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Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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spring Issue



GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

So this is the Spring Issue of Council 5669 and snow is everywhere and Lent heralds the start of the renewal season of Easter. We need to find within ourselves, our families and our associations something to renew. Going about that takes a great deal of humility and patience, since change tends to be tough, especially within ourselves. For our Council, we continue to think through how to balance today while thinking about the future – new(er) members, new purposes, the newest item from the Supreme Council...



In conjunction with St. Michael's and St. John's we kicked off 2018 with a bang by raising over \$10,000 towards a new ultrasound machine at the Heartbeat of Lima clinic. This has been installed and is considerably more sophisticated in terms of imaging a baby in the womb. The Heartbeat team performs ultrasounds for expectant mothers, some of whom may be considering an abortion. They have estimated a baby's life is saved each week through this tool. Overall the Knights of Columbus worldwide have donated over 900 such machines since the program began in January 2009, with a goal of deploying 1000 by 2019. This also means continuing to support the past installations. We stepped up hugely and for Putnam and Allen county the overall donations exceed \$43,000. Our Council was asked to kick in \$3600 – we beat this by nearly three times!!!

Two big items are in front of us this spring – the Lenten Fish Fries and also the Charities ticket campaign. For the Fish Fries we are always looking for help Thursday and Friday mornings to prepare dishes, and of course in the evening to serve the throng and clean up. Consider helping in the morning (roughly 8:00-10:00ish) or join one of the Friday night crews.

The CHARITY TICKET CAMPAIGN is a huge event for the State and Local Councils. Included in this newsletter are tickets along with a return envelope. Tickets are just \$5 each and winners can either get a monthly reward or one time prize. Of the \$5 ticket, we retain at minimum \$2.40 for local charity and depending on sales this proportion can rise to as high as \$4 or more. In the last 30 years this raised \$24 million, of which \$18 million stayed with councils. Last year we sold 1142 tickets, so please consider buying and returning the tickets enclosed!! Beyond charity, these funds statewide support Seminarians, provide Catholic school scholarships, aid to family programs and other worthwhile endeavors. More is in the Voice of the Spirit web newsletter. *Grand Knightly yours, Phil*

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

MARCH

- 2 Fish Fry
- 9 Fish Fry
- 16 Fish Fry
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 23 Last Fish Fry!
- 24 Cancer Assistance Program
- 25 Palm Sunday – TBA Color Easter Eggs
- 30 Good Friday
- 31 **Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's**
(look for details in parish bulletin!!)

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 4 Polka Dance 7-10:00 pm
- 12 First Charity Ticket Turn in
(meeting nite or MAIL)
- 26 LAST Chance for Charity Ticket Turn in
(meeting nite)

MAY

- 13 **Mother's Day**
- 28 Memorial Day

Looking forward

- June 3 Polka Dance 4:00-8:00
- July 18 Bus Trip to Solanus Casey Center
(Detroit (call Rita B!))

for your spirit

It's Lent, It's spring. A season of reflection, a season of renewal. We all need time in quiet by ourselves to do this, while at the same time we need to be together. With your family consider attending Stations of the Cross at the parish. By yourself or with a group visit one of the local shrines for reflection – Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Our Lady of Sorrows in Bellevue. Each have much to do inside and out. Also take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many of us overlook healing of our spirit.

DO IT
for
YOUR
spirit



from the
**SUPREME
KNIGHT**



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In the February issue of Columbia Magazine, Carl Anderson stated "Pope Francis has asked Catholics to "live in fraternity" and to show "a fraternal love" toward our neighbors. Of course, it is a high standard.

I am proud of what you have accomplished and of what you have enabled others to accomplish. Last December, I received an email from Iraq wishing me a Happy New Year from a medical clinic in Erbil that we financially support.

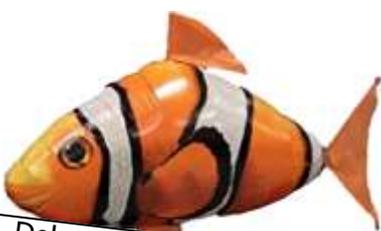
Because of our support, they have treated more than 50,000 patients and performed over 32,000 laboratory tests. They've provided more than 800 mental health consultations many with women escaping sexual slavery and with children traumatized by the murder of their parents. In December, we also provided a Christmas food supplement for 12,000 families there.

These are only a small percentage of the lives that we have changed.

Vivat Jesus!

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

DID YOU KNOW?



UFO's account for only 23% of strange things people see in the sky. The remainder have parachutes.

Debuting at this year's fish fries will be a flying fish named "Tony". Will a helium filled radio controlled fish fly?

The Stations of the Cross began during the 4th century literally along the way in Jerusalem. Walk them this Lent.



financial tips

Did you know that over 96% of Knights who invest in a financial product (life insurance, annuity, IRA) from the Knights Financial services arm keep that investment? This is because of excellent returns and low cost as a Fraternal organization but also perhaps they know something of the Knight's investment strategy. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states "We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography."

So placing your money with the Knights, not only "pays", but it also puts that money where your mouth is!!

For information contact our field agent, Dan Turnwald.

from the youth sandbox

FREE THROW CONTEST

"We had 26 boys and six girls participate in our annual free throw contest at Kalida with a number moving on to District competition in Columbus Grove as shown below. Moving onto Regional are Connor Nartker and Zach Unverferth. Nice shootin' everyone and thanks to Brian Gerdeman for coordinating everything!"



The ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST will begin in the next several weeks. Applications and details will be available at the High School after March 15. Ideas for a theme are welcome.

things to do this SPRING

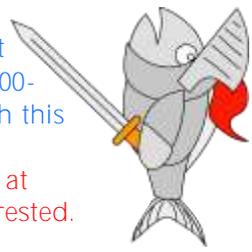
- Get your knees fixed. Always follow your pastor's example.
- Take the family to Bellevue for the Shrine and the Railroad Museum
- Make it a point to attend one K of C meeting at least once this spring
- Watch "The Passion of the Christ"
- Once your knees are fixed, prayer is always good.

CLUB 5669 NEWS

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

We need Knightly help the weeks of the Fish Fry – each Wednesday at 6:00 the big task is to put the fish in the tubs ready for the fryer and other tasks. Each Thursday we need to deal with a number of odds and ends to be ready for Friday nite. Again, 6:00 and taking about 1 ½ hours or less if we have the Knight -power. Also food prep on Thursday and Friday mornings in the 8:00-11:00 range. Any day or part of a time you can make helps us with this critical fund-raiser for the council.

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.



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

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 Ohio State Council Website - www.kofcohoio.org
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UNDER NEW CONSTRUCTION - Currently unplugged Local Knights of Columbus K of C website.

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FR. MUEHE COUNCIL NEWS

Frying fish is of course on the brain. Last year we had right around 1000 or more people each week. We also go through about 1000 pounds of fish and who knows how many desserts.

Fr. Elmer continues to provide excellent talks at each Council meeting. This winter he walked us all through the Seven Deadly Sins – can you name them? We are now starting to look at Virtues and also Fr. Elmer really wants questions from the those attending. He often says he will keep talking unless someone asks a question. Seriously though, one thing we are working towards with this is our spiritual side. While fish fries sustain the body, we also need something for our spirit to chew on. These talks are just what we need these days - **stop in the next meeting and have an “evening with Fr. Elmer”!**



We have operated without a DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT since July. This **does not mean we don't need one. The role has specific duties in managing overall programs but also to train to be Grand Knight.** Typically one serves two years as Deputy, then two as Grand Knight. Takes some good organizational skills and an ability to laugh at yourself. Please consider this for yourself or recommend another!



This could be YOU??



We continue to work through changes Supreme Council wants all councils with Home Corporations such as ours to do. These range from insurance coverage to signage, to how to manage contracts etc. Much of this is handled by the Club Officers who are making sense of a large document and what makes sense for us. Again we have no deadline but will continue diligently.

A new addition to the building was driven by Herm Borgelt and installed in the last few weeks. This was a lighted rosary as well as a new spotlight on the front of the building. This is a very nice reminder to all of who we represent. AttaKnight!

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