



FEBRUARY 2010

NEWSLETTER

The GCU 74th National Bowling Tournament is approaching with competition set to take place at the Orleans Hotel/Casino/Bowling Center in Las Vegas, NV on Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18. (This is a change from the hotel/bowling center we used in 2007 in Las Vegas.) Bowling, housing and our group luncheon all take place at one convenient location. In preparation for the Tournament, we wish to provide you with the following:

Application Format... to make registration easier, we have combined Team and Doubles & Singles on one application. If you need additional applications, you can photocopy the enclosed application, go to the GCU web site www.gcuusa.com and download the application, or call the Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428 (ext. 217). Deadline for entries is **April 16**.

4-Bowler Teams... The format will again be 4-bowler Teams. Also, the application is being sent to all bowlers, but team members may combine and send only one application. When combined, **all fees must be included** with application.

Squad Time Assignments... These are made in the order that applications are received. To receive your preferred times, return applications early.

Team Events... If the first place **handicap** male and female team from 2009 returns intact, the GCU will pay their team entry fee—team event only, not singles and doubles. The prize fund will reflect this team as inclusive in the total number of teams.

Blind Mixed Doubles Event... This event allows bowlers to participate and win a cash prize, the amount of which is based upon the number of entrants. There is a **\$5 charge** for this event. Blind doubles partners will be drawn. The event is handicap-based on the same handicapping procedures used for the tournament. Each bowler's scores for the Doubles Event will be used to determine the winners.

Late Fee... All applications with payment in full must be postmarked by April 16, 2010. A \$10 per person late fee will be assessed to any bowlers whose applications and payments are postmarked after the April 16, 2010 deadline. This penalty is included in Rule 10 on the Application.

GCU Membership Requirements... GCU adult members are required to maintain a minimum balance of \$300.00 in an annuity or have a life insurance policy in order to qualify to participate in a GCU subsidized sporting event held on a national level which includes the National Bowling Tournament.

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Hotel... The Orleans Hotel, located 5 miles from McCarran International Airport and about 1.3 miles off Las Vegas' famous Strip, has been designated the host hotel. You can reserve your room using the Orleans Hotel's toll free phone number **1-800-675-3267 (1-800-ORLEANS)**. Please inform the reservationist that you are part of the GCU (Greek Catholic Union) National Bowling Tournament group—**Code 9 GCU C05**.

NOTE: Newly Reduced Hotel rates:

- \$75 per night Friday and Saturday-May 14-15
- \$40 per night Sunday through Wednesday-May 16-21

Anyone who has already reserved their rooms under this code will receive an adjustment to match the above rate on their reservation.

Bowler's Luncheon... In the interest of fraternal camaraderie and amidst all of the activities in Las Vegas, the entertainment capital of the world, GCU is pleased to host a Buffet Luncheon for bowlers after the Team event at approximately 1 PM on Monday, May 17, 2010. Bowlers will receive a free ticket for the luncheon during their team bowling. Guests are welcome. Guest fee is \$25 per person. A Guest-Registration form for the luncheon is below. Payment must accompany requests.

We're Looking Forward to Seeing You... at this year's Tournament as we continue this great GCU tradition--now in its 74th year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the GCU Home Office at 1-800-722-4428 (ext. 217) or email cchamberlain@gcuusa.com.

We'll Be in Touch... Another Newsletter will be forthcoming with the schedule, prize list and other important information. Plan now to have a great tournament.

GCU 2010 National Bowling Tournament Luncheon—Guest Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*Please enclose payment in full. Make checks payable to: GCU Tournament Fund and return to:
GCU Bowling Tournament, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009*

Luncheon Cost \$25.⁰⁰ X Number of Guests _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2010