



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## FR. MICHAEL MUEHE COUNCIL #5669

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August/September/October 2017



### GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Our new fraternal year began July 1st, following the State Convention in Columbus and the Toledo Diocesan Tour on July 14. I attended both, Fmr. Grand Knight Bob Fischnich and our wives the convention. The key theme for Ohio KofC is "IN HIS HONOR" – meaning all our efforts should honor Our Lord. Growth in Membership was also stressed which enables so many charitable functions at local through national and world level, such as support for Christians persecuted in the Middle East. While at times these are not the most exciting of meetings, they do show the strength of our order and also provides time to think about what we can do at Fr. Muehe Council 5669.



So what should we focus on locally? First, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states that councils need to work closely with their local Parishes as the "Strong Right Arm of the Parish". Fr. Mark Hoying and I have had some preliminary discussions on what this can mean for everyone, and we plan on building a committee to bring some ideas to fruition. This will support our parish, our members & their families and the community. Along these lines, Fr. Elmer Wurth was installed as our new chaplain July 13th and we will gain by his wit & wisdom. Second, we need to improve our outreach to everyone and this upgraded newsletter is part of that effort. We expect to continue to print & mail to those desiring that and also the email option. We save money on the latter but we have to be effective. Along these lines we will be starting a new website in the coming months to maintain a calendar for all to see as well as information about the council. Third, we need to build a longer term plan on maintaining the vitality of our council. As with many groups, we need to understand what is needed to draw in new members and encourage members to get involved as they can. Some of this will stem from activities tied to our Parish as in the first point. Beyond this we will be seeking ideas and help to move our Knights of Columbus to be more known for its actions in the overall community, distinct from just a hall.

With the installation of officers, we lack only a Deputy Grand Knight. This role is largely support and backup, while preparing for Grand Knight in the future. Please consider this for yourself, or someone you believe would be good for the Council.

Your Newbie Grand Knight, Phil Fuerst

**This section is dedicated to past news about our council as well as future events to note. Let us know of any items you want posted at [kofc5669@gmail.com](mailto:kofc5669@gmail.com).**

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## AUGUST

- Aug 7 Orderwide K of C Family Week  
Focus on the Family Folks!
- Aug 11 Annual Fatima Mass – 7:30 PM  
at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
- Aug 14 Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney Memorial
- Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug 20 Polka Dance 4:00 to 8:00 PM (doors 3:00) –  
Aaron Dussing Band
- Aug 22 Queenship Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4 Polka Dance 4:00 to 8:00 PM (doors 3:00)  
Fred Ziwich and ISM Band
- Sept 8 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sept 9 National Day of Remembrance  
for Aborted Children
- Sept 20 Polka Dance 7:00 to 10:00 (doors 5:30)  
Happy Times Band
- Sept 27 Begins 40 Days for Life (thru November 5)

## OCTOBER

- Oct 1 Starts month of the Holy Rosary
  - Oct 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
  - Oct 2 Your Guardian Angel Feast Day
  - Oct 13 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun  
at Fatima
- We celebrate All Saints Nov 1 and All Souls Nov 2

**NOTE: ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE  
2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS,  
THEY BEGIN AT 8:15PM  
AFTER ST. MICHAEL'S  
THURSDAY EVENING 7:30PM MASS (HINT)  
TRUSTEES ONLY MEETINGS  
2ND THURSDAY AT 7:30PM**

for your *spirit*

With this the  
**100th anniversary of the Fatima**  
events, you might want to consider  
attending the Fatima USA Vigil and Mass  
at the *Spiritual Center of Maria Stein*.  
This is an outdoor event attended by  
hundreds of people from around the area.  
**August 11 at 7:30 PM.**



from the  
**SUPREME  
KNIGHT**



In 2016, the Knights of Columbus again set records for charitable giving and hours volunteered, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told Knights of Columbus jurisdiction leaders during the opening business session of the 2017 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies. “We reached new heights in 2016,” the supreme knight said. According to the figures from the 2016 Fraternal Survey, Knights gave \$177,500,673 in charitable donations. This is a more than \$2.4 million increase over the 2015 donations. In addition, the Knights volunteered 75,112,694 hours to charitable initiatives, up from the 2015 total of 73 million hours.

The top 10 jurisdictions in charitable giving for 2016 were Texas with \$9.1 million, followed by California, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Ontario, Missouri, New York, New Jersey and Wisconsin. The top 10 in volunteer hours were Texas with 5.5 million hours, followed by Luzon North, Florida, California, Illinois, Luzon South, Ontario, Visayas, Pennsylvania and Québec.

## FR. MUEHE COUNCIL



Essay Contest winners for “Importance of Faith in My Daily Life” were senior Adam vanderEmbse and 8th grader Ben Doepler.

Installation of Officers for the 2017 fraternal year was July 13 and included a key addition for us - new Chaplain Fr. Elmer Wurth who will bring a focus on spiritual direction to our efforts. (maybe a nice pix of Elmer with a Columnus hat)

State Convention at Columbus was attended over the Memorial Day weekend by Phil Fuerst and past Grand Knight Bob Fischnich. A very interesting experience. **Next year is not on the holiday weekend and will be in Covington, Ky.**

We donated \$350 to the St. Michael’s Youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November. Over 25,000 youth from across the country will attend, 14 of them young men and women of our parish. Your Grand Knight accompanied the group in 2015 and can say unequivocally that this is an outstanding event for youth and adults to grow in their faith. I like to say “unequivocally” in a sentence.

### ADVERTISING POLICY CHANGE

With our new format and the option to received the newsletter by email, the old advertising space is outmoded. We are now offering a half-page area on the reverse of the mailing address for sale. This would allow your organizations message to be on prominently on the outside of the mailed newsletter and also be quickly viewed in the email format. This would be available for one or more issues at the cost of \$125 per issue. Please contact us at [KofC5669@gmail.com](mailto:KofC5669@gmail.com) if you have interest.

# DID YOU KNOW?



If any Knight who is a police officer, firefighter, or military is killed in the line of duty due to criminal/enemy action, each of their children receive a \$100,000 scholarship to a Catholic college?

Babe Ruth was a Knight of Columbus and hit more home runs than Tony Vorst.

Columbus did not have radar on the Santa Maria. It didn't make the round trip.



from the **youth** sandbox..

Every year we sponsor the free throw shooting contest. Another event the K of C Supreme Council supports is "Soccer Challenge" which is held in the fall, which is targeted again for Youth and their families. If a council member would like to coordinate efforts to launch this activity for our local council, contact Grand Knight Fuerst (GKF).

We hope to generate several other ideas and activities in conjunction with St. Michael's and the Parish Youth Group. If you have the basics of an idea get it on our radar screen!

## things to do this **fall**

✚ Guess what, October is both the month of the Rosary and the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun. Teach yourself and your family about what happened at Fatima 100 years ago.

✚ Spend a day doing "little" things for others in honor of the feast day of St. Therese the Little Flower (October 1)

✚ Enjoy an angel food cake for the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2). Say the Guardian Angel prayer before bedtime.

✚ Do something nice for animals to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis (October 4) building a bird feeder, peanut butter on a pine cone with bird seed, take your dog on a walk.

✚ Consider picking a religious themed Halloween costume this year, maybe your favorite saint.

✚ Raking the neighbors leaves without being asked

✚ Spend time before school starts just hanging out as a family with NO electronics or even a cell phone!

✚ Write down ideas for small sacrifices and offerings, place these in a bowl. Every day, have each member of the family select one piece of paper to offer the sacrifice listed for the intentions of a relative or friend. At the end of the month, each family member might send a note to the person for whom they made the offering, telling him or her about their prayers and sacrifices.

## FINANCIAL TIPS

*Supporting Knights in Need*

The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his parish to create a solution to a recurring problem. Many Catholics - most of whom were immigrants - were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with little money.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, now Venerable Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed. He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities.

So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a "pass-the-hat" insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion dollar, top-rated insurance program and charitable activities. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

## CLUB 5669 NEWS

### For Hall or Club Room Rental or Use

Tony Vorst 419-532-3288

Bar Manager - Bob Karhoff

New hall accent lights were installed by the Tony's (Maag & Vorst) to replace the venerable "icicle and lace" lights.

During the summer and fall, we are heavily into "Wedding Season" and our calendar is full. We are in need of some additional members/spouses interested in helping or leading bartending efforts on the calendar. This returns an hourly stipend (aka money) plus tips. If interested contact Bob Karhoff or Tony Vorst.

It was reported in the last issue that the Club Officers meetings are twice a month. They are ONLY the second Thursday at 7:00 before the regular council meeting.



#### Key Officers:

Grand Knight - Phil Fuerst  
Deputy Grand Knight - Ur Namehere  
Financial Secretary - Ken Hanneman  
Treasurer - Don Wehri  
Recorder - Brian Gerdeman

Supreme Council Website - [www.kofc.org/en/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html)  
Ohio State Council Website - [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)  
St Michael's Church - [www.stmichaelskalida.org/](http://www.stmichaelskalida.org/)  
Columbia Online - [www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html)

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