Knights of Columbus



St. Michael Council #11445 5750 North High Street Worthington, Ohio 43085



Star Council 2003-04, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16

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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

12/10-11 Collection for Priestly Vocations (Pennies for Heaven) at all Weekend Masses (see page 4)

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Business Meeting

12/17 Christmas Social (see page 1)

12/18 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)

12/19 Monthly Meeting of KofC11445 First Degree Team (see page 3)

12/25 Christmas Day

12/26 Deadline for January 2017 Newsletter

12/30 Last Day for Registration for Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 4)

1/1/17 New Year's Day 1/9/17 Business Meeting

1/15/17 2015 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see pages 3, 7)

2/19/17 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 4)

GREATER COLUMBUS CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS 2016

The St. Michael Council #11445 Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard, which is part of a program of about 20 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 2) 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*

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 5:00 PM

Our December social will be a Council Christmas Party at **John and Liz Greve's Home (1068 Rutland Way, Worthington, OH 43085)** on <u>Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 PM</u>. Spouses and significant others are invited. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert and drink. We will provide the main dish.

So that I may know how much food to get, please **RSVP** to me as soon as you know that you will be able to make it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. *John Greve, johnmgreve@gmail.com, 614-296-6565 (cell)*





VETERANS (Presented by our lecturer at our November Meeting)

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Armistice with Germany went into effect, ending the hostilities of World War I, known at the time as The Great War, and The War to End All Wars. We began celebrating Armistice Day a year later, and the day was made a federal holiday in 1938. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954, and it is a day to honor all military veterans.

Veterans like Dennis Rocheford. After graduating from high school in 1967, he joined the Marine Corps and was soon serving as a radio operator in Vietnam in Alpha company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. During the Tet Offensive in early 1968 he earned his first Purple Heart when he took mortar shrapnel to his face while taking Hill 881 during the siege at Khe Sanh. By the time he left Vietnam he had earned a second Purple Heart when he was shot through-and-through during a bridge ambush. He stayed in the Marine Corps another two years, went home to his high school sweetheart, then left for college at the University of Massachusetts. It is people like Dennis Rocheford who have earned our thanks and appreciation when we celebrate Veterans Day.

In November, we Catholics also celebrate something else: The Solemnity of All Saints, and it is also the Month of Holy Souls in Purgatory. In a sense, November is "Veterans Month" for Catholics as we remember and pray for all those who have battled Satan as part of the Church Militant, and have gone on before us to the Church Penitent and Church Triumphant. Individually, we are all soldiers in a daily battle for our own souls. Together, we are a band of brothers in the battle of Christ's Church against the forces of Satan. Leading us into battle are our Deacons, our Priests, our Bishops, our Cardinals, and our Pope. And Dennis Rocheford.

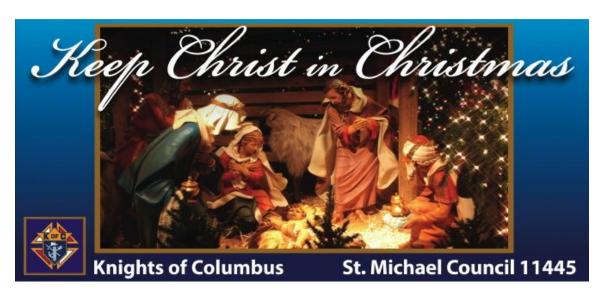
You see, Dennis Rocheford attended a retreat during college where he felt a calling to become a priest. After completing his bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy in just three years, he chose the priesthood over his high school sweetheart. He enrolled in St. John's Seminary in Boston where he was the only military veteran in his class of 225 when he was ordained in 1977. In 1987 Father Dennis joined the active duty ranks of the Navy Chaplain Corps where he served the spiritual needs of Marines and sailors from Parris Island to Kosovo until he entered the reserves in 1998. As a reservist, Father Dennis deployed twice to Iraq, adding a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal to his decorations, while he provided spiritual comfort to those young men and women who were in harm's way.

We are defended by those in harm's way every day we wake up under the flag of freedom. But we must remember that every day, every one of our souls is in harm's way. Our souls and the souls of those around us are under attack by an enemy who's forces of the fallen want nothing more than to separate us from God. Our souls are in danger every day because we are all but mere mortal men, and no matter how much we pray and how pious we try to be, we are all susceptible to Satan's evil schemes. Even Father Dennis.

On the early morning of September 10th, 2009, Father Dennis drove to Newport Bridge in Rhode Island, the largest suspension bridge in New England, and plunged into the waters below. We will never know the demons Father Dennis carried with him. All we do know is that morning, the demons won a battle they had been fighting for decades.

This month we pray for the souls of all those veterans who have left the ranks of the Church Militant, and ask Almighty God that His mercy be granted upon them so that they may rest with Him in eternal glory. And we also ask that those souls pray for us, so that we may pick up our swords and shields as we enter the fight again tomorrow, and emerge triumphant.

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer



INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2017

Where did 2016 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 2016. Now, the first quarter of 2017 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.



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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*

KOFC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM

Our new KofC11445 First Degree Team continues to meet on the 3rd Monday evening of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM in the Lower Meeting Room of the new addition. We are Looking for additional members to Join our first-degree-team as backups. Please join us if you are interested or contact me at the phone number or email address shown below. Richard Wade, Chairman, KofC11445 First Degree Team, 614-781-1664, richardwade@rocketmail.com.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES AND ANNUAL FRATERNAL SURVEY

Annual Assessment time is approaching! Invoices for 2017 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 230 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*

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our First Degree Team for the great job on their recent ceremony. It was very well done. Also, welcome to Kevin Smyth our newest Brother Knight. And please pray for Kevin's wife who is in the current RCIA program. Lastly, please continue efforts to recruit new Knights to our council.

Please consider donating to the January SubZero Mission trip to Columbus (the "Damo Mission"). They're rying to raise \$3000 dollars to cover trip expenses and to purchase homeless clothing and other items needed to survive in the cold.

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God Bless you and your families. Thank you for all the sacrifices you make and hard work you provide as a Knight of Columbus! *Greg Eckert, Grand Knight, 614-799-9777(h), 614-313-1624(c), eckerts@outlook.com*

<u>CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017, 6-9 PM</u> Get your reservations in now!!

When: Sunday, February 19th, 2017; 6pm – 9pm

Where: Villa Millano Banquet and Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Rd., on the North side of Columbus.

Cost: \$30:00 per person; Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445

Reservations: Should be submitted to Greg Eckert by <u>December 30th</u> (you can bring your payment to the monthly business meeting)

Agenda: 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.

Purpose: 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, Sisters) and several seminarians as our guests. We had 30 people attend from St. Michael's last year! *Greg Eckert, Grand Knight, 614-799-9777(h), 614-313-1624(c), eckerts@outlook.com*

<u>COLLECTION FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS (PENNIES FOR HEAVEN) – DECEMBER 10-11</u> Brothers.

We will be collecting for Priestly vocations at all masses on December 10 and 11. Please sign up for at least one mass if you can. It takes about 15 minutes after each mass, not a very big commitment. It is for an extremely worthy and needed cause. Great PR for the Knights as well. Seven volunteers per Mass are needed to cover all exits. Thanks for your help!

Greg Eckert, Grand Knight, 614-799-9777(h), 614-313-1624(c), eckerts@outlook.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 October 14. A total of 483 meals were served. A more complete 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

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2016-2017

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

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 <u>petrarca@cse.ohio-state.edu</u> so that we can realize an additional savings in postage and printing costs.

RECORDER'S SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2016 BUSINESS MEETING

Applications for Membership: Kevin Smyth, and Wayne Barker (Transfer from 11898 - Clarksville, MD)

Grand Knight reported that *Clergy Appreciation dinner* will be on February 19th; that *Youth organizations* have asked for funds to attend a christian rock concert with our Dominican Sisters. There was significant discussion regarding the *Fall Fish Fry* expenses which included items purchased in bulk that can be used for Lenten fish fry events. Once these are accounted for, it is expected that proceeds will be available for distribution to vocational purposes. During the meeting the Grand Knight also advocated support for the parish *St. Vincent dePaul food drive*; December 11 events including *breakfast with Santa* sponsored by men of the parish; and the *Pennies for Heaven* campaign collection

Reports of Programs and Standing Committees:

Community director discussed *Honor Flight*; the upcoming *Special Olympics* basketball skills competition; the *Sub Zero* organization to hand out coats to homeless. **Council director** discussed *annual event at Josephinum Bar*; *Christmas Party* on December 17th at Brother Greve's house; and the *Holy Family Icon* and *Consecration* and related events, after the December 13 mass at 7:00pm.

Under new business, a motion to sponsor the *Columbus Catholic Women's Conference* in the amount of \$250.00 was carried. There was significant discussion regarding Fr. Dinovo's request for video message boards in Marian Hall, which was left for unfinished business at next business meeting. There was a motion for \$187 to purchase a carton of 36 books titled "Good and Cheap" to be included in *St. Vincent DePaul* care packages. A motion to sponsor the *Sub-Zero Mission* with \$500 was carried.

District Deputy reported that our *annual membership quota* is net 16 new members and our *insurance quota* is net 6, and we are at 1 each; there is a *district diaper drive* to support women who choose life over abortion; *recruiting best practices* involve listening to prospective members; there is a *restructuring the V.I.P. program*; and presented the *star council award* to our council (picture below). *Tom Schmitt, Recorder, 614-396-8022, attorneyschmitt@gmail.com*



Presentation of 2015-16 Star Council Award by District Deputy Brett Gissel To Grand Knight Greg Eckert and Membership Chairman John Greve

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new brother knights **Kevin Smyth** and **Wayne Barker**. Kevin was inducted in the First Degree at St. Michael on November 21, and Wayne transferred in as a Third Degree Knight from Council 11898 in Clarksville, MD.

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u> <u>Council</u>	Time*	Contact	<u>Phone</u>
12/14/16 (Mon.) #10765, St. Joan, Powell	7:30 PM	Chris Humphries	740-881-5910
12/27/16 (Tue.) #5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:00 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244
1/12/17 (Thur.) #10941, Church of Resur., New Albany	8:00 PM	Ed Yingling	614-307-4561
1/12/17 (Thur.) #4603, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	7:00 PM	Bill Merriman	614-397-5745
1/16/17 (Mon.) #11275, St. Andrew, Upper Arlington	7:30 PM	John Posani	614-323-8907
*Candidates must arrive 30 minutes prior to the degree starting time			

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES - BRYCE ECK CENTER, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

If you are a First Degree Knight, **Sunday**, **February 26**, **2017** 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 ceremony will be held in late Spring 2017 in Newark, Ohio. Contact District Deputy Brett Gissell for application forms and other information.

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

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

PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray for the repose of the soul of brother knight Pat Rosmarin's sister Theresa, who passed away on November 20, and for Pat Rosmarin and his family. Please pray for Colleen Hull, wife of brother knight Joe Hull, who is battling cancer; for brother knight Cy Cottrell who is recovering from treatment for kidney cancer; for the step-father of brother knight Mike LaMorte who has some current health problems; for brother knight Tony Petrarca and for his wife Betty Petrarca who are both recovering from some recent medical problems; 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 brother knight Greg Eckert who is recovering from a leg accident; for brother knights Mike Fowler, Ron Stanko, Fr. Carmen Arcuri, 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 knight **Bob Foster**, both of whom are dealing with long term health problems; and for all Veterans, living and deceased.

In Memoriam Richard Long

Sept. 19, 1922 - Dec. 14, 2015

Requiescat in Pace

In Memoriam
John 'Jack' Heller

June 14, 1928 - Mar. 11, 2016

Requiescat in Pace

In Memoriam

Eugene 'Gene' Gabalski

June 29, 1932 - Apr. 23, 2016

Requiescat in Pace

2016 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Below is the 2016 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, 2017, 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

<u>Some ideas</u> – *Hours spent in Adoration* count in <u>category 4a. Church</u>;

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.

Name

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

2016 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

In 2015, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$175 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 73.4 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 2016.

1.	Number of visits you made during 2016 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 2016							
3	Number of times you worked for Habitat for Humanity during 2016							
4.	Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2016:							
	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.	Culture of Life – service in all pro life related activities						
-	f.	VAVS – service in all veteran related activities						
	g.	Food for Families – service in all charitable food related activities						
	h.	Special Olympics — service in all related projects						
	i.	Miscellaneous Activities – service in all areas not outlined above						
5.	Nu	mber of hours of fraternal service during 2016:						
	a.	Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores,						
		transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc						

Return this form before January 15, 2017 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 18)

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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Return Service Requested

TO:		