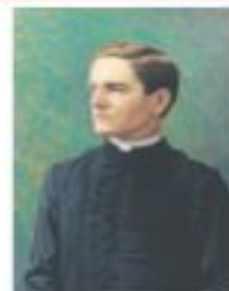


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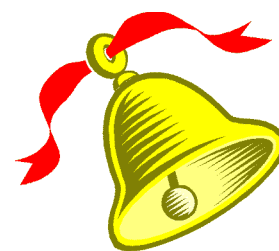


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Dates to Remember:

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

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/3 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 1/9 Free Throw Competition (see page 1)
- 1/10 The Baptism of the Lord
- 1/11 *Business Meeting*
- 1/15 2015 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see page 7)
- 1/17 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Day
Meeting of KofC11445 First Degree Team (see page 3)
- 1/24 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 4)
- 1/26 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER
- 2/8 *Business Meeting*
- 2/12 Lenten Fish Fry begins (see page 4)

FREE THROW COMPETITION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

The Council level competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the St Michael gym. As in past years, we will need around 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 9.

Winners will advance to the district level (which will also be held at St. Michael) on February 13.

Tim McNamara, Youth Activities, 740-881-0505 (h), 937-309-5569 (cell) or tmcnamara135@gmail.com

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 200 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.

INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2016

Where did 2015 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your family are having a great finish to 2015. Now, the first quarter of 2016 is about to speed by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this coming year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Tony Ferguson, KofC Field Agent

FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES AND ANNUAL FRATERNAL SURVEY

Invoices for 2016 Dues and Culture of Life Assessment should have arrived in your U.S. Mailboxes by now, along with a form to be completed for the 2015 Annual Fraternal Survey. This form is also included on page 7 of this newsletter along with instructions for its completion.

We now have 220 plus members, and I ask you to be considerate of your Brother Knights, and realize that you can help significantly by paying your dues promptly on the initial billing. Two things you can do to really help are:

First, pay your dues promptly. Preferably in full, but if you can't make the full payment, submit a partial payment. I'm happy to take as little as \$5.00 per month.

Second, please do not leave us guessing in the dark! If you are unable to pay at all, or you wish to Withdraw, please respond and explain the circumstances. When we have the circumstances, we can present them to the Trustees, and we have in the past granted complete waivers or temporary waivers of the dues. However, if we hear nothing from you, we cannot help! As for Withdrawal, please note that I as the Financial Secretary cannot initiate a Withdrawal Request. Withdrawals must be initiated by you via a personal letter to Supreme. If you indicate to me that you wish to withdraw, I will send you a sample letter and stop requesting your dues payment, however, you must submit the letter. If you do not submit the letter, you remain an active member, and will now have dues in arrears, and if not paid, will have to be processed for suspension.

Know that for every active member on our rolls, whether you have paid your dues to us or not, we are taxed about \$18.00 by Supreme, the State, and the Greater Columbus Chapter.

We want to keep you as Active Members in Good Standing with our Council. This means being paid up fully in your dues and assessments, or communicating with us so that we know your situation and can work with you to keep you in Good Standing.

Thanks for your help and may you and your family have a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Tony Matlak, Financial Secretary, 614-841-0095, armatlak@earthlink.net



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THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT (Presented by our lecturer at our December Meeting)

After listening to the king the wise men left, and once again the star they saw when it rose led them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When they saw the star they shouted joyfully. As they came into the house and saw the child with Mary his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasure boxes and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

To someone who didn't know who Jesus was, these three gifts would seem strange. Gold, the most precious of metals, the wealth of rulers and kings, given to a child born to a carpenter. Frankincense, used to make an incense for the purification of holy places, given to a child born in a manger, surrounded by cattle. And myrrh, used to make holy oil for the anointing of kings, priests, and prophets, given to a child from a rather unremarkable family. To an outsider, the scene would have seemed quite odd. But knowing what we know, knowing that Jesus was the Christ child, we know that these indeed were gifts for the king of kings.

So which was the greatest of these gifts?

Gold has been valued from the beginning. Literally. It was first mentioned along with other riches when describing the rivers of Eden in the second chapter of Genesis. In Genesis 13, Abram was said to be wealthy in "livestock, silver, and gold."

Frankincense has been traded for at least 5000 years. Its first Biblical references were in Exodus and Leviticus. It was considered an essential commodity, despite its high price. At the height of its trade around the first century, Arabia produced about 1,700 tons of it; astonishing, considering that it is the hardened sap from a tree and it can only be produced two months out of the year.

Myrrh is produced in the same way as frankincense, and is even rarer. During the same time period, Arabia produced less than 500 tons of myrrh. The first mention of myrrh in the Bible was in Genesis 37 in the story of Joseph, where it describes a caravan of Arab traders whose "camels were carrying spices, balm, and myrrh down to Egypt."

A case can be made for any of these three as being the greatest in its physical value. But among them it is myrrh that holds a greater symbolic value: myrrh marks the bookends for Jesus' life among us. It was brought as a gift from the magi at his birth, and it was used by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea to embalm the body of our crucified Lord. Yes, myrrh, a spice whose most common use was embalming the dead, was given as a gift to the newborn Christ child.

These gifts are each significant in their own way. But while the Christmas star guides us to the Christ child, it is myrrh that guides us to the greatest gift of all: Christ crucified, the redeemer of our sins. For Jesus Christ is God's gift to all mankind, a gift of limitless mercy, a gift of endless hope, and a gift of God's everlasting love.

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer

KoFC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 7:00 PM

Brothers, we had our biggest First Degree Class (6 candidates) take their first degree on November 16. Overall the degree ceremony went well, but due to some health and work issues, we did not have a full degree team present and had to call on other brother knights attending the ceremony to fill in. ***We really need to get some additional brother knights to step up and learn these rolls as back-ups*** so that when life issues interfere with our degree ceremonies, we have a team that has practiced and can provide the full impact of a well done first degree ceremony.

We practice on the 3rd Monday of every month. Our January Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18 at 7:00 PM in the Lower Meeting Room of the new addition. (Our next First Degree Ceremony is scheduled for March 21, 2016.) If you have any interest, please contact me at the phone number or email address listed below. Thanks.

Richard Wade, Chairman, KofC11445 First Degree Team, 614-781-1664, richardwade@rocketmail.com

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2015-2016

Chaplain: Rev. Anthony Dinovo	Warden: Chris Fricke	Newsletter Editor: Anthony Petrarca
Grand Knight: Aaron Hamilton	Inside Guard: Craig Eckert	Program Director: Greg Eckert
Deputy Grand Knight: Greg Eckert	Outside Guard: Chris Mauro	Church Activities: Bob Tatz
Chancellor: Mike LaMorte	Trustee (1 Year): John Greve	Community Activities: James Shough
Recorder: Tom Schmitt	Trustee (2 Years): Brett Gissel	Council Activities: Lonny Young
Financial Secretary: Anthony Matlak	Trustee (3 Years): Pat Rosmarin	Family Activities: Jeff Pillivant
Treasurer: Tim Dondero	Membership: John Greve	Youth Activities: Tim McNamara
Lecturer: Mike LaMorte	Culture of Life: Earl Crosby	District Deputy: Brett Gissel
Advocate: Michael Fowler	Historian: Anthony Petrarca	Insurance Rep: Tony Ferguson

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, January 24, 2016, 6-9 PM

The Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the Diocese of Columbus are sponsoring the 18th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 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. 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 expect about 30 people to attend from St. Michael's this year, including almost all of our priests, deacons and nuns.**

Dinner is \$30:00 per person. Our council had to submit payment to the State Council Organizing Committee in late December for all those who made reservations to attend this event. **Anyone who has not yet paid for their Reservations should submit payment to Pat Rosmarin as soon as possible before the event.** Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445. I can be reached at 8095 Pelham Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.

Pat Rosmarin, Coordinator, 614-846-3151(h), 614-257-7523(c), pkrosfam@gmail.com

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Brother Knights,



Our Lenten Fish Fry is quickly approaching (see copy of proposed flyer on right). Our first fish fry dinner is scheduled for

Friday, February 12. This will be our 19th consecutive year of hosting this event on all Fridays in Lent (except Good Friday). Each dinner runs from 5-8 PM and much help is needed in the planning and execution of each dinner.

We have a few people committed to various roles of the Fish Fry, but **we still need more people to staff this event.** If you are able to help please contact **Chris Fricke** (at the phone number or email address listed below) to volunteer.

This is an excellent family activity which offers you an opportunity to work side by side with your middle school and high school age children. It also provides your children an opportunity to earn service credits for Confirmation or other service requirements.

All new brother Knights: this is an excellent opportunity to support your council and to get to know you fellow brother Knights.

Chris Fricke, Fish Fry Co-Chair,
614-402-0329, crf1605@aol.com

St. Michael Church

 **19TH ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY**



Sponsored by St. Michael Council #11445
Knights of Columbus

When: All Fridays in Lent From Feb. 12 to Mar. 18, 2016
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: St. Michael Church
5750 North High Street, Worthington
Cost: Fish Dinner: Regular-\$8.00, Small-\$6.00
Macaroni&Cheese Dinner - \$6.00
Meal: Fish (or Mac/Cheese), Fries, Roll, Cole Slaw (or Apple Sauce), and Beverage
Optional: Clam Chowder, Desserts - \$1.00 each

DRIVE THRU & CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

Proceeds will be used for Parish Needs

*Bring your families
for good food, friendship,
and fellowship*

 **Handicap seating available**

**In Loving Memory of Our Deceased Brother Knights
Who passed away in 2015**



In Memoriam
Richard Morris
June 18, 1926 - Feb. 27, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



In Memoriam
Cristino 'Chris' Damo
Nov. 2, 1961 - April 25, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



In Memoriam
Robert Hammond
Sept. 30, 1959 - June 19, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



In Memoriam
Michael McCabe
Oct. 22, 1956 - July 10, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



In Memoriam
William Ruth
May 18, 1922 - Aug. 20, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



In Memoriam
Richard Long
Sept. 19, 1922 - Dec. 14, 2015
Requiescat in Pace

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

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>
1/14/16 (Thur.)	#10941, Church of Resur., New Albany	8:00 PM	Ed Yingling	614-891-5675
1/25/16 (Mon.)	#11208, St. Brendan, Hilliard	7:00 PM	Bob Eggerichs	614-771-9624
1/26/16 (Tue.)	#10765, St. Joan of Arc, Powell	7:30 PM	Tom Bulcher	614-436-6979
1/28/16 (Thur.)	#11193, St. Elizabeth, Columbus	7:30 PM	Chris D'Amico	614-890-4288
2/11/16 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:00 PM	Don Coffey	614-523-2564
2/15/16 (Mon.)	#11275, St. Andrew, Upper Arlington	7:30 PM	Pat Carroll	614-329-0564
3/7/16 (Mon.)	#10863, St. Brigid, Dublin	7:00 PM	Mike Slicien	614-792-0583

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

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES – BRYCE ECK CENTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Sunday, February 21, 2016 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, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ABOVE DATE.**

NEXT 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONIES

The next 4th degree exemplification ceremonies will be held on November 21, 2015 in Bridgeport and on April 9, 2016 in Newark. Contact District Deputy Brett Gissell for application forms and other information.

DISTRICT DEPUTY FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 (DISTRICT 41)

Brett Gissell 5900 Linworth Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085 Ph: 805-1443 email: BrettGissel@gmail.com

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445

Tony Ferguson Cell: 614-405-3826 email: anthony.ferguson@kofc.org

PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray the repose of the soul of brother knight **Dick Long** and his family; for brother knight **Ron Stanko** who recently had stomach surgery; for brother knight **Brian Moran** who recently had pancreatic bypass surgery; for brother knight **Peter Schera** who recently had open heart surgery; for **Ron Sylvester**, father of brother knight **Tony Sylvester**, and for Tony Sylvester's father-in-law, both of whom currently have some serious health problems; for the father of **Greg Eckert** who is recovering from a leg accident; for brother knights **Fr. Carmen Arcuri, Jack Heller, Bob Flores, John Blute, Dan Meyers,** and **Jim Ferega**, all of whom are currently experiencing some health problems; for knight widow **Lale Ruth**, who is recuperating from cancer chemotherapy; and for knight widow **Joan Patton**, and brother knights **Bob Foster** and **Gene Gabalski**, all of whom are dealing with long term health problems; and for all Veterans, living and deceased.



Richard Long

Sept. 19, 1922 – Dec. 14, 2015
Requiescat in Pace



2015 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Below is the 2015 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, 2016, 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, 614-841-0095, armatlak@earthlink.net

2015 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

In 2014, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$173 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 71.5 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. 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 2015.

1. **Number of visits you made during 2015 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 2015**..... _____
3. **Number of times you worked for Habitat for Humanity during 2015**..... _____
4. **Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2015:**
 - 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 2015:**
 - a. Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc..... _____

Name _____

Return this form before January 15, 2016 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 (January 17)

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.**
Bob Tatz, Church Committee



St. Michael Council #11445 Knights of Columbus

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c/o Tony Petrarca
194 Meadowlark Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43214

Return Service Requested

TO: