an event of this type we need your assistance in several areas. Volunteers to work with the special athletes, parents and coaches...volunteers to coordinate the daily activities...volunteers for registration...and yes, we need financial assistance to help ensure that this festival, and UCT, will be one that the special athletes and their parents will long remember and bring UCT to the forefront in the hockey community.

To help in your decision we have developed several sponsorship levels that you can choose from, but any donation will be greatly appreciated. The sponsorship levels are:

- Center Ice Sponsor - \$300
- Red Line Sponsor - \$200
- Blue Line Sponsor - \$100
- Penalty Box Sponsor - \$50

You, and your council, will be recognized at the UCT Winter Hockey Festival and in the official program. Make your check payable to UCT and designate on the check memo line - UCT Hockey Festival. Please send your sponsorship donation by December 15, 2011 to:

UCT
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ATTN: Tony Szymczak

Thank you in advance for your support and we hope that you will be able to join us. For more information, please contact:

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UPCOMING *events – mark your calendars*

Jan. 13-14, 2012 - Alliance Council 261 and Salem Council 590 will be hosts to the first leg of the 2012 Swing Thru Ohio. Columbus Council 1 will host the second leg of the 2012 Swing Thru Ohio.

March 3, 2012 - The Ohio Grand Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn in Alliance. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the hospitality room.

March 3, 2012 - Alliance Council 261 will have their annual Past Counselor and Ladies Night dinner at the Maximo Zion Church in Alliance, Ohio beginning at 6:30 p.m. See inside for details.

June 6-9, 2012 - The 123rd Ohio Grand Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Boardman, 7410 S. Ave. at U.S. 224, Boardman, Ohio 44512. the phone number is 800-315-2621.

June 30-July 3, 2012 - The Supreme Convention will be held in Calgary Alberta at the Hyatt Regency Calgary. Please keep in mind that the Opening begins a day earlier, on Saturday, than in normal years.

Deceased Veteran Honored

Bucyrus Council 334 – Deceased Past Grand Counselor Joe Shofner was selected for the Crawford County Veterans Hall of Fame in October. Joe, during his service to our country, received the Good Conduct Medal and American Service medal. He served from 1936-1945.

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

