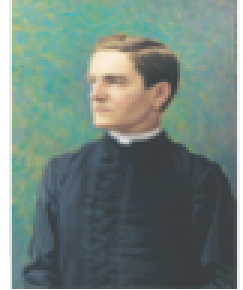


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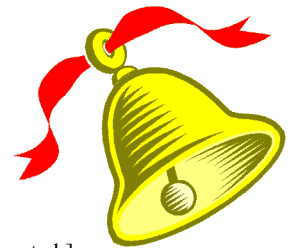


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Dates to Remember:

[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
- 1/7 Free Throw Competition (see page 1)
- 1/8 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 1/9 The Baptism of the Lord
Business Meeting
- 1/15 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)
2016 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see pages 3, 7)
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day
First Degree Ceremony at St. Michael (see page 3)
- 1/25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- 1/26 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
- 2/13 *Business Meeting*
- 2/19 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 4)
- 3/3 Lenten Fish Fry begins (see page 5)

FREE THROW COMPETITION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

The Council level competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will take place on Saturday, January 7 2017 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 note that all volunteers must have completed *Protecting God's Children* and have the background check completed. Please contact me if you are able to help with the first level competition at St. Michael's on January 7.

Winners will advance to the district level (which will also be held at St. Michael) on February 18.

Chris Mauro, Youth Activities, 614-781-0381, chriskmauro@yahoo.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.

GLORY TO THE ETERNAL LIGHT (Presented by our lecturer at our December Meeting)

Alternatives to incandescent lighting have been making great advancements in recent years. At first, the high price and cold blue-ish color caused many people to still opt for the warm glow of incandescents. But now you can buy LED bulbs that are relatively inexpensive and have a warm glow that is supposed to simulate daylight. And they claim that if used for 4 hours a day, they'll last for 35 years. We have made amazing progress in using technology to push away the darkness. When you're on the highway at night traveling between cities, you can see the glow of the next city long before it is visible on the horizon. But ultimately, all these man-made marvels will burn out or the batteries will wear out or a wind storm will knock out the power, plunging us back into darkness.

And in that darkness, whether from the failure of man-made light or just moving away from its influence, we get the opportunity to see the light of God's creation stretched out across the heavens. As David said, *"For I will behold thy heavens, the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast founded."* Even on the darkest of moonless nights, God's light shines on. It only takes the smallest amount of light to pierce the darkness and drive it away because darkness is nothing more than an absence of light. In fact, the only way to be in complete darkness is to *choose* to shut out God's light.

That is what we do when we sin. And sometimes in our shame of one sin, we try to hide it and commit additional sins. But God's light, the Light of the world, the Light of salvation in Jesus Christ, shines on. And on. And on. Jesus, in John's Gospel, tells us: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Jesus Christ is our eternal light. He is here for us, with us, here to drive away the darkness of our sin, the darkness that man cannot drive away with all the LEDs in the world. And every Mass, His eternal light is available to us in the Eucharist. No other creation, no other act of God's Will can hold a candle to Jesus Christ.

When God created Adam, Heaven was silent. The same for Eve. When Noah emerged from the ark, the angels said nothing. We are told that *"no prophet ever again arose in Israel like Moses, who knew God face to face,"* and yet when Moses was born and when he died, and indeed throughout his entire life, while angels of the Lord came to Moses' aid, the angels did not praise God for giving the world Moses. Even when God created the entire universe, there were no choirs of angels praising Him.

But when the angel proclaimed Christ's birth to the shepherds, *"there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."* How do you suppose the heavenly army, more countless than the stars in the sky, praised God at that moment? Do you think they mumbled some words mindlessly because they felt they kinda should? Because the other angels were saying stuff too? Or did they made the heavens shake with their voices, proclaiming GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST?

When Simeon saw the Christ Child at the temple, he said, *"my eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."* Do you revere the Eucharist the same way every time you see it? Do you follow the direction as given in the book of Sirach, when *"Blessing the Lord, exalt him as much as you can: for he is above all praise. When you exalt him put forth all your strength, and be not weary: for you can never go far enough"*? Or do you mumble?

If you love Jesus, if you adore Him, and if you truly love God, then join with the choirs of angels and saints. Give praise to the Lord God with a voice that shakes the heavens. When you go to Mass, not just your next Mass or Christmas Mass but *every* Mass, think of the lyrics of our Christmas carols: fall on your knees, hear the angel's voices, singing "Glory to the newborn King!"... and join them. Hear the heavenly choir singing "Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King!"... and join their song. Proclaim loudly: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. At every Mass, at every Eucharist, shake the heavens with your voice of praise for Jesus Christ, our Lord, our God, our salvation, our eternal light.

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.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The above information was provided by our previous KofC Insurance representative for St. Michael Council 11445, Tony Ferguson. Watch this column for continuing information from the new Insurance Representative for our Council who will be assigned shortly*

FIRST DEGREE CEREMONY BY KofC11445 DEGREE-TEAM – MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 7 PM

Brother Knights: Our new KofC11445 St. Michael Council Frst Degree Team will perform a First Degree Ceremony on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in the new KofC meeting room. Please come to support the 1st degree candidates and your new First Degree Team.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES AND ANNUAL FRATERNAL SURVEY

Invoices for 2017 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 2016 Annual Fraternal Survey. This form is also included 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:

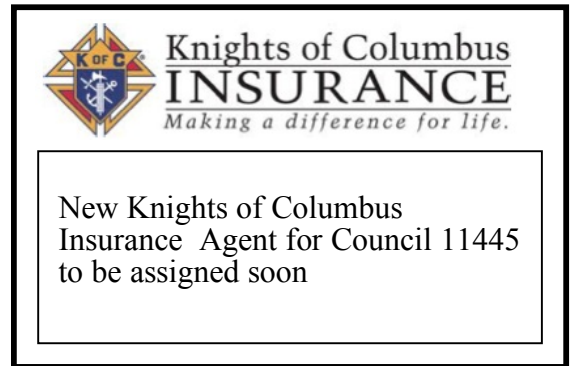
First, pay your dues promptly. Preferably in full, but if you can't make the full payment, submit a partial payment. I'm happy to take as little as \$5.00 per month.

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 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



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Thanks so much to John and Liz Greve for sharing their beautiful home with the Knights for our Annual Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Lenten Fish Fry is coming up soon. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. I would like all Knights to volunteer at least a few times during the 6 weeks to ensure its success.

I pray that all my Brothers and your families have a very Blessed New Year!
God Bless you all.

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

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017, 6-9 PM

The Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the Diocese of Columbus are sponsoring the 19th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 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 Greg Eckert as soon as possible before the event.** Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445. I can be reached at 3086 Brookdown Drive, Columbus, OH 43235.

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

SOLICITATION OF MONETARY SUPPORT FOR THE CHRIS DAMO SUBZERO MISSION

In January 2015, Chris Damo led a group of Marine vets from Painesville (<https://subzeromission.org/>) around several homeless camps in Columbus to distribute coats/hats/gloves/sleeping bags/boots. The group of Marine Vets (known as SubZero Mission) and Chris were passionate about this cause because almost 20% of America's homeless are veterans. The SubZero Mission guys remarked that Columbus' homeless camp population is worse than any other city they visit, including Cleveland.

In 2016 Elaine Damo and I started helping coordinate the Columbus mission (now referred to as the Damo SubZero Mission in honor of Chris). Being part of this last year inspired Elaine Damo, Jim Shough and me to raise funds to help underwrite the cost of the SZM's trip to Columbus. They need about \$3000 dollars to cover trip expenses and to purchase clothing and other items needed by the homeless veterans to survive in the cold.

If you are interested in contributing, you could send a check payable to SubZero Mission to my home (3086 Brookdown Drive, Columbus, OH 43235) or bring cash or check to the business meeting on Monday, January 9.

We would need to receive the donations by **Thursday, January 19th** because we are presenting them to SZM when they arrive in Columbus for the Damo mission on Friday, January 20th.

Thanks for your consideration, and may God Bless You.

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

DIAPER DRIVE FOR LIFE

All KofC Councils in the Columbus Chapter are being asked to hold a diaper drive between now and February 11. The beneficiaries of these diapers will be families served by the **Women's Care Center** and **Pregnancy Decision Health Center**. Diapers in sizes 3 and 4 have been identified as a need for both organizations. The diapers will go to families they serve and have chosen life over abortion. In providing this service, we not only serve those in need, but show our support for life.

Please watch for announcements in the St. Michael Church Bulletin regarding details of when and how to submit diapers for this collection in the next few weeks.

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



LENTEN FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Brother Knights,



Our Lenten Fish Fry is quickly approaching. Our first fish fry dinner is scheduled for **Friday, March 3**. This will be our 20th 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.

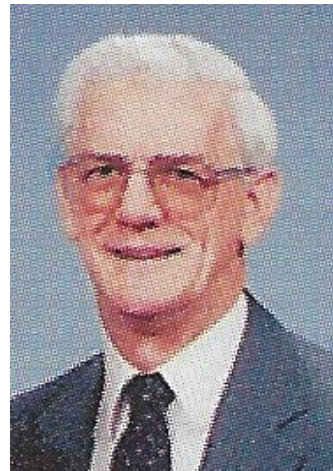
All new brother Knights: this is an excellent opportunity to support your council and to get to know your fellow brother Knights.

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

**In Loving Memory of Our Deceased Brother Knights
Who passed away in 2016**



John 'Jack' Heller
Jun 14, 1928 – March 11, 2016
Requiescat in Pace



Eugene 'Gene' Gabalski
June 29, 1932 – April 23, 2016
Requiescat in Pace

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

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| 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 |
| Financial Secretary: Anthony Matlak | Membership: John Greve | Family Activities: Jeff Pillivant |
| Treasurer: Tim Dondero | Culture of Life: Earl Crosby | Youth Activities: Fidel Pitones |
| Lecturer: Mike LaMorte | Columbian Squires: Matt Brown | District Deputy: Brett Gissel |
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| Warden: Kirk Alton | Historian: Anthony Petrarca | |

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Time*</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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.)	#11445, St. Michael, Worthington	7:00 PM	Rich Wade	614-781-1664
1/25/17 (Wed.)	#5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:00 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244
2/6/17 (Mon.)	#10863, St. Brigid, Dublin	7:00 PM	Mike Slicien	614-792-0583
2/9/17 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-578-9915
2/9/17 (Thur.)	#4603, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	7:00 PM	Bill Merriman	614-397-5745
2/22/17 (Wed.)	#11187, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pickerington	7:00 PM	Shawn Roberts	614-397-5798
2/27/17 (Mon.)	#5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:00 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244

*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)

Brett Gissell 235 Loveman Ave., Worthington, Ohio 43085 Ph: 614-805-1443 email: BrettGissell@gmail.com

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445

New Representative to be assigned shortly

PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

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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

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

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. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2016:**
 - a. Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc..... _____

Name _____

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 (January 15)

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

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TO: