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## Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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### GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

We are now into the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year (July 1st) and as such need to start planning what we are about. Each year the State Council provides guidance on possible programs and in a change this year has four key areas to focus, - FAITH, FAMILY, LIFE and COMMUNITY all part of the "Faith in Action" directive. A faith without action is dry so that's the gist of it. The Supreme Council calls for a total of 32 program ideas under the four groups, such as Ultrasound Machines under LIFE. In June we met with Fr. Mark to seek to align ourselves with Parish/Community needs and have a list to prioritize. We will do this at our Sept 27 meeting - please consider being there to help us align our ACTION to our FAITH within our Parish, Families and Community. Check out more about the overall Order's initiative in Columbia Magazine either in your mail or at <http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/index.html>

GK Phil Fuerst



We are planning to support another Habitat for Humanity "Critical Home Repair" project this fall, working through brother Knight Paul Bonifas. This involves repairing a falling apart porch and a wheelchair access ramp. This is a "hands" method of providing charity. At our meetings we have welcomed back Fr. Elmer for his excellent talks as our chaplain. He has talked on anything from deadly sins, to lively virtues through explaining the ideals of being a Knight. WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP: Our membership rolls are in need of upkeep, as is the subscription list for this newsletter. We have nearly 600 members literally scattered across Ohio and several states. Some are very active, some have moved away and cannot be, some may no longer want to be in the Order. If someone is on our member rolls, we have to pay an assessment for each of them to State/Supreme. It could be that this newsletter comes to the parents' home and the son has moved away (they do that). Anyways PLEASE get a note to [kofc5669@gmail.com](mailto:kofc5669@gmail.com) for an address change, to let us know you want "dropped" or otherwise can help us clean up.

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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## calendar of events

### september

- 3 Polka Dance 4-8PM
- 5 Hosting Soil & Water Banquet (need help)
- 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19 Polka Dance 7-10 PM
- 27 United Way kickoff at Hall (need help)
- 30 Boy Scout Chicken BBQ Carryout

### october

- 14 Parish Church Crawl
- 21 Parish Mission Festival

### november

- 1 All Saint's Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 K of C Thanksgiving Dinner

### Looking forward

- Dec. 2 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 16 Children's Christmas Party & Poster Contest (Tentative Date)

## for your spirit



Give your wife or daughter a present. The Toledo Diocese Women's Conference is September 22nd in Tiffin's Camden Falls. This includes mass with Bishop Thomas and nationally known speakers such as Teresa Tomeo and Sr. Ellen Lumberjack (a great name). Our local parish contact is Tammy Schroeder at 419-532-3762 or email [ewn@bright.net](mailto:ewn@bright.net). Remember our job as men is to get our spouses and children to heaven.

Do you have any Catholic periodical coming to your home or smartphone? A magazine or newspaper can help your spiritual journey with timely information, explanation and sometime inspiration! Consider magazines such as Catholic Digest, Catholic Answers or Our Sunday Visitor. These are low cost and are easy reads. Ask around for good "apps" for the phone such as Laudate which provides daily readings and reminders, a download away. Feed your spirit, it's hungry.



## from the SUPREME KNIGHT



Pope Francis has challenged Catholics to take up what he calls "an ethics of fraternity" to help transform society. This is also the vision of Father Michael McGivney — and this is what we have been about for more than 135 years — something capable of transform(ing) the practical men of his day into a committed brotherhood of men capable of helping each other. The day I was elected supreme knight, I told our Board of Directors that we have a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. We have a similar obligation to offer the protection of our great Knights of Columbus insurance program to every eligible Catholic man and his family. Our new online\* membership initiative makes this goal a practical possibility. In many ways, we have just completed the best fraternal year in the history of the Knights of Columbus — membership is up, the dollars we have given to charity are up and the amount of hours we have volunteered is up. Each day that I walk into my office as supreme knight, I am confident that for the Knights of Columbus the best is yet to come. Together we will make that a reality. Vivat Jesus!

\*The new online membership application may be found at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).



The end of the K of C year is June 30 and it begins July 1st, just one day apart backwards.

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



With school also comes return of the Parish CCD (aka religion classes) for elementary and high school. As parents, we have a responsibility to ensure our children grow up in and learn the faith. While our example and our own teaching is important, learning with their classmates about the Catholic Faith is important for formation. So ask and listen to your children what they are learning and take as much or more interest on the Faith as you might Geometry or even sports. Also we have a solid Youth Group program within the Parish and our Council is working to broaden experience for all youth with programs such as the Christmas poster contest/party in December. This fall we are also giving the incoming Freshman the winning essays from last year's seniors on Growing Faith in High School. If you have a freshman, read them together for ideas. On Sunday, October 7, Ottawa SPPS will be hosting a "Battle of the Youth" for high schoolers in our deanery. Stop by to watch some great kids competing in wacky games.



## financial tips

Pleasant FREE Surprise!!! One little known and definitely unappreciated benefits to a K of C Life Insurance policy is the Chronic Illness Rider. While we think of a life insurance policy as just a face amount of death benefit, a K of C policy allows the benefit to use for costs such as nursing homes. This reduces the death benefit as it is drawn down, but a blessing if needed. Similarly, a Terminal Illness rider: allows the death benefit to be used for any purpose if insured is terminally ill. For example, this could be used for covering cost of medications or treatments NOT typically covered by Medicare. Could also be used if wanting to take all of children/grandchildren to Disney to enjoy family in their lifetime. Do these options exist on your current non-K of C insurance coverage? Always remember K of C insurance and financial programs support your family and charities globally.

## things to do this fall

- School is not just for kids. Consider taking up a book, seminar, class, or video to study your faith.
- While you rake your leaves, look down the block and see who could use a hand.
- Always mark your leaves with your initials in case they blow in the neighbors yard
- Fall is the best time for a walk in the woods — alone or with family/friends
- You meant to go to a shrine this summer but didn't. Try it.
- Join others for a fun day at the St. Michael Parish Church Crawl on Sunday, October 14 Mission Festival on Sunday, October 21.

## CLUB 5669 NEWS

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

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.

By now you will have noted we have a serious mole problem in our parking lot. Seriously however we are investing in improving the drainage for everyone who uses the hall. The project was organized by the Club Officers and is intended to put in the main drainage lines/catch basins and allow for further improvements. We authorized use of some Council funds and a loan as needed to get this done quickly. Hopefully the fish will not be able to swim to the hall for fish fry's. Probably the biggest concern we have for weddings or banquets is worry about a monsoon for dresses and car parking. We have some hopes to extend some concrete at the immediate rear of the building but we don't know if we will have the funds to cover it. We have always to balance Council, Community, and Charity needs while we maintain the property.



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