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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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WINTER 2019



### GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

The first snow has fallen and we have reached winter. I hope your summer & fall were rewarding and faith filled. This is my first column since taking on the role of Grand Knight again for our council. I very much want to thank Ken Hanneman who has ably managed our finances and council reporting to Supreme for over two decades. He has stepped down and outgoing Grand Knight Phil Fuerst has picked up the role of Financial Secretary. We still lack a Deputy Grand Knight to help us further the works of our Council in the future. If you value what we have done over the years or want to set us in new directions, we need your energy to step up. Having done the job before and now, I can tell you that the responsibilities are well distributed within our Council & the Club officers and things often seem to run themselves. PLEASE consider being a leader for our Council, our Parish and our Community.

We continue to work with St. Michael's parish on various events. Most recently we hosted the Mission Festival which raised over \$18,000, far more than last year. Our next event is working with Jill Zeller & the Parish Youth Group to put on the Christmas School December 7<sup>th</sup> for kids K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Once again we will sponsor a poster contest for them, this year with the theme "Jesus is the Star of Christmas".

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Tony Vorst  
Grand Knight



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## FR. MUEHE COUNCIL NEWS

As we get into the new year, you will see on the calendar that annual dues will be collected. An easy way to do this is to attend the January 19<sup>th</sup> Member dues breakfast, which is free with paid up dues. If you have NOT paid your dues last year or even for several years, our Financial Secretary, Phil Fuerst will work with you to catch up and be in good standing. We recently heard from a small group representing St. Michael's Youth Group who are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This conference happens every two years and has over 25,000 high school age youth, who hear from nationally known speakers for youth ministry, Cardinals of the Church and attend several liturgical events. Our Council voted to sponsor the equivalent of one completely this year and will hear what they learned in our 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting. With the year ending, we start gearing up for our major fundraiser, the Lenten Fish Fry's. We are in need of one or two more captains to lead a Friday. This simply entails getting some of your best buds, neighbors, or family members to pitch in and staff the best Fish Fry in the Diocese. Contact Tony Vorst if you are good at arm twisting and want to experiment with deep frying things. As we get into the new year, you will see on the calendar that annual dues will be collected. An easy way to do this is to attend the January 19<sup>th</sup> Member dues breakfast, which is free with paid up dues. If you have NOT paid your dues last year or even for several years, our Financial Secretary, Phil Fuerst will work with you to catch up and be in good standing without breaking the piggy bank.

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## calendar of events

- Nov. 30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 7 St. Michael's Christmas School at the Hall (AM)
- Dec. 7 Polka Dance doors open at 4:00
- Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
- Dec. 25 Birth of our Savior
- Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 6 Epiphany
- Jan. 19 Member & Dues Breakfast.  
(Pay your Dues & Eat for Free...)
- Jan. 29 Beef Banquet (Need lots of help!!!)
- Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- Feb. 28 First Fish Fry at Hall (need even more help!!!)
- Apr. 3 LAST Fish Fry
- Apr. 12 Resurrection of the Lord

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.

## FOR youth snowbank

We have decided to financially help support a group of High School students who attended NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis on November 21-24. This is a bi-annual event that attracts almost 25,000 teens from across the USA. These same St. Michael teens helped us in our annual Knights ticket sales, by selling at the Fish Fries this past season. At one of our upcoming meetings, they will be sharing about their experience. They are very grateful for our contribution to this wonderful conference for the youth of our faith.



front row: Kamryn Wurth, Carlee Recker, Hannah Berheide  
back row: Will Zeller, Brooke Siefker, Emily Buss, Marcy Landwehr, and Jenny Rall

## for your spirit

Advent is just around the corner and then seemingly immediately after Christmas comes Lent. BOTH of these seasons are an opportunity the Church gives us to contemplate the past and current direction of our lives. Are we ready for the second coming of Christ? Are we prepared for our own death? This sounds a little tough to think about, but are in part have been the focus of our chaplain, Fr. Elmer Wurth in our recent meetings. Are we ready? A good way to think this all through is take some time on a personal or group retreat. We have a number of shrines and other locations for making a day of it during these seasons. When is the last time you visited the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue? The Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein or the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey? All of these are a short drive away and all have websites to plan a trip. Consider doing something like this solo or with family or friends. We all need to reflect since we get one shot at this life.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The word "Website" was first used to describe the center point of a web spun between fixed points to catch insects. Don't get caught in a bad website.

The Supreme Council has a new and VERY useful website at <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>. While there, check out the interview with Congressional Medal of Honor winner Ed Byers, Jr., fellow Knight who grew up in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Our State Council website is also new at <https://kofcoho.org/>

The best way to avoid walking into a spider web is to invite someone to walk ahead of you.

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

## from the SUPREME KNIGHT



We do not stand alone.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I attended the consecration of a beautifully restored church. As the Blessed Sacrament was placed in the new tabernacle, I thought of the Ark of the Covenant, which was the place of God's presence among his people, beginning in the time of Moses. Now, in the New Covenant, the Lord's true presence is a reality wherever Mass is celebrated and wherever the Eucharist is reserved.



As Catholics, we may take this reality for granted today, but the initial reaction to Jesus' discourse on the bread of life was one of disbelief — the Jews saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" and his disciples saying, "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?" Most of his disciples actually left, and Jesus then turned to the Apostles: "Will you also go away?" As we know, Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

Jesus' question remains painfully real in light of the devastating scandals that have recently rocked the Church and the declining church attendance among Catholics. And if Jesus' question has new relevance, so does Peter's answer. If we were to turn away from the presence of the Lord, where would we go?

## 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.

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## financial tips

Generally in this space, we provide some information on products that the Knights offer for our members. But our first priority after providing sufficiently for our family should be focused on what God would want us to do with our financial resources. Part of this is one of the Precepts of the Church where *The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities* (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church). Some people say the church has enough money or have stopped giving because of scandal in the church, which may mean they give up any contributions to any cause of our Faith. However giving in Charity is something we are called to as Christians and as Knights. We should be giving directly or indirectly to support the mission of the Church. In part the financial tools & offerings of the Knights of Columbus can be a way to provide support of the Church and needs throughout the world. From the mission statement they are for "For investors seeking to both grow their wealth and maintain their integrity, the tradition, experience and expertise that has helped to build a \$24 billion investment portfolio are available, managed in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops socially responsible investment guidelines".

## things to do this WINTER



Read a good book or watch a video on our Faith rather than some reality TV show

If you haven't incited someone to make a snow angel, lead by example

Our bi-monthly K of C meetings do NOT require you to become an officer!!

Don't fall off the ladder putting up all sorts of lights. Send your spouse up.

The Club has completed several major tasks the past year and a half, with the most recent installing a curb on the south side of the lot. We were fortunate to receive a number of donations in support of this and the past parking lot project that has kept our collective nose above water while we completed this work. The Hall serves our Council, Parish and Community, and is one of the largest facilities for events of all sorts. Most recently we were grateful to host Fr. Elmer Wurth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. This was a simple way to give back to our chaplain who has served our Council the last several years with talks each meeting. Our community Thanksgiving Meal was also a success.

The largest fundraiser of the year for the Hall, Council and Charity begins with the Lenten Fish Fry's. These take a tremendous amount of coordination and we need all Knights (and some of their Ladies) on deck to make this a success. Please consider being involved with the crews that handle "fish flipping" through the week, the Thursday & Friday morning folks that make desserts and side dishes and of course the Friday Knight Fryers.

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