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WINTER 2018/2019



GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Winter. If anything can show the difference between people it's snow and ice. Some relish it, some head to Florida, some crawl under a blanket. As you will see in "Council News" we continue to look for ways to partner with our Parish's to keep our focus on Faith and Charity. With the cold, assuming you don't fly south, spend some of your precious time at a Council meeting (2nd & 4th Thursdays) to share ideas on how we can get "warmer" as a council that is truly united with the Parish family & Community. We have many things we do and have done, many of which are almost automatic. The Thanksgiving Meal just completed is like that. We place it on the calendar, the usual suspects show up and we have many people attend for fellowship and great food. What we need to do is get our nominal members to realize that the "usual suspects" need more people to help. I used the phrase "nominal member" intentionally. We need more active members who through their energy make this Council, Parish and Community a warmer place. I have been recently encouraged by two transfers-in from other councils and also two NEW members - Kalida High School seniors who were initiated and attended the very next meeting. We need this kind of energy this winter.

Stay warm and active this winter....
Grand Knight, Phil Fuerst

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FR. MUEHE COUNCIL NEWS

We continue to partner with our parish's - St. Michael's (Kalida) and St. John the Baptist (Continental). Last year we held the first children's Christmas party at the Parish Center and this year we are collaborating on the Christmas School December 1st. This past year we held the St. Michael's Mission Festival at the hall and together raised over \$7000 to support the Precious Blood Reconciliation Center and also Catholic Charities. Our community Thanksgiving November 11 was a success with over 250 meals while also serving some 50 no-cost meals to Veterans & homebound. Our cooking staff does a great job. We have a list of items working with Fr. Mark which we hope to bring to full fruition in the coming year. As we head into 2019, we will be making an effort to ensure our council membership is current, up to date with dues and most of all whatever appropriate level of involvement makes sense for everyone. On the Calendar is our annual Membership Breakfast (January 13) where any member attending & paying dues eats free. Not a bad deal. Get it on your calendar and your due to us!

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

december

- 1 Christmas School at Hall with St. Michael's
- 8 Immaculate Conception

january

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- 13 K of C Membership Breakfast (DUES DUE!!!)
- 14 Agronomy Banquet at Hall (HELP NEEDED)
- 18 March for Life in Washington, DC
- 30 Beef Banquet (LOTS OF HELP NEEDED)

february

- 2 Presentation of Jesus
- 3 Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet

Looking forward

- March 8th First Lenten Fish Fry
- March 26 Dairy Banquet

from the SUPREME KNIGHT



This year marks the 20th anniversary of St. John Paul II's great apostolic exhortation on the vocation and mission of the laity, *Christifideles Laici*. In its opening pages, we read, "A new state of affairs today both in the Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful... It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle" The laity has "the specific duty" and "irreplaceable" role "to work towards the Christian animation of the temporal order" by means of the "spiritual and corporal works of mercy" Related to this is the recognition that charity "is never able to be separated from justice," and that the laity "are never to relinquish their participation in 'public life'" or their responsibility to promote the common good. St. John Paul II summarized the mission of the laity in these words: "Their responsibility, in particular, is to testify how the Christian faith constitutes the only fully valid response ... to the problems and hopes that life poses to every person and society" GK Comment - *Are you fulfilling your duty?*

for your spirit

Every year Advent begins almost as a secret and is upon us and lost in the hustle and bustle of the coming Christmas Season. The first Sunday of Advent is December 2nd. It does NOT start the Christmas season. That starts on the day we celebrate the birth of Christ. So if you think about separating in your mind the preparation season of Advent from the Joy of Christmas, what might you do differently this year? Our parish's always strive to create a theme for focus in this season of preparation. This year St. Michael's for example is building a theme around Angels. What can these messengers from God tell us? Do we recognize that EACH of us truly has a singular Guardian Angel looking out for us. Do we ask for guidance? So when this theme come out from the Parish, embrace it, think about it, and don't think its just for the kids. Its for YOU. A few ideas: Visit the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue after a snow. The Mustard Seed in Glandorf has a great selection of gift ideas. The sacrament of reconciliation. Get Prepped!!! Knights of Columbus holding nationwide tour of Curé of Ars Heart. The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour in the U.S., from November 2018 through early June 2019.



The Knights of Columbus welcomes this special opportunity to offer for veneration a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. Check it out at www.kofc.org/vianney

DID YOU KNOW?

The Church doesn't declare that December 25th is the birth of Christ. It IS when we celebrate it.

Look up "Theotokos" if you have a doubt

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on January 1st was formally set in place by Pope St. Paul VI in 1974.

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 the youth SPOTLIGHT

The Sophomore Retreat for St. Michaels is January 20-21st. This is a great opportunity for our Youth and our leaders really put their heart in it. If you are a parent of a sophomore, realize you are the person responsible to **build your child's faith, not leave it to chance.**

Get them out of the house and into the Spirit. Also coming up (TBA) is our annual basketball shooting contest. Information will be provided as we get closer to this.



financial tips

Include children in financial discussions.

Most every family faces difficult financial decisions from time-to-time. You must make those decisions, but there are many opportunities and much value in including children in the family discussion about financial issues. While they may not understand the big picture, they are eager to feel involved, and will be proud if they feel they are helping in some way, even simple ways, such as doing chores without being asked, or playing quietly while you work things out at the kitchen table. Earning and spending are a fundamental part of growing up. Try to give your children ways to earn money around the house. They will take pride in their work, value their money, and learn to carefully consider the power of saving up and spending that money on things they want. They will most likely regret some decisions, but they learn from that, too.

HELP WANTED

Council Financial Secretary - this June, Ken Hanneman has decided to complete retirement by stepping down as Council Financial Secretary, which he has held for many years. This critical position helps the Council manage our funds, directs paying of bills & donations, member management and interactions with Supreme/State Council records. It requires organizational and computer skills and common sense. If you are interested in this role, talk to Ken or Grand Knight Phil.

Club Bar Manager - after more than a dozen years, Bob Karhoff is stepping down from Bar Manager as of the end of this year. This role manages bar operations including purchases, the bar equipment, inventory and supervises our bartenders. This is ALSO a paid position. If interested, contact Duane Steffan or John Schulte, Club Officers.

things to do this WINTER



Watch the old movie "A Man for All Season's". His feast day is December 29. Check out whose.



Attempt to watch original uncut movie "It's a Wonderful Life" with the family without tearing up. You can't do it.



Do a snow angel yourself or coax someone into doing it. It keeps you young and your Guardian Angel really likes it.



You know you really should spend some time on a spiritual retreat, however you define that. Do it. Don't just think about it.

CLUB 5669 NEWS

For Hall or Club Room Rental or Use

Tony Vorst 419-532-3288
Bar Manager - Bob Karhoff

We have completed the parking lot drainage project and while we had anxious brides wondering if it would be done on time, it was a success. Rain and snow this fall will help us with any low spots and we can rest easier about the spring monsoon season not flooding the hall. The Council really, really is thankful we have a team of dedicated Club 5669 officers that saw this need, saw it through and you can see the results.

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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