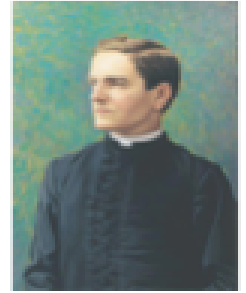


Knights of Columbus



**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.]

- 12/1-31 KofC11445 Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard Sign (see pages 1,2)
- 12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 *Business Meeting*
- 12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12/15 Last Day for Registration for Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see page 3)
- 12/16-17 Collection for Priestly Vocations (Pennies for Heaven) at all Weekend Masses (see page 3)
- 12/17 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)
- 12/18 Monthly Meeting of KofC11445 First Degree Team (see page 3)
- 12/21 Christmas Social (see page 1)
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr
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- 12/28 Feast of The Holy Innocents
- 1/1/18 New Year's Day
- 1/8/18 *Business Meeting*
- 1/15/18 2017 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see pages 5,7)
- 1/21/18 Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see Page 3)



GREATER COLUMBUS CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS 2017

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 – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:00 PM

Our December social will be a Council Christmas Party at **John and Liz Greve's Home (1068 Rutland Way, Worthington, OH 43085)** on Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 PM. 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)

CROSSES (Presented by our lecturer at our November Meeting)

Have you ever watched young children play? Really, truly, watched them, not just been in the area as a token adult while surfing on your cell phone, but observed them, listened to their conversations, marveled at their imaginations and creativity, heard their laughter and squeals of pure joy? How often have you compared their lives to your own, saying something like, “Boy, sure must be nice to get up every day and have everything done for you, and not have to worry about work, and bills, and running the house, and saving for college and everything else.”

As we get older, our responsibilities get greater. It’s a simple fact of life. Whether or not you have children, whether or not your children are young or old, whether or not your parents are still alive, we all have crosses to bear. At times, the weight of these crosses can seem suffocating. Often there are so many things that all seem important, so many things that are all vying for our attention, that we can’t focus, can’t think, can’t breathe. More often than not we don’t have time to be envious of the carefree lives that young children enjoy because we’re so caught up trying to catch up.

We each know what our crosses are. There’s no pretending they don’t exist, no burying our heads in the sand. Deep down we hear the words from Luke’s Gospel: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Or maybe we hear, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

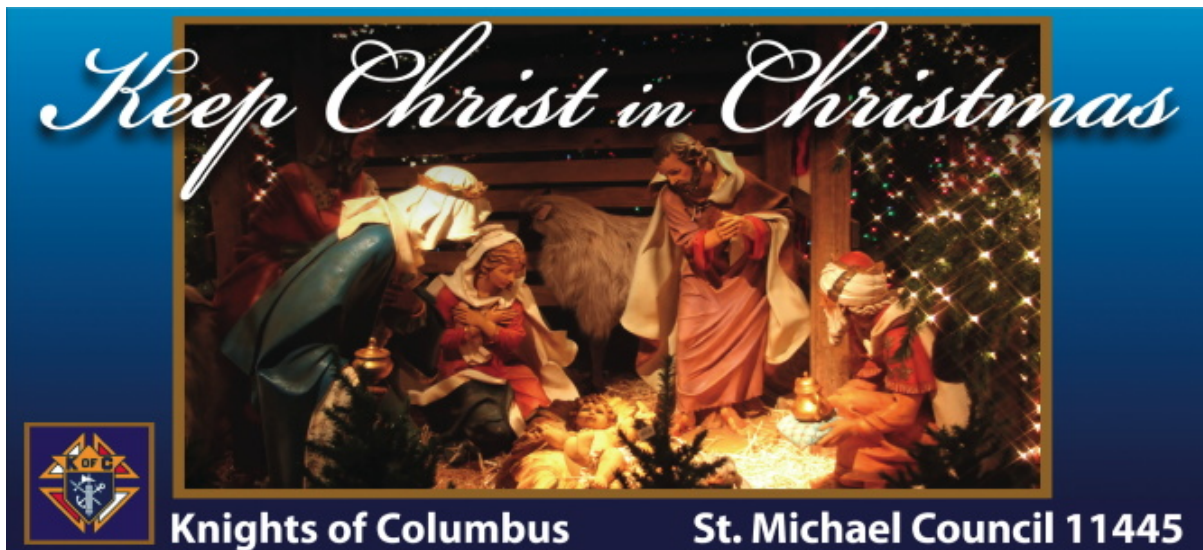
So we, like Christ, take up our crosses. We pray for strength and resolve, and we do the best we can. And there are times when we stumble and fall. It would be easy to just lay there, exhausted, but we know that we can’t. So we get up and shoulder our cross again and keep going. And maybe we fall again. But we know we can’t quit. We get back up.

It is often said that God does not give us a cross so heavy that we cannot bear it, because He knows the limits we each have. But what is not typically mentioned in this common saying is that God sometimes does give us a cross so heavy that we cannot bear it alone. Too often we are so focused on our crosses that we cannot see the help others are offering. Too often out of foolish pride we refuse the help of others. Too often we’re so concerned with our own crosses that we forget that there are other people who’s crosses might be too much for them to bear and that God needs us to carry their cross for them. When you help carry the cross of another, you are carrying the cross of Jesus, for “Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.” Is there someone you know who’s cross is so heavy that God needs you to carry it for them? Is God calling you to be Simon of Cyrene for someone else?

Let us never forget that Jesus had help carrying His cross, the cross He carried for all of us. Jesus will never let us carry our crosses alone, because the weight of His cross was the weight of all of our sins, all of our temptations, all of our troubles and worries, all of our brokenness, all of our addictions, all of our failures and feelings of self-doubt. We are not meant to carry the weight of those things alone. No one is. That is why Jesus was sent.

The cross of Jesus Christ is freedom. It is the joy and pure delight of a child at play. Never forget that He is there to carry your cross, just as we, His disciples, are all called to help carry the crosses of others. So get up. Pick up your cross and the cross of your neighbor. And follow Jesus. And do so with a joyful heart because you know that you are not alone.

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer



INSURANCE CHECK-UP FOR 2018

Where did 2017 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 2017. Now, the first quarter of 2018 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.

Richard Brenner, KofC Field Agent



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COLLECTION FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS (PENNIES FOR HEAVEN) – DECEMBER 16-17

Brothers,

We will be collecting for Priestly vocations at all masses on December 16 and 17. 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!

Don Keller, keller_don@hotmail.com

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

KofC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 18 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.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018, 6-9 PM

Get your reservations in now!!

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018; 6pm – 9pm

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

Cost: \$35:00 per person; Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #11445

Reservations: Should be submitted to Greg Eckert by **December 15** (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 over 30 people attend from St. Michael's last year!

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

HOAGIES FOR HEAVEN FINAL REPORT

As reported at our November business meeting, we made and sold 454 subs, and collected \$3577.00 in sales and donations. There were \$1230.68 in expenses, leaving us \$2346.32 in revenue generated for vocations.

We had a great turnout for assembling the subs (see picture below) and assembly took less than one hour. Many thanks to all the people who helped make this fundraiser a success. Were it not for your help, this simply would not have been possible.

Mike LaMorte, Chairman, mlamorte@mac.com



FREE THROW COMPETITION – JANUARY 2018

The Council level competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will take place early in January 2018 in the St Michael gym. The specific date will be announced in the January newsletter and via email. 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 in January.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER

Annual Assessment time is approaching! Invoices for 2018 Dues and Culture of Life Assessment will begin arriving in your mailboxes in mid December. 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 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 Blessed Thanksgiving.

Tony Matlak, Financial Secretary

ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2017-2018

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): Richard Wade	Community Activities: James Shough
Recorder: Tom Schmitt	Trustee (3 Years): John Greve	Council Activities: Tony Schera, Tim Dondero
Financial Secretary: Anthony Matlak	Membership: John Greve	Family Activities: Jeff Pillivant
Treasurer: Chris Axene	Culture of Life: Brett Gissel	Youth Activities: Fidel Pitones
Lecturer: Mike LaMorte	Columbian Squires: Brett Gissel	District Deputy: Domenic Nocera
Advocate: Michael Fowler	Scholarship: John Greve	Insurance Rep: Richard Brenner
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 petrarca@cse.ohio-state.edu so that we can realize an additional savings in postage and printing costs.

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new brother knights **Matthew Ackerman, Antony DeAscentis, Joseph Hess and Shaun Wickham** who were inducted in the First Degree at St. Michael on November 20; and to new brother knight **Edward Luersman** who was accepted as a transfer into St. Michael Council on November 13.

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Time*</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
12/14/17 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-578-9915
12/28/17 (Thur.)	#14962, Immaculate Conception, Columbus	6:30 PM	Mark Stinnet	614-483-9008
1/10/18 (Wed.)	#1056, St. Mary, Delaware	7:00 PM	Eric Suchland	614-571-0791
1/23/18 (Tue.)	#11207, St. Patrick, Columbus	6:30 PM	Thomas Ryan	614-284-1748
1/23/18 (Tue.)	#5253, St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg	7:30 PM	Scott Marsh	614-306-4244
1/25/18 (Thur.)	#14962, Immaculate Conception, Columbus	6:30 PM	Mark Stinnet	614-483-9008
2/5/18 (Mon.)	#10863, St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin	7:00 PM	Dan Schreibels	614-578-2363
2/8/18 (Thur.)	#11208, St. Brendan, Hilliard	7:00 PM	Bob Eggerichs	614-771-9624

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

NEXT 2ND-3RD DEGREE CEREMONIES –SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sunday, February 25, 2018 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 on April 28, 2018. Contact District Deputy **Domenic Nocera** or Deputy Grand Knight **Chris Fricke** for application forms and other information.

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

Domenic Nocera Cell: 614-946-1821 email: danocera@gmail.com

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR ST. MICHAEL COUNCIL #11445

Richard Brenner Cell: 937-215-9672 email: richard.brenner@kofc.org

PRAYERS FOR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please pray for brother knight **Jeff Stewart** who is recovering from a recent heart attack; 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 **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 the sister of brother knight Matt Brown who is dealing with current health problems; for brother knight **Tony Petrarca** and his wife **Betty Petrarca**, both of whom are dealing with some current 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; 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.



2017 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Below is the 2017 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, 2018, 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

2017 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$177 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 75 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 2017.

1. **Number of visits you made during 2017 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 2017**..... _____
3. **Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2017:**
 - 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..... _____
4. **Number of hours of fraternal service during 2017:**
 - a. Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc..... _____

Name _____

Return this form before January 15, 2018 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 17)

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

Bob Tatz, Church Committee



St. Michael Council #11445 Knights of Columbus

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Return Service Requested

TO: