



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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### GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Spring brings a host of things to plan and do as we move to a rebirth around and hopefully within us spiritually this Lent & Easter Season.

A big event for us every winter is the Beef Banquet, which on a very cold night went very well with lots of help on hand. Next comes the Dairy Banquet March 26 to sort of complete the cow. We host these events annually since the organizations know we do a great job. We have a good slate of weddings this year. We have gotten feedback that the interior of the hall has some wear and tear and needs updated to continue to be a great wedding venue. Accordingly the Club Officers have determined on new flooring nearly everywhere except the dance floor, improvements in the restrooms etc. Along with the parking lot project, this takes money. We have received two sizable donations towards the Hall Update project already. If you are so inclined to support this effort let us know.

With the Fish Fry season also upon us, please think about being involved in food preparation on Thursday/Friday mornings as well as in the evening to either help, have dinner or both! We arguably have the most complete and best dinner around, with people coming from all directions, raising much needed funds for our projects and charity.

We are working through annual dues. Thanks to all who have already done so. To remind, a regular member is \$25, student \$12.50. Life Members over 65 with 25 consecutive years of membership are \$12.50 and when reaching 70 are free. We will be contacting members who have not paid their dues to determine if they wish to remain on our rolls. We send in essentially a "tax" on all members to State/Supreme Councils so it's important that we get this right so we keep our funds as local as possible.

Be watching for a notice in the Order's Columbia Magazine about our council 5669 partnering with St. Michael's on this past fall's Mission Fest. Our article/project was accepted and should hit the presses soon. We have welcomed quite a number of new members in the last few months with an emphasis on youth. If you know someone that would benefit by membership in the Knights or would in turn benefit our council, get them in the game. Our annual membership breakfast went well even with a lot of bad weather to contend with. One new addition was to have the "Support Our Seminarians" jar at the table. We generally only have this out for meetings – in one day we collected nearly \$400 – as much as we did last year for Diocesan seminarians!!

Lastly, our Parishes will be helping us focus on our faith life through Lent and Easter. We often think about what we might do and then Lent is half over. Get started early and renew yourself and those around you.

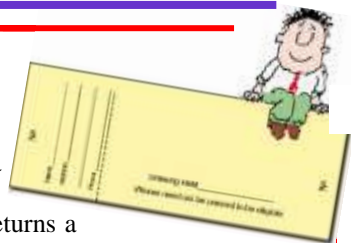
*Blessings! Grand Knight ~ Phil Fuerst*

Check out the fish fry coupon on page 5!!



*"where is page 5 anyways?"*

### K of C CHARITY CAMPAIGN



These tickets are included with this newsletter, along with a return envelope. These tickets are 100% earmarked for charities sponsored by our council and the state. Each \$5 ticket returns a minimum of \$2.40 to our council for local charity and the more we sell the higher that percentage – as much as 75% or more. That's why we mail them out to each member since it can provide much needed funds for local charities.

Among these are Habitat, Boys/Girls Scouts, Parish Youth Group, Cancer Assistance, Putnam Right to Life and local seminarians. The State portion of the ticket funds Catholic Education, Seminarian Stipends, Special Olympics and a ton of other things. Last year over \$800K of tickets were sold.

So **PLEASE, PLEASE** do one of two things:

Buy the tickets and send them back on or before April 11 or if you cannot, return the unsold ones right away so we can sell them at Fish Fry's as well.

*Last year was one of our best ever. Let's beat it.*

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## calendar of events

### march

- 6 Ash Wednesday-Lent begins
- 8 First Fish Hits the Fryer!! NEED HELP!
- 17 Senior Citizen Prom- St. Patrick Day Party
- 26 Dairy Banquet-we need help serving!!!

### april

- 11 First Charity Ticket Turn In (mail or at meeting)
- 14 Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt at Parish
- 18-21 Easter Triduum
- 24 Polka Dance 4:00-8:00

### may

- 9 Last Charity Ticket Turn In
- 12 **Mother's Day**
- 14 Blood Drive
- 17-19 K of C State Convention

### Looking forward

- June 2 Polka Dance 4:00-8:00
- June 16 Father's Day

## from the SUPREME KNIGHT

We do not stand alone.



In his first message to our international convention, Pope Francis asked "each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality."...Our positions on life are not new. My two predecessors as supreme knight spoke out forcefully to defend the rights of the unborn. In 1973, Supreme Knight John McDevitt wrote that *Roe v. Wade* was "a mortal blow to all who consider human life sacred." He urged the Order to "to initiate or increase efforts to offset the harmful effects of this lamentable decision." Simply put, our positions are now, and have always been, Catholic positions. We must remember that Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the Order's adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.

Let us continue to express our love of God and neighbor by helping those in need and by standing with our Church, regardless of the popularity of doing so. Let us remember that our "Christian witness is to be considered a fundamental obligation."

(posted on KofC.org January 2019)

## for your spirit

Need a break from winter weather?? The Lent/Spring Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama leaves on Sunday, March 31 and returns Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit Ave Maria Grotto/St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Chapel, and attend an EWTN studios/live show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa. A New addition this year is the Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Kentucky. It has the world's largest, handmade, church stained glass window and a beautiful mosaic wall.

Sponsored by St. Michael, Kalida, OH, this 6-day/ 5-night pilgrimage costs \$650 per person (double occupancy) which includes transportation, lodging, and 12 meals.



Daily Mass is available.

Men and women are welcome. (Need a roommate? Let Rita know.) Deadline is March 10, 2019.

Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637, or [hborgelt@bright.net](mailto:hborgelt@bright.net) for reservations and details.



The K of C has donated over 1000 Ultrasound machines to support Life

There are over 300 K of C councils on College Campuses (hint)

John F Kennedy was a Knight. So was Babe Ruth. Coincidence?

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

Council 5669 sent (4) of our Youth onto the **Regional Free-Throw** tournament and hopefully onto state and beyond. We had a good showing at our local contest of 37 avid shooters. Next year we may have an over 30 contest vs. the youth.

**YES**—Youth Elect Service—a great weekend for you and your teen children to help those in need around our county. This year sponsored by Ottoville Imm. Conc. June 13-15. Contact Jill Zeller 419-532-3494 (X103) for more details.

We will be asked to help support our youth who will be attending **NCYC—National Catholic Youth Conference** in November. They will be coming to a meeting to explain this great opportunity for them.



## financial tips

This month's tip is right under your nose. The Knights of Columbus has an outstanding array of financial products to support members and their families. Our founder, Venerable (and on the way to sainthood) Fr. Michael McGivney saw this financial support as a key to protect widows and children. Since the Knights are a fraternal society, our costs to run these programs is lower than not-for-profit companies and also we can have confidence that our money is invested in ways consistent with our Catholic Faith. Your Grand Knight recalls asking one of the largest investment firms in the country if they could match a K of C annuity and the answer was "we can't touch them". Not bad praise. So given all this, one might wonder why only 26% of our membership has any sort of financial product with the organization they are part of? So whether young or old, new or grown, hopefully every family has some sort of insurance or capital protection with someone besides the mattress or cookie jar. Do you and your family?

## FR. MUEHE COUNCIL

# NEWS



Our next big event is the annual Lenten Fish Fry's. These begin March 8<sup>th</sup> and conclude prior to Holy Week. They REALLY begin with planning. **We need another Captain** to run one fry-day in the kitchen. Contact Tony Vorst or Phil Fuerst if you are good at twisting arms. A behind the scenes activity is to prepare the side dishes and desserts on Thursday and Friday mornings. This is something for members, spouses, or anyone who likes to cook and talk at the same time. Lastly we are still looking for a new Financial Secretary starting this June and are still working out our Bar Manager role. We will also be looking to fill the slate of Officers in May. We need people to step up to help drive our council's efforts. The photo above pictures Ken Hanneman receiving a Founder's Circle jacket for his years of service as Financial Secretary and in recruitment.

## things to do this

# S P R I N G



Say the Rosary on March 23, 2019 in defense of Traditional Marriage!



Give up one piece of clothing each day of Lent to charity (and don't buy more...)



Pray as a family this Lent and make a good habit that is hard to break



Help out either in food preparation or serving at the Fish Fry's at least once



Join in the fun at the St. Patrick's Day party "Senior Citizen Prom" - all in the county are invited - (21+ are welcome)

## CLUB 5669 NEWS

### For Hall or Club Room Rental or Use

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

With the thaw and the spring rains, we hope to see our new drainage system "well, drain", especially with the Fish Fry's and weddings. We are now looking at a few internal projects such as improving the floor surrounding the main dance floor in some way and a few kitchen updates. We have also started a display of historical items in the club room in the old trophy case. With over 50 years of service we have much to show. If you have something (photo or?) you would like to show off, let us know. Remember with the Fish Fry coming up we need your help in any way you can, from helping get Fish in & ready to desserts & salads to coming up with the latest thing to try in the deep fryers. It's more fun than work and gets you out of the house and with people!

**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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St Michael's Church - [www.stmichaelskalida.org](http://www.stmichaelskalida.org)  
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