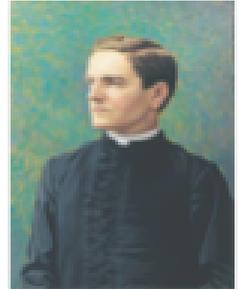


Knights of Columbus



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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 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 1/8 The Baptism of the Lord
Business Meeting
- 1/13 Free Throw Competition (see page 1)
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day
Monthly Meeting of KofC11445 First Degree Team (see page 1)
2017 Survey of Fraternal Activity desired due date (see pages 4,7)
- 1/21 Corporate Communion (10:30 Mass) followed by Coffee and Donuts (see page 8)
Clergy Appreciation Dinner (see Page 3)
- 1/25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- 1/26 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
- 2/12 *Business Meeting*
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
- 2/16 Lenten Fish Fry begins (see page 4)

FREE THROW COMPETITION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

The Council level competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will take place on Saturday, January 13 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 13.

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

KOFC11445 FIRST-DEGREE-TEAM MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 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, January 15 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.

GIFTS (Presented by our lecturer at our December Meeting)

For years, the commercialization and secularization of Christmas has expanded at an ever-increasing rate. From companies that try to compete for this year's "must have" gift to retailers putting out more and more Christmas merchandise earlier and earlier, there is no doubt that Christmas has become about all the wrong things.

As very young kids we don't even grasp the concept of gifts. We just know that we rip open some colorful paper, and inside is a new toy to play with. A few years go by, and the success of advertising campaigns and peer pressure makes us start to want. First little things, then bigger things and much more specific. In the teenage years the appetite for big, wonderful Christmas gifts can become insatiable. Fast forward a few decades and we find ourselves possessing pretty much every material thing we need or want. People ask us for gift ideas and we struggle to come up with them. The things we need or want can no longer be wrapped up in colorful paper with a ribbon and a bow, and they can't even be given as gifts. We need more time in the day. We want a clone of ourselves so we can get done everything that needs done and be two places at once. We need better health, want more time with our kids, and need a better night's sleep (or just more of it.)

And of course, we've all been in a gift exchange where we receive a gift that we don't exactly want or have a use for. We put on our best smile, thank the giver and tell them how great the gift is, and when we get home we put it in the back of a drawer or closet, still in its box, to be left unopened. It's usually hard to part with these things. After all, it was a gift. It cost someone else money. They did put thought into it. You can't just throw it away. So years go by and the gift is still sitting there in an unopened box, unused and forgotten.

This isn't to say that all gifts are useless junk, mere products of rampant consumerism. We all have some gifts that we truly adore, ones that we use all the time, ones that always remind us of the giver and the thought that went into the gift. Sometimes, however, it's not immediately apparent how valuable they truly are. Sometimes these gifts are stuffed away in the back of your sock drawer for years until you rediscover them and open the box, only to finally appreciate the true treasure you have received.

At baptism, we receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. For most Catholics who were baptized as an infant, those gifts are initially left in their box. Our parents and Godparents have a duty and obligation to help us unwrap and use those gifts as we mature, and when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, those gifts are strengthened. But all too often, those precious treasures are relegated to the box they came in, pushed to the back of the sock drawer with a new wallet and a Popiel Pocket Fisherman, still in their boxes.

God has selected these seven gifts for us, and Jesus brought those gifts to all of us, so that we may more perfectly live our lives and draw ourselves closer to our Creator. These gifts are a set of keys to a priceless fortune, set aside for each of us in Heaven. Are you still keeping them in their box?

Are you using the Wisdom God gave you to illuminate your mind and allow yourself to be attracted to the Divine? Are you using the Knowledge God gave you to see things from His perspective, to know what to believe and how to share it with others? Are you allowing Understanding to enlighten your mind to the mysteries and truths of our faith? Are you listening to His Counsel, so that you may judge promptly and righteously, especially in difficult situations? Are you filled with Fortitude of the mind so that you may endure evil and do good, even when under duress? Do you recognize that you are totally reliant upon God your Eternal Father, and come before Him with humility, trust, love, devotion, and honor, as all Pious people do? And do you have Fear of the Lord in your heart? Do you think of Him with wonder and awe, and view sin like a child's fear of letting down his father?

These Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit — Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord — are in each one of us. God doesn't want us to leave them in their box. He put great thought into these gifts, and they are true treasure. If you haven't opened them yet, or if you put them away and forgot about them, go find where you put them. Open the box.

Mike LaMorte, Lecturer

THANK YOU TO JOHN & LIZ GREVE FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Our Council Christmas Party at John and Liz Greve's Home in Worthington on Thursday, December 21 was well attended and enjoyed by all attendees. Thank you to John and Liz for hosting such an enjoyable social event.

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



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I want to start by wishing you and your families a healthy, peaceful and a blessed New Year! The beginning of January marks the start of the new calendar year and the half-way point of the Knights of Columbus fraternal year. We have had, I think, a great first half of the Columbian year! Thank you Knights and Ladies who have helped run and volunteer so many excellent service programs — they helped our church, our community, families, and youth. I ask you all to continue the great work this year. At this time of the year, please also take a moment from your busy daily work and social life to remember and pray for our deceased brother knights and members of their families who have passed away during the past 12 months and for our brother knights who are in need of our prayers.

May God bless you and your families with all graces needed throughout this new year!

Fraternally Yours,

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

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER – VILLA MILLANO, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018, 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, January 21, 2018 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 \$35.00 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.

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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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FINANCIAL SECRETARY CORNER

Invoices for 2018 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 2017 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

LENTEN FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Brother Knights,



Our Lenten Fish Fry is quickly approaching. Our first fish fry dinner is scheduled for **Friday, February 16**. This will be our 21st 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

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.



KofC1445 Social at the Josephinum, November 7, 2017

Membership Activities

Membership Chairman: John Greve

WELCOME to new brother knights **Jin Bracken** and **Wayne Lovely** who were accepted as transfers into St. Michael Council on December 11.

UPCOMING FIRST DEGREE CEREMONIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Time*</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1/10/18 (Wed.)	#1056, St. Mary, Delaware	7:00 PM	Eric Suchland	614-571-0791
1/11/18 (Thur.)	#10941, New Albany Council	8:00 PM	Ed Yingling	614-307-4561
1/18/18 (Thur.)	#5899, St. Cecilia, Columbus	7:00 PM	Greg Shaner	614-402-3701
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	John Swisher	614-477-7730
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
2/8/18 (Thur.)	#5776, St. Paul, Westerville	7:30 PM	Don Coffey	614-578-9915
2/14/18 (Wed.)	#5801, St. Matthew, Gahanna	7:00 PM	Charles Porter III	614-306-9550
2/19/18 (Mon.)	#11445, St. Michael, Worthington	7:00 PM	Richard Wade	614-781-1664

*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 **Caleb Kachur**, 19 month old grandson of brother knight Steve Kachur, who is in need of prayers and donations for an upcoming bone marrow transplant in May 2018 (see <http://cota.org/campaigns/cotaforcalebk> for details); 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. VAWS – 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 (January 21)

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: