

Knights of Columbus



St. Michael Council #11445
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Dates to Remember:

[All K of C meetings are held at St. Michael Church, Room 107 (St. Raphael Room) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.]

- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/9 Business Meeting
- 7/14 Tailgate 5:30 PM, Crew Soccer Game 7:30 PM (see page 1)
- 7/15 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 6)
- 7/23 Tailgate 6:00 PM, Miracle League Baseball Game, 7 PM (see page 1)
- 7/26 DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER
- 8/13 Business Meeting



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW OFFICERS

Following are the newly elected and appointed officers for 2012-2013. A listing of these officers will also be included with our new 2012-2013 Roster to be published soon.

Grand Knight: Brett Gissel	Warden: Mike LaMorte	Newsletter Editor: Anthony Petrarca
Chaplain: Rev. Stash Dailey	Inside Guard: Kirk Alton	Program Director: Pat Rosmarin
Deputy Grand Knight: Pat Rosmarin	Outside Guard: Lonny Young	Church Activities: Greg Eckert
Chancellor: Chris Damo	Trustee (1 Year): Scott Mergenthaler	Community Activities: James Shough
Recorder: Tom Schmitt	Trustee (2 Years): Cyrus Cottrell	Council Activities: Chris Damo
Financial Secretary: Anthony Matlak	Trustee (3 Years): John Greve	Family Activities: Chris Mauro
Treasurer: Matt Brown	Membership: John Greve	Youth Activities: Tim McNamara
Lecturer: Patrick Rosmarin	Pro Life: Matt Brown	District Deputy: Chris Damo
Advocate: Michael Fowler	Historian: Anthony Petrarca	Insurance Rep: Craig Heppner

Brett Gissel, Grand Knight

JULY SOCIAL EVENTS

July 14, Saturday, 5:30 tailgate, 7:30 Crew soccer game. **RSVP before July 9** to Chris Damo so we can get seats together ahead of time.

July 23, Monday, 6:00 PM tailgate, 7:00 Miracle League baseball game (<http://ohiomiracleleague.org/>).

Brother Knight Craig Eckert plays for the Phillies of the Miracle League. **RSVP before July 21** to Chris. *Chris Damo, Council Activities, 614-256-9851, cdamo@columbus.rr.com*

MEMORIAL FLAGS AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY

Thanks to all who helped on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (May 26) as we verified that gravesites for 1449 veterans had flags in their honor. We were short a few dozen workers but early finishers took a second set of 55 names to help complete the task. Please plan on helping next year (May 25, 2013).

Chris Damo, Coordinator

NOTE TO U.S. MAIL RECIPIENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Our KofC Newsletter is currently being sent by U.S. Mail to about 15 members and 5 guests (KofC widows and honorary recipients). Over 185 members and guests receive the newsletter via email, which results in a considerable savings in postage and printing costs for our council.

If you are a U.S. mail recipient and have an email address, please share it with me at petrarca@cse.ohio-state.edu so that we can realize an additional savings in postage and printing costs.

LTC (LONG TERM CARE) ANSWERS TOUGH QUESTIONS

Did you know the average stay in a nursing home lasts three years and that cost could quickly surpass \$200,000? How would you pay for this? How would this affect your family? Can your family handle the responsibility and do you want to place that burden on them? Are you relying on government subsidies to take care of you?

Do you want peace of mind and security? Do you want to maintain your dignity and choice of care options? Do you want to preserve your lifetime earnings/savings? Have you minimized the risks against your estate?

Yes, I know there a lot of questions here, and many are difficult to answer. But I can help provide some insight into one of the best options available to you and your wife through the Order.

Long-term care insurance can protect you against the ever-rising costs of care. An LTC policy can keep the burden of care off of your family. This allows your wife to remain your wife and not become your caregiver (or you to remain her husband and not patient or caregiver). With an LTC policy, you remain in control of your dignity and how and where you get care.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.

Contact me to learn more today.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I hope by now that many of you have seen the movie "For Greater Glory." Those of you who have seen it may have heard the Knights of Columbus mentioned in the movie. Perhaps because the movie, partially financed by the Knights of Columbus, was not meant to be about our Order's involvement, the details of our involvement is not very extensive in the movie. [Here is an example](#) of what our Order did to assist Mexican Catholics:

In August 1926, just days after the Calles Law took effect, the U.S. Knights passed a resolution to support the Church in Mexico. They established a fund that raised over a million dollars to offer relief services for those exiled from Mexico, to provide for exiled seminarians to continue their priestly formation, and to educate the American public about the true situation. The Order printed and distributed five million pamphlets about the Cristiada and two million copies of the Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Episcopate of the United States on the Religious Situation in Mexico. The U.S. Knights also sponsored over 700 free lectures and reached millions by radio.

Think about how much a million dollars in 1926 would be today. That was a significant amount of support and our Order continues to do great things.

The Knights of Columbus also has a long history of supporting our servicemen. [An example of that](#) is the following:

Our history of working with the military and veterans began in 1916 during the Mexican campaign commanded by General John J. Pershing, when the Knights established recreation centers for enlisted men. The program was so successful that it was greatly expanded in World War I with the "hut program." The motto of these huts was "Everybody welcome. Everything free." The Knights – first at home and later abroad – established huts near the front, at or near military bases and in cities frequented by our soldiers and sailors. In November 1917, General Pershing signed General Order No. 63, allowing the Knights to provide services to the men in Europe. At the end of the war, Pershing said that, "of all the organizations that took part in the winning of the war, with the exception of the military itself, there was none so efficiently and ably administered as the Knights of Columbus."

The Fourth Degree, the patriotic degree, is still active with services for the military and veterans. A recent special request is for the Knights of Columbus to give one million dollars over the course of five years to support military chaplain scholarships. Considering the sacrifices of the members of the Order many years ago, I think a million dollars is an easily attainable goal and I hope that our council will help meet this request.

Another organization in which the Knights of Columbus are very much involved is the **Special Olympics**.

Forty years ago the first Special Olympics was held in Chicago, and the Knights of Columbus was there to help from the very first day. Joining with knight Sargent Shriver and his wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the order helped spread Special Olympics throughout the United States and world with both financial and volunteer support.

The Special Olympics organization has grown much in their 40+ year history, but the Knights of Columbus was

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there from the beginning. Every year we look for volunteers to help with various Special Olympics events. I have not made it to as many of these as I would like, but the times I have done so I have found to be personally rewarding. Although our opportunities for volunteering with the 2012 Special Olympics has passed, we can still plan to help with the 2013 Special Olympics.

We have a social meeting planned with **Miracle League** baseball on July 23. Our assistance is not needed with running the event. However, this is a great opportunity for us to show our support for those with disabilities. No one will win or lose the game, but every player is a winner. Our attendance and support helps bring out the best in the participants. Afterward the council will provide dinner at the field.

As you can see, our Order has a long history of supporting others. We do this at the local, state, national, and international levels. Our participation in one baseball game of the Miracle League may be just a small part, but it is through such activities throughout the Order that makes the Knights of Columbus a great organization today.

Brett Gissel, Grand Knight, 614-805-1443, lesexpos@gmail.com

KOFC 113TH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION REPORT (2011-2012)

Over Memorial Day Weekend I represented our council at the 113th Annual Ohio State Convention. The morning segment on Saturday is filled the distribution of awards. All except for the top awards are handed out at this time with the top awards being handed out during the State Deputy's banquet in the evening. No one from our council won a state award and the council did not place in the top 10, but we were close. Here are the awards that we did win:

Dynamic Administrative Award - This is given to every council that completed the seven required administrative reports. Many, if not most councils received this.

Membership - This is given to council who met the membership quota from the Supreme Council by May 1. We had 115.38% of our quota by May 1.

Pennies for Heaven \$1000 Club - This is given to any Knights of Columbus organization that turned in \$1,000 or more in the Pennies For Heaven program to support our seminarians. Throughout the state a total of \$101,214.16 was collected with 277 councils participating. The Diocese of Columbus lead the way with \$32,509.36. We were one of 27 recipients of this award as 26 councils and 1 chapter (the Columbus Chapter) gave \$1,000 or more.

The report and the item in the Buckeye Bulletin about this show that our council gave \$1,425.42. This is not correct as it missed our contribution of \$892.44 from this past fall. Our total amount contributed for 2011-12 is \$2,317.86.

Also of note, we help the Josephinum Council hit the \$1,000 mark as well. Since the seminarians help us by providing altar servers for one of the weekends that we do a collection, we donate \$1,000 on their behalf. We have had one vocation that can at least be partially attributed to this and it is well worth it. Our doing so also provides the State Council a talking point on the seminarians doing their part in fund raising.

Gold Cross Award - This is given to councils for meeting program and membership requirements. We are asked to have 1 required program and 4 optional programs in each of the seven program areas (Church, Community, Council, Family, Membership, Pro-Life, and Youth) and meet the Supreme Council membership quota. We hit the maximum in regards to points we could earn with the state for programs. The only thing keeping us from the top 10 councils in the state is membership growth as that is used as the tie-breaker for deciding the rank of councils. I do not know how close we were to the top 10, but I do know our membership growth was close to that of another similar sized council so we were not too far behind.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts to make our council a great council. Although we did not win any of the top awards handed out at the State Deputies Banquet, I am frequently told by state officers and former district deputies that we are one of the best councils when it comes to programs. I am proud to be a member of our council and honored to serve another year as Grand Knight.

Next year's convention will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Although the convention has business meetings that are necessary for the Order, the convention is a good time to meet other members from elsewhere in the state. This resort is a little more family friendly than past convention locations and I encourage others to attend. Unless you are representing the council, you do not have to attend the business meeting portions of the convention and you can spend some time with you family and friends at the resort. Please consider attending next year over Memorial Day weekend.

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STRENGTH AND RESOLVE (Presented by our Lecturer at our June Meeting)

Strength and resolve. What does this mean to us as Knights? Certainly strength is represented in many aspects of life. Athletics is one arena. Clearly strength of body is one type of strength. I admire those who have worked to gain physical strength and skills, and can consistently demonstrate those attributes in a sport

setting. However, it will be the athletes themselves who tell you without strength of spirit, physical strength alone will not get them through any competition. We can point to many athletes who have been on the top of their game at one point, then in a short period of time lost their “edge” through controversy or some type of personal tragedy. Their physical skills have not changed, but their mental strength gets diverted.

The other day I heard a story about a young lady, I believe in high school, who was an up and coming track star. I think her name was Heather. In the state semi-final of her senior year she set a state record in the event she was running. I think it was a 1600 meter event. In the state meet she was poised to take the gold. Coming down to the last straightaway there was one girl ahead of her. That girl collapsed, leaving an open field for the win for Heather. However, instead of taking the win Heather stopped and amid disbelief from the crowd helped the collapsed girl to her feet. As the crowd watched they began to cheer ever louder as Heather helped the young lady cross the finish line. Under the rules of this competition Heather would have been disqualified for aiding another runner in the race, however the officials in this race made an exception and placed the collapsed girl in 14th, and Heather in 15th. As Heather was helping the girl cross the line she made sure the other girl crossed before her since she was ahead of her fair and square before she collapsed. Heather’s comment after the race, “it was far more satisfying for me to help her across the line, than for me to cross the line in victory after she collapsed.” This, gentlemen is strength of spirit.

Last month I was fortunate enough to attend the ordination of our then Deacon Jacob Meyers and one of his classmates, then Deacon Ben Muhlenkamp. Through our work as Knights we have come to know many of the seminarians at the Josephinum. We see them as regular guys who have answered God’s call to serve His flock. Needless to say, in today’s America this calling is at a minimum misunderstood. The ordination and Fr. Jacob’s first Mass was one of the most moving experiences I have had. I could write many pages just about the events of those two days, but for now I will leave you with a couple of the most significant thoughts I came away with. Father Jacob is one of the happiest people I know. I could honestly say I had never seen him without a smile in the short time we have known him. When he enters a room he brings a joy and it naturally rubs off on everyone in the place. Even through the solemnity of the ordination the joy in his heart was evident in the look on his face. It was that way until just moments before the first time he would deliver the consecration of the bread and wine into the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. If ever a priest had a “game face” it was then on Father Jacob. We could see without question that Father Jacob fully understood the gravity of what he was about to do. He understood, not just for himself, but what the consecration means to us who receive it and even to those who do not believe. It is bringing the living Christ to everyone on earth, fulfilling God’s promise that He is with us always and He will not abandon us. In that moment everything I have learned about the Eucharist, everything I know about the Church rushed through my mind. In a split second Fr. Jacob’s demeanor and actions culminated in me, my Faith. What a beautiful gift that is.

Throughout the ordination I couldn’t help but feel that these two young men had a real good idea of what they would be facing as priests in today’s world. It is not an easy calling, even in America, but especially in these days when much of the Church is under attack. Since the Church has in one form or another been under attack since its inception this is not hard for them to understand. It is another thing entirely to willingly put oneself in the midst of battle. Our clergy and religious daily face battles in many forms. From human to institutional to spiritual, they are challenged continually. Those who have answered God’s call selflessly face these battles for us the body of the Church with and through God. For them, this is a life-long endeavor. This, gentlemen takes real strength. Strength in personal spirit and strength through the Holy Spirit. Please pray for our clergy and religious and a special intention for those newly ordained.

Pat Rosmarin, Lecturer

2012 MEASURE UP REPORT

Our collections this year were the third or fourth lowest ever but were still good; we collected \$1987 on the street. Years 1995 and 2004 were the only other known years we were under \$2000 (we don’t have figures for 1997). The \$1987 street collection when combined with \$713 from Gimme Five totaled \$2700 for the 2012 annual campaign for people with intellectual disabilities. Our recipients this year are The Doyle Memorial Fund, Lend-a-Hand Industries, Royalton House, and SPICE of St. Mary Delaware. Thanks to all who helped with collections and/or donated to Gimme Five. Please plan on helping next year (May 4, 2013). It’s a simple math problem. The more man-hours, the more we collect.

Chris Damo, 2012 Measure Up Chairman

FISH FRY REPORT ON DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

Total FF profit for 2012 was \$17,000.00. Council approved the expenditure as follows: Barlage Eagle Scout Project - \$600.00; Altar Servers Party - \$1,750.00; St Michael School Library - \$500.00 St Michael School Reading Scholarship Fund- \$3,000.00; Fish Fry Equipment Set Aside Fund- \$1,750.00 Allyson Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,500.00; Reserved for Furnishings in St. Michael Addition - \$7,900.00.

Scott Mergenthaler, Fish Fry Committee Chairman

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve



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CONTACT YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There are many men in St. Michael Parish who have heard of the Knights of Columbus and are ready to join if only they are asked. Discuss the possibility of membership with your friends and acquaintances. You'd be surprised how quickly some of them will respond affirmatively. Membership application forms (Form 100) are available at all our meetings and other council activities. Please be one of our ambassadors. There will be many First Degree Ceremonies during the upcoming months to get them initiated into our council.

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Time*</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
7/24/12 (Tue.)	#110765, St. Joan of Arc, Powell	7:00 PM	Tom Bulcher	614-436-6979

*Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the degree starting time

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012

Sunday, October 28 is the next opportunity to take the **2nd and 3rd degrees** in the Knights of Columbus so you can achieve full knighthood in the order. As most of you know the 4 principles of the Knights of Columbus are **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. The four degree ceremonies are each based on one of these principles. The 1st degree, based on *charity*, is the one you have taken. The 2nd and 3rd degrees, which are being offered on the above date at the **Bryce Eck Parish Center of St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Upper Arlington** (hosted by St. Andrew Council #11275) are based on *unity* and *fraternity*, respectively. One does not achieve full knighthood in the Knights of Columbus until you have taken the 3rd degree. The 4th degree is optional. **IF YOU ARE A FIRST DEGREE KNIGHT, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ABOVE DATE.**

NEXT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

The next 4th degree exemplification ceremony will be held in early **November**, in southeastern Ohio (Steubenville Diocese), date and location TBA. Any 3rd degree knight who has taken his 1st degree six months or more prior to that time is eligible. Contact Brett Gissel (805-1443) for application forms and other information.

Current 4th degree members from St. Michael Council #11445 are Dave Barrett, John Blute, Matt Brown, Cy Cottrell, Fr. Stash Dailey, Chris Damo,, Nick Droll, Michael Eaton, Jim Ferega, Bob Foster, Klaus Fricke, Gene Gabalski, John Gahm, Brett Gissel, Tom Gjostein, John Greve, Mike Gross, Mike Guertin, Paul Kendrac, Donn Kinietz, Dennis Kovach, Len Kutney, Brad Marietti, Tony Matlak, Scott Mergenthaler, Larry Mily, Brian Moran, Bill Munhall, Bill Neumeier, Fr. Richard Pendolphi, Tony Petrarca, Pat Rosmarin, Shane Switzer, Richard Wade and Paul Witkopf.

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PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray the repose of the soul of **Rosanne Gjostein**, mother of brother knight Tom Gjostein, and her family; for **Jan Gallagher White**, wife of brother knight Pete White, and for brother knights **Bill Ruth, John Blute, Dan Meyers, Jim Ferega, and Gene Gabalski** who are currently experiencing some health problems; for **Lale Ruth**, wife of brother knight **Bill Ruth**, who is recuperating from cancer chemotherapy; and for knight widow **Joan Patton** and brother knights **Bob Foster, Dick Long, and Donn Kinietz**, all of whom are dealing with long term health problems. Also, please remember to pray for all of our **deceased brother knights** and their families and **for all Veterans**, living and deceased.



CORPORATE COMMUNION (July 15)

Our monthly Corporate Communion at 10:30 Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month is followed by coffee and donuts after Mass. **Join your brother knights and families in the RESERVED SEATS up front at the 10:30 Mass for CORPORATE COMMUNION, and FELLOWSHIP after Mass in the undercroft.**
Greg Eckert, Church Committee

**In Memoriam
Paul Rea**

Feb. 5, 1921- Jan. 22, 2012
Requiescat in Pace



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