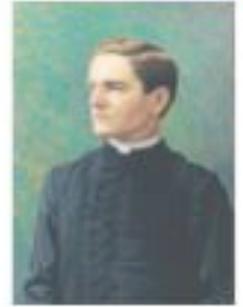


Knights of Columbus



St. Michael Council #11445
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Worthington, Ohio 43085

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Merry Christmas ☀️☀️☀️ **Happy New Year**

Dates to Remember:

[All K of C meetings are held at St. Michael Church, Room 108 (St. Michael Room) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.]

- 12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 12/10 *Business Meeting*
- 12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12/16 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 6)
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER
- 12/27 December Social Meeting (see page 3)
- 1/1/13 New Year's Day
- 1/12/13 Free Throw Competition (see page 3)
- 1/14/13 *Business Meeting*
- 1/15/13 2012 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see page 5)
- 1/27/13 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 2)



GREATER COLUMBUS CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS 2012

The St. Michael Council #11445 **Keep Christ in Christmas** Billboard, which is part of a program of 18 KofC billboards in the Central Ohio area, will be located at 5586 North High Street starting on December 1. Our billboard (see picture on page 6) is on the East side of High Street above the Sharon Square Shopping Center located between Selby Blvd. and Chase Road. The billboard faces South (meaning you will see it when you are driving north on High Street). Call it to the attention of your families and friends.

Tony Petrarca, Editor

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you to all brother knights and their spouses, families and significant others, who volunteered to work for the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday November 11. The dinner appeared to be very successful, both socially and financially. A report on the results will be forthcoming in a later issue of the newsletter.

Bill Neumeier, Spaghetti Dinner Chairman



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.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE – HAPPY HOLY DAYS!

For many people (and perhaps more for college football fans) Thanksgiving is the beginning of a holiday season that runs through New Year's Day. The word "holiday" comes from the words "holy" and "day" and many religions have holy days in this time period. Merchandisers, seeking to be politically correct, have opted to have their employees say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas." I would prefer a greeting of "Merry Christmas" – or even "Happy Christmas" (because "merry" has a meaning of "slightly drunk") - instead of "Happy Holidays" and I could go on for a while about that. Rather, I encourage everyone to remember all of the holy days we have during this holiday season. Although Christmas Day is December 25, the Christmas Season does not end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in the 2013 liturgical year. Here are the holy days prescribed to be celebrated in the Dioceses in the United States from the General Roman Calendar, and some secular holidays during the holiday season from Thanksgiving through the end of the Christmas Season:

11/22	Thanksgiving Day / Memorial of St. Cecilia	12/27	Feast of St. John / Third Day in the Octave of Christmas
11/24	Memorial of Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	12/28	Feast of the Holy Innocents / Fourth Day in the Octave of Christmas
11/25	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	12/29	Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
11/30	Feast of St. Andrew	12/30	Feast of the Holy Family / Sunday in the Octave of Christmas
12/2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	12/31	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas / New Year's Eve
12/3	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier	1/1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD / Octave of Christmas / New Year's Day
12/6	Memorial of St. Nicholas*	1/2	Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
12/7	Memorial of St. Ambrose	1/3	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
12/8	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY	1/4	Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
12/9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1/5	Memorial of St. John Neumann
12/12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	1/6	SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY
12/13	Memorial of St. Lucy	1/13	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
12/14	Memorial of St. John of the Cross		<small>*The Memorial of St. Nicholas is an optional memorial in the U.S., but it is worth pointing out when his feast day is due to secular use of St. Nicholas.</small>
12/16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
12/23	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
12/25	SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS		
12/26	Feast of St. Stephen / Second Day in the Octave of Christmas		

Please join me in celebrating the entire holiday season by continuing to celebrate Christmas through the end of the Christmas season. There are many ways we can do this internally. One way to do this externally is to keep your Christmas decorations up through at least January 13. If you take them down on the day after Christmas, they might as well be Advent decorations. This does not seem appropriate considering that Advent should be a time of preparation for Christmas rather than Christmas Season being a time to clean up after celebrating through Advent. Please take time to consider all of the holidays of the Church this holiday season and celebrate through the entire Christmas Season.

Have a Blessed Advent and a Happy Christmas!

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

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, January 27, 2013

The Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the Diocese of Columbus are sponsoring the 15th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the Villa Millano Banquet and Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Rd., on the North side of Columbus. There will be a social hour and cash bar beginning at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm, followed by a short program. The event should be over by 9pm.

This event is an opportunity for Knights to express appreciation and support for our Priests, Deacons and Religious, who will be our invited guests. All members of our Council and their wives are encouraged to attend this Annual Event. Our Council is inviting our Parish Clergy and Religious (Priests, Deacons, Nuns) and several seminarians as our guests. 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to wear tux and social baldric. ***We had 32 people attend from St. Michael's last year.***

Dinner is \$30:00 per person. **Reservations should be submitted to Greg Eckert by December 10.** Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445. I can be reached at 3086 Brookdown Drive, Columbus, OH 43235.

Greg Eckert, Church Committee, 614-799-9777(h), 614-313-1624(c), eckerts@outlook.com

FULFILLMENT (Presented by our Lecturer at our November Meeting)

I'm all about myself being happy. Truth is, God is also all about me being happy. God wants each and every one of us to find happiness. How do we know this? We just need to look around ourselves and at our faith. Ultimately, He gave us His only Son and through Christ's death and resurrection, for us mind you, we have the means for eternal life. That is the ultimate act of Love from God, but that is not all we have from him in our search for happiness. He gave us a roadmap, the commandments. Contrary to secular belief these are not rules and regulations one must follow in order to be part of some kind of club. They aren't a test of initiation. I would be willing to bet anyone that if one lives in the commandments, they will find true happiness. But how do we reach that state of happiness. Sure, we have the roadmap but how do we fulfill its promise for us. I think in order to have true happiness we must first be at peace with ourselves. To be at peace with ourselves we must be living in accordance to what our souls know is right. The source of what our souls know as right comes from what God imprints in each human's soul upon its creation. So not only does God give us a knowing soul, He reaches out to our temporal self with His roadmap, as we call it, His Commandments. So now that we have the tools and knowledge for achieving peace, how do we make it actionable? I believe it starts with personal fulfillment. First we must understand happiness doesn't have anything to do with wealth or comfort, nor even an easy life, so we need not consume ourselves in trying to attain those things in order to be happy. Fulfillment comes by satisfying our reason for being. Of all the animals on earth, we are the only species who has empathy for our fellow beings to the point that we can give our lives physically, spiritually or emotionally for the betterment of another being. In a nutshell, we are here for each other. The welcomed irony of it all is that by living for others, reaching out to others we gain our own personal fulfillment which in turn gains us peace, and gives us happiness. I was reading in Columbia Magazine about Blessed John Paul II's visit to Canada 10 years ago for World Youth Day. Some of his words struck me as I read them and are quite relevant to both this topic and to our country's current cultural climate and social path. Following are his words:

"You are young, and the pope is old; 82 or 83 years of life is not the same as 22 or 23. But the pope still fully identifies with your hopes and aspirations. Although I have lived through much darkness, under harsh totalitarian regimes, I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young. You are our hope; the young are our hope. Do not let that hope die! Stake your lives on it! We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."

Blessed John Paul II's message is one of hope in our youth. Our youth learn from our actions. This coming holiday season will give us all many opportunities to reach out to others in large and small ways, thereby setting an example for our youth and coincidentally helping us attain the fulfillment we seek.

Pat Rosmarin, Lecturer

DECEMBER SOCIAL MEETING – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Our December social will be a Christmas Party at Chris and Emily Mauro's (5928 Winstead Rd, Columbus, OH 43235) on Thursday, Dec 27, 6:30 PM. Spouses and significant others are invited. See flyer replica on right for what to bring.

Chris Mauro, Family Activities,
chriskmauro@yahoo.com

FREE THROW COMPETITION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013

The Council level competition for the 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will take place on Saturday, January 12 at 7:00pm in the St Michael gym. As in past years, we will need 8-10 volunteers to assist with the event which should take no more than 90 minutes. Volunteers will help with rebounding and scoring, and should arrive at 6:30 PM for their specific assignments. Please contact me if you are able to help with the first level competition at St. Michael's on January 12.

Winners will advance to the district level in February.

Tim McNamara, Youth Activities,
740-881-0505 (h), 937-309-5569 (cell) or
Tim.Mcnamara@Scotts.com



2012 St. Michael Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

All Knights, Spouses, and Significant Others are welcome

When	Thurs Dec 27 th 6:30pm - ???
Where	Chris and Emily Mauro's 5928 Winstead Rd Columbus, OH 43235

What to Bring:

If your last name starts with
A-M – Appetizer
N-Z – Dessert

Also, please feel free to bring your favorite beer, wine, etc.

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new brother knight **Aaron Hamilton** a transfer from St. James Council #10827, Lititz, Pa.

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

Date	Council	Time*	Contact	Phone
12/13/12 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-523-2564
1/10/13 (Thur.)	#10941, Church of Resur., New Albany	8:00 PM	Ed Yingling	614-891-5675
1/21/13 (Mon.)	#11275, St. Andrew, Upper Arlington	7:30 PM	Pat Carroll	614-657-0957
1/22/13 (Tue.)	#10765, St. Joan of Arc, Powell	7:30 PM	Tom Bulcher	614-436-6979
1/24/13 (Thur.)	#11208, St. Brendan, Hilliard	7:00 PM	Bob Eggerichs	614-771-9624
1/24/13 (Thur.)	#11193, St. Elizabeth, Columbus	7:30 PM	Chris Damico	614-890-4288

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

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES – BRYCE ECK CENTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

That 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 being offered on the above date at the **Bryce Eck Parish Center of St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Upper Arlington** are based on *unity* and *fraternity*. 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 **April 2013** at Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark. Any 3rd degree knight who has taken his 1st degree six months or more prior to the degree ceremonies 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.

DISTRICT DEPUTY FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 (DISTRICT 42)

Chris Damo 294 Bluejay Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43235 Ph: 256-9851 email: cdamo@columbus.rr.com

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445

New representative to be assigned.

PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray for **Hollis Cottrell**, wife of brother knight Cy Cottrell, and **Liz Greve**, wife of brother knight John Greve, both of whom are undergoing treatment for breast cancer; for **Barbara Gazzo**, mother of brother knight Mike LaMorte, for **Barbara Marietti**, mother of brother knight Brad Marietti, for former brother knight **Milton Schott**, and for brother knights **Bob Flores, Bill Ruth, John Blute, Dan Meyers, Jim Ferega**, and **Gene Gabalski**, all of whom 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.



2012 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Below is the 2012 Survey Form, which we need to have each member fill out and return in order for us to complete the required composite Survey. Additionally, the form will be included with your Annual Dues Statement. The composite Survey is due to Supreme as of January 31, 2013, so please be prompt with the return of your individual form. You may fill in the form, put your name on it, and return it separately or with your dues payment to

**Anthony R. Matlak, Financial Secretary
211 West New England Avenue
Worthington, Ohio 43085-3541**

Alternatively, you can send an E-mail to **Anthony R. Matlak at armatlak@earthlink.net** using the form as a guide. Simply indicate the sections 1 thru 5 and the sub categories with the appropriate information. Please note that for sections 1, 2 and 3, the data calls for NUMBER OF VISITS or NUMBER OF TIMES, while sections 4 and 5 data is NUMBER OF HOURS. Also, activities do not have to be Knights sponsored activity. Any items not included in the email will be considered as zero. For example,

- 1. Sick 15
- 2. Blood donor 3
- 4a. Church 125
- 4c. Youth 3

Some ideas – Hours spent in Adoration count in category 4a. Church;
Hours worked at the Spaghetti Dinner and/or Fish Fry dinners count in category 4e. Miscellaneous;
Clean Up of High Street count in category 4b. Community;
4th Degree honor guards at Confirmation, etc. count in category 4a. Church;
Free Throw, Dead Theologians Society, teaching Sunday School, coaching youth sports, etc. count in category 4c. Youth.
Those of you who volunteer in other outside activities can count your hours in one of the categories in section 4.

Thanks for your help.
Anthony R. Matlak, Financial Secretary

2012 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$154 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 70 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate, and 418,841 donated blood. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the supreme council office, please complete the information requested below. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2012.

1. **Number of visits you made during 2012 to:**
 - a. Sick – caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals..... _____
 - b. Bereaved – visits of condolence _____
2. **Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2012**..... _____
3. **Number of times you worked for Habitat for Humanity during 2012** _____
4. **Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2012:**
 - a. Church Activities – service in all Church related activities..... _____
 - b. Community Activities – service in all community related activities _____
 - c. Youth Activities – service in all youth related activities _____
 - d. Habitat for Humanity – service in all related projects _____
 - e. Miscellaneous Activities – service in all areas not outlined above _____
5. **Number of hours of fraternal service during 2012:**
 - a. Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc..... _____

Name _____

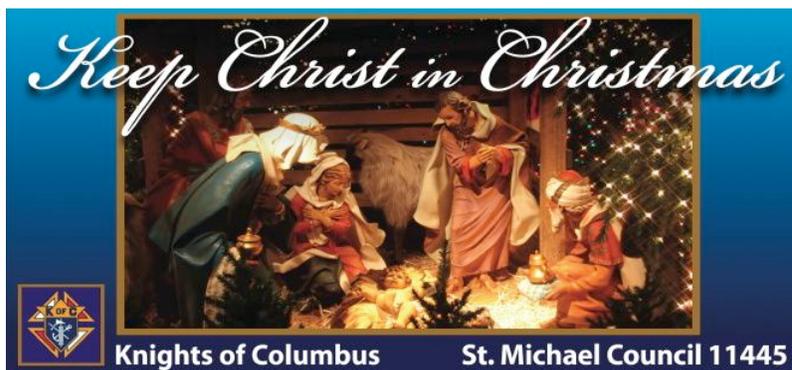
Return this form before January 15, 2013 to the Financial Secretary, Anthony R. Matlak at the U.S. Mail Address or email address given at the top of this page.

CORPORATE COMMUNION (December 16)

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

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2012-2013

Chaplain: Rev. Anthony Dinovo	Warden: Mike LaMorte	Newsletter Editor: Anthony Petrarca
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