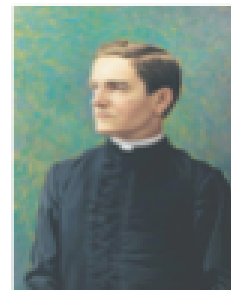


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Dates to Remember:

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

- 8/6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8/14 *Business Meeting*
- 8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8/20 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 6)
- 8/21 Monthly Meeting of KofC11445 First Degree Team (see page 1)
- 8/22 Social Activity – Family Mini Golf Night (see page 1)
- 8/24 Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 8/26 DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
- 9/1-3 St. Michael Festival
- 9/4 Labor Day
- 9/8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9/9 KofC Soccer Challenge (see page 3)
Honor Flight Columbus (see page 2)
- 9/11 Blue Mass (Bishop Campbell, Celebrant) – St. Timothy Church, 5:00 PM (see page 4)
Business Meeting



KofC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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, August 21 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.

FAMILY MINI GOLF NIGHT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:30 PM

Our August Social activity will be a Family Mini Golf Night on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 PM at **WESTERVILLE MINI GOLF COURSE** on Schrock Road. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Bring your families and friends for a wonderful night out. RSVP by Friday, August 18.
Tony Schera, Council Activities, 614-781-0381, atonyschera@aol.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.

ENTITLEMENT (Presented by our lecturer at our July Meeting)

All too often, before a championship game one of the players being interviewed says something to the effect of, "We have worked harder than anybody else and overcome all sorts of adversity all season. We deserve this title. We deserve to win." Meanwhile on another channel, a player from the opposing team is saying, "We are dedicated to being the best. We have come together as a team and put it all out there every time, every game. We deserve that trophy. We deserve the championship. We deserve to win."

This concept of deserving things seems to be everywhere. Beauty pageant contestants are asked by the judges, "Why do you deserve to win?" Scholarships ask students to answer the essay question, "Why do you deserve this scholarship?" Reality TV show participants talk about why they deserve to stay and who deserves to be sent home instead. Politicians try to get votes by telling you what you deserve and promise that if elected, they'll give it to you. But really, let's be honest: who hasn't felt like they deserve a raise, a better job, a better car, a better house, or some other aspect of a better life? We are all guilty of those moments of selfishness, are we not? We feel like we've been held back or held down or worked harder than anyone else or suffered some wrongdoing for so long that we deserve some sort of justice, right?

But did the King of Kings deserve to be born into poverty, in a manger surrounded by cattle and manure? Did the only begotten Son of the God of the Universe deserve to be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver? Did the Lord of Lords deserve to be scourged, mocked, and spit upon? Did the Christ deserve to be crucified by the very people he came to save? Truly, as sinners, the only thing we really deserve is death. As Saint Paul says in Romans 6, "For the wages of sin is death." But he continues: "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This begs the question: Why?

We are constantly reminded of God's mercy and His forgiveness. But when we feel like we deserve bigger, better, or more, we stop being thankful for God's grace and the blessings He gives us. Have we changed at all since the Jews in exile with Moses when in one breath we thank Him for our daily bread, and in the next breath we complain that we don't have meat to go with it?

So after all our grumbling, why does God give us this free gift of eternal life? It's certainly not because we deserve it. For that matter, why does God bless us with anything we have? After all, we keep sinning over, and over, and over again. Yet He keeps blessing us over, and over, and over again. Every day that we wake up is a blessing. And every day after we wake up, we mess up again. Sometimes big, sometimes small, but pretty much every day we mess up something. And God keeps blessing us through His grace for the simple reason that He loves us.

The only one who truly deserves anything good is God. He deserves our praise for His greatness. He deserves our appreciation for trusting us with talents to invest for Him. He deserves our heartfelt sorrow when we fail Him. He deserves at least ten percent of our time, talent, and treasure. He deserves our respect for being God. He deserves our thanks for all He decides to bless us with, no matter what it is, whether in abundance or in absence, because it's part of His plan. And most of all, He deserves our love. After all, if He can love us enough to continue to bless us despite of our failings, doesn't He deserve it?

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer

HONOR FLIGHT COLUMBUS – UPCOMING DATES

Please encourage St. Michael WWII and Korean War Veterans to visit their respective Memorials in Washington, D.C. through the Honor Flight Program. Remaining Honor Flight Columbus trips for the 2017 season are: **September 9 & 30; October 21**. A Volunteer Application Form for those interested in helping out with Honor Flight Columbus is available on the Honor Flight website. To volunteer please complete the Form found at the website: http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org/About_Us.html.

Our KofC Honor Flight committee seeks everyone's help in talking to our fellow parish WWII and Korean War veterans about possibly making the Honor Flight trip. Veteran application forms can also be found on the website listed above. Thanks to all who help make this program such a memorable one for our veterans.

Jim Shough, Community Activities, 740-549-3321, jshough1@insight.rr.com



PARTICIPATION IN KofC SOCCER CHALLENGE

Brothers,

It's time to participate in the **2017 KofC Soccer Challenge** on **September 9, 2017** (**SEE ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE BELOW**). Fidel Pitones and I would like to see as many youth as possible participate in this event. We know there are plenty of soccer players. Please consider having your son, daughter and their friends participate.

Also, **St. Michael Council KofC11445** will be responsible for helping participants sign up for the event from **9:30-10:45 AM on September 9**. (Other Kof Councils will cover other time slots.) Fidel Pitones will need **4 volunteers** besides himself to help with participant sign ups during our KofC11445 time slot. Please contact him to volunteer your time.

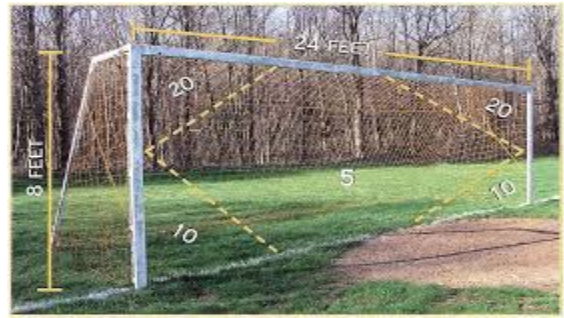
Greg Eckert, Grand Knight, 614-313-1624, eckerts@outlook.com

Fidel Pitones, Youth Activities Chairman, 216-244-3153, fpitones@yahoo.com

2017 K OF C SOCCER CHALLENGE DIOCESAN LEVEL – SEPTEMBER 9, 9:30-4:30 PM

The **Knights of Columbus** will put on a "Soccer Challenge" at the Spindler Park Fields near Hilliard on Saturday, **September 9, from 9:30 to 4:30**. **St. Jude Council 5801** (Gahanna) will set up the goals and manage the overall Soccer Challenge for that day. Other KofC Councils, including **St. Michael Council 11445**, will assist in signing up the youths participating in the event.

This is a **FREE event** and open to all Columbus Diocesan youth age 10 to 14. Individuals are encouraged to bring their favorite soccer ball(s).



The challenge is to "score" as many points with a limited number of kicks. The soccer goal is divided into a series of 5 scoring zones, with a point value given to each zone (see picture above). After the participant is given 15 penalty kicks, his or her total number of points will be awarded depending upon the scoring zones that were hit. Winners receive the opportunity to advance to higher competition. In the recent past, many of our local soccer players made it to, and won, the State finals!

Here's how it works:

1. All youth participants are eligible – Age 10 to 14.
2. A parent, guardian or coach may accompany the Youth participant.
3. The Youth is given verbal instructions plus 3 practice kicks.
4. Now for the next 15 kicks, the Youth will get a score corresponding to the area the ball is kicked into. See picture above.
5. The scores are added up and put into the following categories.
 - a. Boys Age 10
 - b. Boys Age 11
 - c. Boys Age 12
 - d. Boys Age 13
 - e. Boys Age 14
 - f. Girls Age 10
 - g. Girls Age 11
 - h. Girls Age 12
 - i. Girls Age 13
 - j. Girls Age 14
6. The highest score for each category is then invited to return to compete against Youth in a higher skill level.
7. There are no 'prizes' but medals or trophies may be presented to the winners at each level.
8. This competition is run by, and sponsored by, the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, go to <http://kofc5801.org/> or email AllenPerk@gmail.com and place the word "SOCCER" in the subject line.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW KofC INSURANCE AGENT

Dear Brothers,

At some in point in our lives, men begin to think about financially protecting their loved ones and their future. We want to ensure that they will be provided for and have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. We want them to have hope that tomorrow will be a better day.

By building a strong financial shield including life, disability, and long-term care insurance we can bless our loved ones with financial peace and opportunity. Regardless of our age and means, every man can invest in a plan. Although there are many options to choose from, have you considered working with Knights of Columbus?

Many brothers are surprised to learn that their fraternal organization is also a Fortune 1000 company with over \$100 billion of life insurance in force. With more than 1000 times the required reserves, AM Best rates the Knights of Columbus A++ (Superior), which is the highest possible rating for financial strength. Ethisphere Institute has selected the Knights as the "World's Most Ethical Company" in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Because Catholic values are at its core, the Knights invest ethically and have donated more than \$1.5 billion to charity in the past decade. You can trust the Knights of Columbus to help you protect what matter most.

God Bless,

Richard Brenner, KofC Field Agent

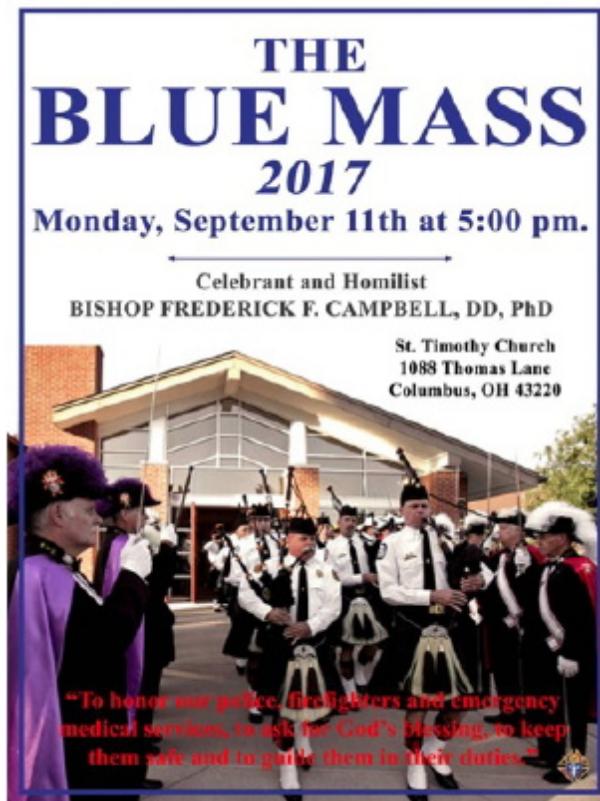


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ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH AND ST. TIMOTHY COUNCIL #14345 KofC – 2017 BLUE MASS

St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on **Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical services. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services in the greater Columbus area, and their families are invited. The Celebrant and Homilist for The Blue Mass will be The Most Reverend Frederick F Campbell, DD, PhD, Bishop of Columbus. Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters, and emergency medical services, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe, and to guide them in their duties.

The Blue Mass dates back to 1934 in Washington, D.C. Rev. Thomas Dade from the Archdiocese of Baltimore (Maryland) initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while stationed at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. About 1,100 police and firemen dressed in blue uniforms marched into St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the celebration of the First Blue Mass on September 29th, 1934. The Blue Mass has been a common tradition in the Northeast United States, but it has more recently been extended throughout the country particularly in the wake of September 11th, 2001. The Blue Mass honors and recognizes the sacrifice of police, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical crews, all members of the public safety community and those who have given their lives in service to their communities. The name of the Blue Mass evolved from the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel. Similar Blue Masses have been organized by Knights of Columbus Councils nationwide. St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 is pleased to bring the tradition of the Blue Mass to the Diocese of Columbus.



Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new brother knights **John Barrett** and **Syd Jamieson** who were inducted in the First Degree at St. Michael on July 17.

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Time*</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
8/9/17 (Wed.)	#11354, St. Catherine, Columbus	7:30 PM	Doug Stelmach	614-314-1983
8/10/17 (Thur.)	#4603, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City	7:00 PM	Bill Merriman	614-397-5745
8/23/17 (Wed.)	#5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:30 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244
8/24/17 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-578-9915
9/19/17 (Tue.)	#11207, St. Patrick, Columbus	6:30 PM	Thomas Ryan	614-284-1748

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

NEXT 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES –SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Sunday, October 29, 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 **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City** 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 November 2017 in the Steubenville Diocese. Contact District Deputy **Domenic Nocera** or Deputy Grand Knight **Chris Fricke** for application forms and other information.

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PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray for brother knight **Tom Russell** who is battling cancer; for **Ed Ferkany**, father of brother knight Dave Ferkany, who is dealing with some current health problems; for brother knight **Fr. Carmen Arcuri** who is recovering from some recent health problems; for **Colleen Hull**, wife of brother knight Joe Hull, who is battling cancer; for **Kelly Nasdeo**, St. Michael Parish secretary and wife of brother knight Steven Nasdeo, who is in need of a kidney transplant; for brother knight **Scott Mergenthaler** who is recovering from some recent health problems; for **Cheryl Hatem**, St. Michael School Cafeteria Manager, and for the sister of brother knight Matt Brown, both of whom are dealing with current health problems; for brother knight **Cy Cottrell** who is recovering from recent health problems; 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 health 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, 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.



CORPORATE COMMUNION (August 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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