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Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Fall and winter are upon us and our families have moved on to school and the Church's liturgical year is about to end, with a renewal in the Advent season. As a Council we also need to look hard at a restart. In the past we have had phenomenal growth to over 600 members and many years of service to our local Parish, Community and through the Supreme Council, even our bit for the world. At the end of the year, many organizations look backwards and forwards, planning for the future. We must do the same. Sitting still tends to hurt eventually....especially as I get older.



We have several things to address as a Council. First, we are NOT growing in membership and are gradually slipping backwards. Reports I get monthly make this clear. One Third of our membership is in the Honorary Life category – my guess is the average age even outside this group is over 50 years old. Increasingly we will struggle to fulfill our responsibilities to the local Council and the Order. Secondly, the Supreme Council has asked all Council's that are based in a hall to review whether this still makes sense – the alternative being revert to parish-based. They have defined a discernment process to work this through. The keys include where the Council focuses effort, sustainability of the operation and how best the Council can be much more engaged with their Parish – becoming as they say “The Strong Right Arm of the Parish”. We will be working this process of decision through in the coming months. There is no deadline – but I believe it is important to rethink what we are about, whether it is truly in accordance with what the Order is for, and make the right choice. Re-energizing our Council will of course serve our members and the community but will also honor our local founders commitment just over 50 years ago.

Come to our regular meetings and get involved. The talks our new Chaplain Fr. Elmer Wurth gives each meeting are more than worth your time and consideration.

Your Grand Knight, Phil Fuerst, still hoping for a Deputy.

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.

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calendar of events

november

- 12 Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- 23 Thanksgiving Day - No Meeting!
- 26 Viva Christo Rey (Christ the King)

december

- 2 Children's Christmas Party
- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- 8 Immaculate Conception
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (patron of Americas)

january

- 1 Mary Mother of God
- 14 Annual Membership Breakfast
- 19 March for Life in Washington, DC
- TBA Basketball Free Throw Contest
- 31 2018 Dues are Due Dude
- 31 Beef Banquet - Need lots of help!

february

- 8 Fish Fry Captains Meeting at 8:30
- 14 Ash Wednesday Begins Lenten Season
- 16 First Fish Hits the Fryer!

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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 12

~ ALL ARE WELCOME ~
Begins with prayer/share
service with music starting
at 2:30. Collecting items for
children's Christmas gifts at
the dinner, anything from
personal hygiene items,
clothes, crafts etc. Watch
Parish bulletin for
details.



ADVENT is not when you start
buying presents. St. Michael's is
trying to focus our attention on the
season with the theme "Finding Per-
fect Joy". Look for what will be
available for you and your family.
During the Advent Season consider
a visit to one of the area Shrines in
Carey, Maria Stein, or Bellevue. All
have websites/Facebook that detail
special events.

from the SUPREME KNIGHT



Spread Awareness of Persecuted Christians

On Nov 26, the Knights will join the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in sponsoring a day of prayer for persecuted Christians. This day will kick off a week of awareness and education.



During this week spread the word about the Order's \$2 million initiative to save Karamles, a Christian town in Iraq that had been under the control of ISIS. Together, we can help the Christian families who want to finally return

home. The approximate cost of relocating one family is \$2,000. One way to raise this amount is through a joint fundraising effort between your council and parish. For details, visit christianatrisk.org.

FR. MUEHE COUNCIL



Fr. Elmer has been giving very thoughtful talks at each Council meeting. These are both very humorous & tailored to Knightly needs. Get Edified!

As referenced in the Grand Knight's Comments, our Council is working through a book and process from the Supreme Council called "Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities". You may not have known that locally we as a council have a subsidiary called "Club 5669" which owns and operates the hall. We are today then considered a home corporation based council as opposed to a parish based council. The Order is asking all Home-based councils to consider their local mission in life and work through whether their existing operation makes sense to support it. It is more than whether we can maintain a building – it is also whether we also have sufficient energy to support meaningful charitable activities now and in the decades to come. We obviously need lots of input to respond to the study requested by Supreme. There is no deadline, but we hope to work through this over the next 3-4 months.

At our October meeting we discussed a possible membership drive event – Fr. Mark coined the term "Invite a Knight Night". This is still in the thought stage. We also discussed doing things with St. Michael's this Christmas and Easter such as the Order's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and perhaps the Christmas children's even at the Parish to include a more religious aspect.

Before our next newsletter, we will begin the annual Fish Fries at the Hall. A key ingredient is the pre-preparation of the various dishes and desserts done on Thursday and Friday mornings before each Fish Fry. Please consider whether you (Knights and their Ladies) can assist on any or all of these days. Pay is fun teamwork and a free meal coupon!

DID YOU KNOW?



The Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$2.8 million for victims of the recent hurricanes and natural disasters. The Order has taken a leadership role in assisting those affected by these storms, immediately distributing more than \$720,000 for food, water, and other necessities.

Since 1975 the Order has funded the broadcast of Christmas Midnight Mass from St. Peter's Basilica

If you put your name on all leaves that fall from your trees - this helps neighbors know which are yours on their lawn

from the **youth** snowbox



SUPREME COUNCIL Awards College Scholarship


FOR THE 2016-2017 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.27 million to 515 students. Most recipients are the children of Knights, or Knights themselves, attending Catholic universities or Catholic colleges in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico or the Philippines. These figures include \$287,500 in awards given to 117 seminarians in the United States and Canada.


For more information about the Order's scholarship programs, visit kofc.org/scholarships.





Read Luke 2:1-20 as a family on Christmas Eve before opening gifts.


things to do this WINTER


 Clean out the closet of sweaters, coats, warm boots and donate them to those in need


 The parish' Christmas tree gift program for the needy needs you.

 When is the last time you flopped down as a family to make a snow angel?

 Make a plan as a family for charitable giving for 2018. This can help you budget as well as focus on what & why

 Find someone to be Deputy Grand Knight

 It's cold. Come to a warm Council meeting at least 2 1/2 times this winter.

 Build a winter bonfire and make s'mores.

financial tips

Most of us are somewhat up in the air when it comes to financial stuff. At times we just want to not think about it. So listening to someone can help. Accordingly our area Knights of Columbus field agent Dan Turnwald is holding a series of seminars covering topics such as:

- Preserving Your Assets
- Minimizing Taxes - Tax Free Growth
- Understanding Social Security (is it possible?)
- All sorts of Life Insurance Options
- Income Annuities
- ROTH/Traditional IRA's
- Legal Snarls & Questions

St. Michael's Parish (basement) will host one such session on Tuesday November 14 at 8:45 to 9:45 am and also that evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Come to sort out your financial future!

CLUB 5669 NEWS

For Hall or Club Room Rental or Use
Tony Vorst 419-532-3288
Bar Manager - Bob Karhoff

Some facts to remember on Hall Rentals - 1) Book early! 2) Smaller parties can be accommodated in the Club Room at lower cost, 3) Can use ANY caterer/cook although must advise who 4) the agreement/contract is BOTH our friends 5) any announcement you send out should say "at Club 5669 Hall" rather than Knights of Columbus Hall. This is a requirement of the order. The Club technically runs the hall, the Council just meets there. Blame lawyers.

We are still searching for Knights willing to bartend for weddings at the Hall. This pays \$10/hour plus tips. Contact Bob Karhoff if interested.



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Grand Knight - Phil Fuerst
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Treasurer - Don Wehri
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Ohio State Council Website - www.kofcoho.org
St Michael's Church - www.stmichaelskalida.org
Columbia Online - www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html
UNDER NEW CONSTRUCTION - Currently unplugged
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