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Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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Summer 2019



**GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....**

Deacon Bob and I just returned from the annual state K of C convention held this year at the Kalahari waterpark in Sandusky. I'd like to say we had a chance to use the park, but they kept us too busy. However we learned about the incoming State Deputy, Robert Byers from around Marietta, known as Farmer Bob, which gives away his background. We heard about a great year for charity fundraising in its various forms across the state. Particularly interesting to me were the Councils that received awards for specific projects or programs. These are a source of new ideas for us here at good ol' 5669. One important program is the "Support our Seminarians" or SOS program, which had its best year state-wide and OUR council was able to provide two installments of \$500 directly to seminarian Travis Kahle (grandson of Imogene) while STILL sending in more money to SOS than ever before.

The K of C starts its fraternal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. As with the state, we start anew with elections for office in May & June. A significant gap is the retirement of Ken Hanneman as our Financial Secretary. He has done an exemplary job over the many years and is passing the torch (and a whole bunch of files). The Financial Secretary is a position appointed by the Grand Knight and approved by the state council. The role handles incoming bills, member dues, member roster, contact lists, and several reports due to State/Supreme council and also filings of pesky things called taxes. Unless someone jumps in, I have decided that the best place I can serve the Council is to take over this role and learn from Ken. HOWEVER – this means we need candidates for Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight to pick up from me.

We are all called to serve in various ways. Look for ways to serve others this summer and don't let the Easter season fade in your mind and heart.

*Grand Knight Phil Fuerst*

FR. MUEHE COUNCIL **NEWS**

As a Council we accomplished a number of programs this spring. These ranged from a new deck at a home in Cloverdale working with Habitat to sponsoring & serving the KHS Graduation breakfast for our seniors which was well attended – extra eggs scrambled on the spot. We held an indoor Easter Egg hunt with a big assist from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade bunnies and Fr. Mark managing to hold the kids attention with the Easter message. As noted earlier the Charity Ticket campaign was a big success. Our Seminarian contributions through SOS was made very large this year simply through our donation bucket being out at the Fish Fry events. Speaking of the Fish Fry, we had a great turnout of fish lovers and in general production through the week and on Fridays was made easier by experienced hands – it is always scary to get started each year but somehow our Knights and their Ladies make it happen. So as we come to the end of the fraternal year, our next big thing is to attend the State "Tour" meeting in July which sets the agenda for the next two years. Locally our intent is to continue to build our ties of service with our Parish's and to fit the programs of the Supreme & State Council's as they fit our communities and our available people-power & funds.

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## calendar of events

June 2	Polka Dance 4:00-8:00
June 9	Pentecost Sunday (find an upper room)
June 16	<b>Father's Day</b>
June 23	Feast of Most Holy Body & Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)
July 1	Start of K of C Fraternal Year
Aug 15	Assumption (Thursday)
Sept 2	Polka Dance 4:00-8:00
Sept 22	Polka Dance 4:00-8:00

Remember regular council meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday after mass (8:15).

Get off your chair and into one of ours.



from the  
**SUPREME KNIGHT**



We do not stand alone.

I AM WRITING this column while a massive fire is still engulfing our beautiful Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. I say "our" because this magnificent structure has been for centuries an artistic patrimony of humanity, a place of prayer for millions of Catholics in France and throughout the world — and, more recently, a special place for the Knights of Columbus.

From the history *The Knights of Columbus in Peace and War* (1920), we read this: "In Paris on Good Friday 1919, the most impressive religious service held in the history of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe took place when the Knights of Columbus ... held a service there for the public adoration of the cross. Ten thousand Americans packed the great edifice; the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Mons. Amette, presided."

Mindful of all the controversies consuming the Church in recent years, the image of this burning cathedral seemed in a way to symbolize the devastation so many Catholics have felt as our Church has been rocked by one crisis after another. Fires have destroyed great cathedrals before, and they have been rebuilt. So let us hope this will be true again. But not only this church. Let us resolve to patiently "rebuild" the Church, not with granite and mortar, but with living stones in the spirit of those earlier builders — with humility, penance and with gratitude for the miracle that God is still performing before our eyes.

## for your spirit

The feast of Pentecost recognizes the day the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with zeal and courage to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guides the Church as a whole and is a font of wisdom and support for us individually. The apostles knew the way would be hard and may have suspected they would not survive long for Christ, but willingly brought the Good News literally to the ends of the earth. We may think that it would be much easier if we all had a little flame come down on our heads to seal our mission and show us the way. The fact is however that the baptized & confirmed are embued with the Spirit who is patiently waiting for us to answer a call. Normally in this section we have a list of things you might consider doing. For this summer as you relax from the troubles of life, spend some time just listening. You may just find that fire.

## CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Thanks everyone who participated in the statewide Charity Cash Bonanza tickets that we sent out in the last newsletter. While not all the tickets reached their intended homes, we did our best to get them there. As a result we had an excellent total response for 2019. Our St. Michael's Youth Group partnered with us to sell tickets at fish fry's and we gave them \$2.50 a ticket to do so, which is going towards the fall National Catholic Youth Conference. One piece of really big news is that the **TOP PRIZE was won by a member of our Council!** This top prize is \$414 per month for the next ten years!!!! We will receive our share of the ticket sales (roughly \$2.50 or more of the \$5 dollar ticket) for local programs soon. Look for your chance again next spring.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

For 2019 our average fish fry fed 1011

We made at least 1000 pounds of fish per week

Christ fed a whole lot more with TWO fish

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 SANDBOX

On the morning of the Kalida High School field day, juniors and seniors spread out around the community assisting organizations with projects for the first time. Since it rained, we had nearly 20 students descend on the K of C hall to clean anything that wasn't moving. No gum is under any chair or table! Seriously though, they did a great job and it was hard to keep work for everyone. Volunteer work like this is great for everyone involved and we praise KHS youth for a job well done.



Coming up this fall is the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. Our K of C council strongly supports this program, coordinated through St. Michael's Youth Director Jill Zeller. This event is for high school youth and is one of the best events to stir the faith and understand just how strong our Catholic community is around the country. A great experience — check it out on the internet and inspire a teenager near you....

## 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.

### Key Officers:

Grand Knight — Phil Fuerst  
Deputy Grand Knight — Ur Namehere  
Financial Secretary — Ken Hanneman  
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## financial tips

As seniors in high school start looking into the cost of college, the idea of applying for scholarships comes up. There are as many scholarships as your internet fingers can find. Last fall's newsletter we mentioned several Knights of Columbus scholarships available from both State and Supreme Councils. At least one of our new graduates and new council 5669 Knight must have read it. Christian Nartker was awarded a John W. McDewitt (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) Scholarship. The amount is up to \$1500 annually and will be needed as he begins at Notre Dame. Christian joined our council this school year and completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree this spring before the rains came. CONGRATS Christian!

Another local award went to Kalida native Dan Turnwald who is the K of C field agent for our area. At the K of C state convention he was recognized as the No 1 agent for the State of Ohio. This is testimonial to his hard work on behalf of the Knights and their families in Putnam County. Take some time to check out how Knight's financial products can fit your family's needs.

## things to do this summer

-  Do something special for the Feast of the Assumption (hint — Carey or Maria Stein)
-  Don't blow off mass on vacation. Make a point to check out [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) to find one that fits.
-  Council meetings in the rain are a great way to spend an evening
-  Don't shy away from explaining or defending your faith — our culture has it under attack
-  Encourage your kids to help the neighbors — maybe you can lead the way!



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Ohio State Council Website - [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)  
St Michael's Church - [www.stmichaelskalida.org](http://www.stmichaelskalida.org)  
Columbia Online - [www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html)

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