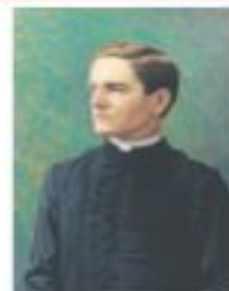


Knights of Columbus



St. Michael Council #11445
5750 North High Street
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, Lower Meeting Room (New addition) at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.]

- 12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12/14 *Business Meeting*
- 12/20 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER
- 1/1/16 New Year's Day
- 1/9/16 Free Throw Competition (see page 4)
- 1/11/16 *Business Meeting*
- 1/15/16 2015 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see page 7)
- 1/24/16 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 4)

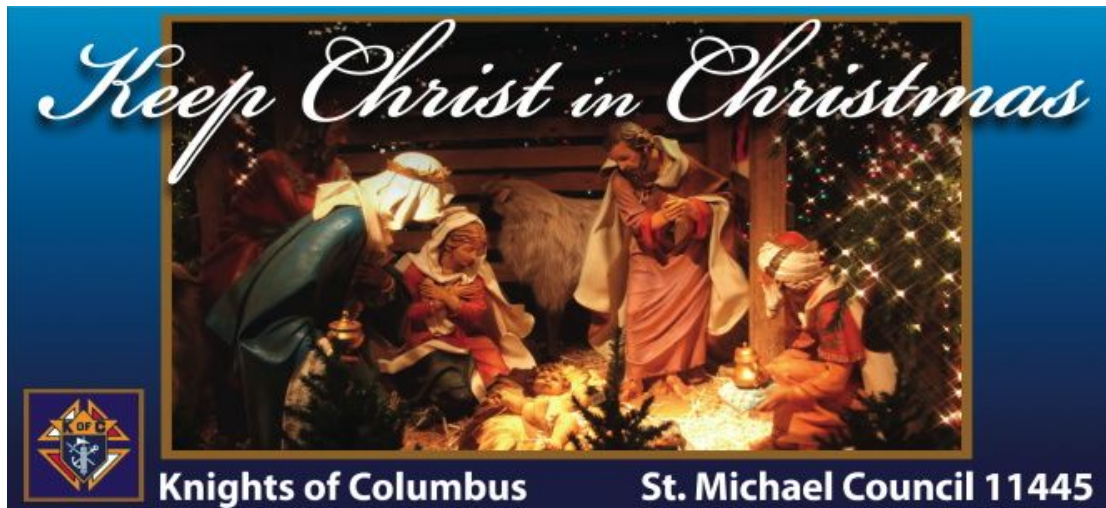


GREATER COLUMBUS CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS 2015

The St. Michael Council #11445 **Keep Christ in Christmas** Billboard, which is part of a program of 19 KofC billboards in the Central Ohio area, will be located at 5209 North High Street starting on December 1. Our billboard (see picture below) is on the West side of High Street above a strip of stores on the corner of Fenway and North High Streets (just North of Wesley Glen). 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



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



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES AND ANNUAL FRATERNAL SURVEY

Annual Assessment time is approaching! Invoices for 2016 Dues and Culture of Life Assessment will begin arriving in your U.S. Mailboxes this month. Along with the Invoice, a form to be completed for the Annual Fraternal Survey will also be included. A copy of this survey form is available 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 roles, 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 Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Tony Matlak, Financial Secretary, 614-841-0095, armatlak@earthlink.net

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.

BE STILL (Presented by our lecturer at our November Meeting)

Cell phone. Computer. Laptop and iPad. Email and text message and Facebook. Twitter and Instagram. Snapchat. Youtube. ABC. CBS. NBC and Fox and CNN. CNBC. Fox News. Talk radio. Catholic radio. Music radio. Playlists. Status updates. Tweets. Live streams.

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord.

Football. Hockey. Baseball. Basketball. Fantasy teams. Playoff hopes. Player scandals. New Star Wars movie. Local elections. Presidential elections. Debates. The economy. ISIS. Iraq. Afghanistan. Syria. China. Muslim refugees flood Europe.

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord.

What am I going to wear today? Drop off. Pick up. Errands. Coach. Volunteer. "Daddy can you help me with my homework?" "Honey, the check engine light is on." "Hey, stranger. It's been a while since we got together, let's get a beer." "Kids, stop running in the house!" Hold on, I'll get the bandaids.

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord.

The grass could stand to be cut. Man, that tooth is really starting to hurt. I need to call the dentist and get it looked at. I should probably go for a physical too, it's been a while. He'll tell me I need to lose a few pounds. Maybe I'll have a salad for lunch. Bills are due. I should probably look at my 401k. When's the last time I changed the furnace filter? Check engine light is still on.

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord

This traffic is horrible. I'm going to miss my 9:00 meeting. Reviews are next week. Rumors of another layoff. Boss has been avoiding me, hope that's not a bad sign. How are we going to afford braces? I need to get to that check engine light. I'm never going to finish that report by the end of the day. Well, maybe if I skip lunch I can make it home before the kids go to bed. Oh no, the recital is tonight!

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord.

What's wrong? What!? Don't worry, everything will be fine. I'll be right home. C'mon you slow drivers. But what if everything's not fine? What then? Prepare for the worst, hope for the best.

Shhhh. Be still and know that I am the Lord.

Gotta stay positive. Stay optimistic. What? We'll worry about that later. Be strong. Be strong for everyone. What did the doctor say? Why does it take so long for the results to get back? Sure honey, I'll read you "Green Eggs and Ham" again. Hold on, I need to get this phone call, it's important.

Shhhh. Be still. And know that He is the Lord.

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer

KOFC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM – IMPORTANT NOTES

Brothers, we had our biggest First Degree Class take their first degree on November 16 (**see welcome to six new members on page 6 of this newsletter**). 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 (except December). **Our next First Degree Ceremony is scheduled for March 21, 2016.** If you have any interest, please contact me at **614-781-1664** or at richardwade@rocketmail.com. 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, who will be our invited guests. All members of our Council and their wives are encouraged to attend this Annual Event. ***We had about 40 people attend from St. Michael's last year.*** 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to wear tux and social baldric.

Our Council is inviting our Parish Clergy and Religious (Priests, Deacons, Nuns) and several seminarians as our guests. ***Council members are encouraged to sponsor one or more of our Dominican Sisters, Parish Clergy or seminarians for this event (i.e., pay for one or more meals).*** If you are willing to do this, please notify me and make your payment out accordingly

Dinner is \$30:00 per person. **Reservations should be submitted to Pat Rosmarin by December 23**, either by mail (at 8095 Pelham Drive, Westerville, OH 43081) or at the December 14 business meeting. Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445.

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

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

FALL FISH FRY THANK YOU

Thank you to all brother knights and their spouses, families and significant others, who volunteered to work for the Fall Fish Fry on Friday November 6. A report on the results will be forthcoming in a later issue of the newsletter.

Dave Melfi, Fall Fish Fry Chairman, 614-506-6564, melf2433@yahoo.com

Chris Fricke, Fall Fish Fry Personnell Chairman, 614-402-0329, crf1605@aol.com

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

HONORING OUR VETERANS AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ON VETERANS DAY

St. Michael School had the privilege of honoring our veterans this Veteran's Day. Students had an opportunity to donate money to honor veterans through the Honor Flight Network. Last year we raised \$1,000 which enabled two veterans to receive an Honor Flight. This year our students and staff surpassed our previous record and donated \$1,800. Through our collaboration with the Knights of Columbus we were able to send three veterans on Honor Flights. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for partnering with us to help give them this opportunity.



We also inaugurated our own recognition of St. Michael alumni, who have gone on to serve, with our new alumni banner. We honor all members of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have served to protect our safety and freedom.

Sr. John Paul, O.P., Principal of St. Michael School



Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new members **Christopher Axene, Creighton Barrett, Brian Elliott, Donald Keller, Jim Maher** and **Steven Nasdeo**, all of whom took the 1st degree at St. Michael on November 16. Also welcome to **Daniel Hageman, Matthew Malich** and **Tom Scarpitti** who recently transferred into St. Michael Council from other KofC Councils.

CONGRATULATIONS to brother knight **John Wallace** who was exemplified in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Sunday, October 25 at St. Andrews Bryce Eck Center.

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
12/7/15 (Mon.)	#10863, St. Brigid, Dublin	7:00 PM	Mike Slicien	614-792-0583
12/9/15 (Wed.)	#5801, St. Matthew, Gahanna	7:00 PM	Jeff Bernard	614-725-9787
12/10/15 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:00 PM	Don Coffey	614-523-2564
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

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

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES – BRYCE ECK CENTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday, February 28, 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 all of our recently deceased brother knights and their families; for brother knight **Tony Petrarca** who is scheduled to undergo a Cardiac Catheterization; 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, Dick Long, and Gene Gabalski**, all of whom are dealing with long term health problems; and for all Veterans, living and deceased.



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 (December 20)

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



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Columbus, Ohio 43214

Return Service Requested

TO: