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Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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## GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Welcome to the revamped edition of the Fr. Michael Muehe Council 5669 Newsletter. We hope that the new format, color, features and information are something that you find useful, entertaining and suitable for posting on your refrigerator! Any ideas as we try to accomplish this I would love to hear either directly or by getting them to our new email address at [kofc5669@gmail.com](mailto:kofc5669@gmail.com). We will be providing this newsletter in both email (pdf) and print form, the latter being both mailing and in small stacks at the Parish(s) and other locations. We also are looking at building a website that can more easily contain & maintain our calendar, back issues of the newsletter, and other useful information. Enough on electronic stuff.

So secondly I wish to thank my predecessor, Tony Maag for so ably leading us as Grand Knight the last two years. If I may say so, a Powerhouse Knight (that's where he works btw). In his term we passed 50 years as a Council, celebrated the burning of the mortgage and have a sound ship to sail on – something Columbus didn't really have. Thirdly, I will introduce me, Phil Fuerst as the incoming Grand Knight who is asking for your prayers and support in taking the gavel. You will notice from this letter that I have a weird sense of humor. Sorry about that.

Things that we will need to focus on in the near future are aligning ourselves with themes coming from the Supreme Council/Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Among these are operating much more closely with St. Michael's Parish, the Building the Domestic Church initiative (focus on the family) and also drawing in new members. We plan on meeting very soon (if not already) with Fr. Mark Hoying to identify areas of cooperation with St. Michael's so we can be "the strong right arm of the parish" that Carl Anderson recalls us to. Relative to membership, while we have some 600 nominal members, we do NOT bring in enough new members to even keep the average age at the same count. As with some countries, we don't sustain enough "births" to maintain the population! Without new members we lose vitality, ideas and hands needed for both the order, the parish and for our community.

I hope to share ideas and action with everyone to make at least some of this come true. Think about attending a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday meeting to get involved .... **it's the Knightly thing to do.**

Love and Kisses

Phil Fuerst, 2017-2018 Grand Knight

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# things to do this **Summer**

During the Summer sometimes we are searching for something to do, especially when the kids say they are “bored” today. Maybe this list will spark an idea for a:

## **FAFF (Fun And Faith Filled) Summer!!**

Plan a treasure hunt in your house or yard to celebrate St. Anthony’s feast day. (June 13)

Check out the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue <http://sorrowfulmothershrine.org/> - especially the special event days hosted throughout the summer.

Hike John Bryan State Park and enjoy nature with your cell phone off.

Have a picnic at Our Lady of Consolation Park in Carey they have a huge park with Rosary/Stations walks.

Go sailing on the Grand Knights’ boat

Invite Fr. Elmer to a cook out and joke telling session.

Attend a wedding and square dance.

Visit the “Land of the Cross Tipped Churches” and the Maria Stein Country Fest <http://www.mscountryfest.com/> to catch an outdoor mass and tractor square dancing.

## FR. MUEHE COUNCIL **NEWS**

This corner 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).

### Cash Bonanza Charity

Campaign is underway with first turn in during April and final turn at the May 11 Council meeting. These \$5 tickets are easy to sell and at a minimum \$2.60 returns to us for our local charities. The more we sell the more this percentage goes up – to as high as \$4.60!! This year we enlisted St. Michael’s Youth Group to help sell them, offering them \$2 for each ticket sold and have done well for themselves and the council. Please make every effort to return sold and unsold tickets, but remember part of our mission as Knights is CHARITY!!!

Fish Fry’s have done very well this year with attendance averaging over 1000, straining the strength of our nets! We were blessed to have a number of the Confirmation candidates seeking service hours helping us with dishes, dessert table, and general support. Thanks to all the Knights and many of their spouses that jumped in to make this a great fundraiser for us.



State Convention is Memorial Day weekend where two delegates from the Council will hear of the coming year’s plans for the order. Your Grand Knight and hopefully soon to be found Deputy Grand Knight will be attending and observing a Knightly bearing at the Hospitality Suites...



In his annual report delivered at the 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Toronto, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted the Order’s record levels of charity, with over \$175 million in donations & over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service. The supreme knight also cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: the further development of the Knights of Columbus’ Building the Domestic Church initiative and continued support for Christians at risk, including those suffering genocide at the hands of ISIS.

At the opening of his report, the supreme knight officially announced the convention’s theme. “We also recall the words of Pope Francis,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “He has called Catholics to a new sense of missionary discipleship and fraternal brotherhood. He has urged Catholics to go out to the peripheries. And he has placed great confidence in the Knights of Columbus. And so, I am pleased to announce the theme of our 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention: ‘A Light to the Nations.’”

## Emmy Award-Winning ‘Liberating a Continent’ Available Online



*Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism*, the Emmy award-winning documentary film, is now available for online viewing across multiple digital platforms.

You can now enjoy the film on iTunes, Amazon Video, Google Play, Vudu, Vimeo on Demand and Christian Cinema. Visit [jp2film.com/watchonline](http://jp2film.com/watchonline) to view the film now! The film will also be available on Netflix beginning in April.

Narrated by actor Jim Caviezel and featuring original music by renowned composer Joe Kraemer, the film documents St. John Paul II’s role in the fall of communist rule in Central and Eastern Europe. It explores how his spiritual leadership ensured a revolution of conscience that was pivotal in Poland’s Solidarity movement, which contributed to the collapse of the Iron Curtain in 1989.

For more information, visit [jp2film.com](http://jp2film.com).

# DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Knights Council #5669 and a separate "Club 5669" that operates the Hall?

Knights cannot be Martians or other extraterrestrials although some seem to be.

Knights of Columbus number almost 2,000,000 worldwide in 15,432 councils

Fr. Muehe Council 5669 is just over 600 members. The average council worldwide is 132 members!



## from the youth sandbox.



Congratulations to Melanie Meyers for winning the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus free throw contest in Columbus on Saturday. She is the 14 year old girls' division State Champion. She won after a double shootout. She made 85/100 free throws combined in local, district, regional & state. Great job Melanie!



Contact us if you have suggestions for future youth contests: such as...  
 Model Rocket Shoot Off  
 Bottle Flipping Contest  
 Sailing Outing at Grand Lake



## CLUB 5669 NEWS



"Clubroom hosts St. Michael and St. Joseph RCIA retreat on April 1 – Fr's Rick, Mark and Elmer lead the gathering"

### Several improvements have been made to hall this spring:

- ~ New Air conditioning units out back replacing those that served us many years
- ~ Club ceiling patching and refinish to repair last year's water damage from the roof

...and

Repair of that roof!

*Thanks to the club officers and members for making these and past improvements.*

We are always looking for ideas to improve and any help you can provide to improve the Hall for everyone. We continue to make these and other improvements to our Club and Hall facilities making it better and better for your use.

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 Bar Manager – Bob Karhoff

## for your spirit

"God has so disposed things that we may learn to bear one another's burdens – for there is no man without defect: no man without his burden: no man sufficient for himself: no man wise enough for himself: but we must support one another; comfort one another; assist, instruct and admonish one another." --- From the "Imitation of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis...1427. No book other than the bible has been translated into so many languages.

## financial tips

**Prepare to Defend Yourself!** We neglect opportunities to protect our families financially since we tend to put it off. Knights of old insured with a sharp sword, polished armor and a pointy lance. By doing so he was ready for an evil knight or a dragon as he saved the damsel. Not so easy today is it?



Knights of old were supported by several squires and pages that helped their quest for success. Today's Knights of Columbus are assisted through the vision of our founder, Fr. McGivney, who sought means to protect the family of a Knight fallen to sickness or death or dragon. So what financial service & support is there for you?

- 1 of 5 companies with highest possible financial ratings, and total assets are now in top 50 out of roughly 1000 insurers in North America.
- Knights of Columbus *is non-profit, member-owned* which allows Superior returns & guarantees compared to others.
- Any excess profit is shared from year-to-year with members that own a financial vehicle with Knights.
- Local trusted advisor with Professional guidance/services (see ad on back!), top 2% in entire industry.
- Screen all investments in accord with our Faith since 1882!

**Key Officers:**  
 In Coming Grand Knight – Phil Fuerst  
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**UNDER NEW CONSTRUCTION** - Currently unplugged  
 Local Knights of Columbus K of C website.

# calendar of events

## MAY

- May 6 Hall Hosts Kalida Prom
- May 7 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 11 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- May 11 Council Meeting 8:15pm
- May 16 **Senior Citizen's Day Celebration /**  
Hall Hosts Council on Aging noon-2pm
- May 22 Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-3pm
- May 25 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- May 25 Council Meeting 8:15pm
- May 26-28 K & C State Convention
- May 28 Ascension (yes on Sunday)
- May 29 Memorial Day

## JUNE

- June 4 Pentecost Sunday
- June 4 Hall Hosts Polka Dance 4-7PM
- June 8 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- June 8 Council Meeting 8:15pm
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 22 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- June 22 Council Meeting 8:15pm

## JULY

- July 13 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- July 13 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- July 13 Council Meeting 8:15pm
- July 16 Hall Hosts Polka Dance 4-7PM
- July 27 Club Officer Meeting 7pm
- July 27 Council Meeting 8:15pm

Note: All Council Meetings begin at 8:15 after St. Michael's Thursday evening mass (hint)

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