

New Ceremonial Makes Being a Member Even Easier

– Why Become a Knight!

It's the beginning of a new era for the Knights of Columbus: A modern single, public exemplification ceremony can now be used to welcome men to our ranks as full members of the Order. The new ceremony combines the three ceremonies used in the past. It is now intended to be completely public, held in Council chambers or potentially in church, with families present to see for themselves what it is all about. By being public more people will understand what Knights are called to be in our society – to provide leadership in Charity, Patriotism, & Faith. Being a member provides opportunity to serve within a fraternal brotherhood dedicated to these principles. Our tradition of supporting fellow Knights families offers a wide ranging access to Life Insurance and other products within a faith-based framework. In addition, access to tailored published material, videos and other resources focused on supporting your Faith helps provide the guidance we need in this confused world. We hope to run the first of these new ceremonies this spring for Council 5669 which would then offer all new members and older members never achieving their 3rd Degree a wonderful way to get there!

Honorary and Honorary

Lifetime Roster, Council 5669

Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years are designated as honorary members. Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, are designated as honorary life members.



HONORARY MEMBERS

Dennis J Bockrath
James R Bockrath
Thomas F Bonifas
Dennis L Bruskotter
Charles V Burgei
Kenneth E Buss
William B Butler
Thomas T Calvelage
Gary L Dickman
Dennis L Ellerbrock
Joseph D Fortman
Michael J Fortman
Richard U Gerdeman
James L Gray
Robert J Hamel
Gerald F Hanneman
James A Hanneman
Kenneth S Hanneman
Larry J Hanneman
Robert L Heidenschel
David A Heitmeyer
Dennis J Heitmeyer
Leonard F Horstman
Robert Horstman
David J Kahle
Duane B Karhoff
Gary J Kleman
Glen W Koenig
Gary L Kruse
Roger J Luersman
Gary E Maag

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Raymond H Aversch	Karl S Fortman	Mark H Knapke	Michael D Novicki	Donald E Stechschulte
Albert Barnhart	Glen V Geckle	Aloysius P Kneueven	John G Phillips	Eugene U Stechschulte
Wilbur W Becker	James E Gerdeman	Elmer E Korte	James T Recker	Paul F Stechschulte
Dennis A Bendele	Robert A Gerdeman	Ronald R Korte	John O Recker	Daniel T Swick
Richard L Bockrath	Virgil B Gerdeman	Robert A Kortokrax	Paul J Recker	Wilfred A Trenkamp
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Paul E Broecker	Melvin W Guisinger	William J Kreinbrink	Larry D Ricker	Kenneth J Unverferth
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Lawrence J Burkhardt	Robert H Hanneman	Bill J Maag	Herman F Scherger	Charles E Vorst
Larry H Buss	Joseph M Heeter	Clayton H Maag	Paul R Schimmoeller	Dennis B Vorst
Robert J Buss	Gerald J Heitmeyer	Dennis A Maag	Eugene J Schmersal	Vincent J Vorst
Dennis R Cattell	Ronald L Heitmeyer	Gary J Maag	Donald A Schroeder	Arthur J Warnecke
Eugene H Deters	Arthur R Hermiller	Robert J Maag	Douglas D Schroeder	James E Warnecke
Roger C Dickman	David A Hermiller	Ronald J Maag	Earl S Schroeder	Kenneth U Warnecke
Thomas L Dunlap	Paul E Hermiller	Robert A Machunas	George H Schroeder	Mark L Warnecke
James T Ellerbrock	Richard K Hoffman	Richard J Maenle	Larry T Schroeder	Paul L Warnecke
Kenneth S Ellerbrock	Richard J Hoffman	Leon B Meyer	Richard H Schroeder	Robert H Warnecke
Louis R Ellerbrock	Donald T Hohlbein	Robert L Meyer	Stephen L Schroeder	Robert R Warnement
Ronald J Ellerbrock	Joseph C Hovest	Daniel E Miller	Michael F Schulte	Hubert A Wehri
Clarke J Ellis	Daniel C Kahle	Gerald L Miller	Richard J Schulte	Lawrence Westbeld
Louis D Fanger	Jason J Kahle	Karl J Miller	Ronald B Schulte	Leo Marty White
J William Felkey	Ronald Lee Kahle	Kenneth Miller	John Z Shambro	Elmer P Wurth
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Thank you for your years of service!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. Michael Muehe Council #5669

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SPRING/summer 2020



GRAND KNIGHT COMMENTS....

Thanks to everyone who have been helping out on the banquets, weddings, and general maintenance & improvement of the hall. We have been doing quite a few updates through the efforts of the Club Officers and always have plans for more. With the season of Lent, we have Fish Fry's, our major fundraiser for the Council and its works in the community. We need help not only on Friday evenings but even more so on Thursday and Friday mornings to prepare all the side dishes and desserts. Anytime you can help on Friday evenings, especially for cleanup is great. It takes a lot of wonderful Knights to make this work.

As you can see on the calendar, we are hosting a number of Polka dances for the public through spring and summer. This is a good opportunity for Knights to help out and also swing their lady & ladies around the dance floor. As spring opens we will also be looking for Knights to step up either in a Council Officer role or

with the Club side. Fr. Muehe Council 5669 has been a source for good for over 50 years. With many of our leadership well past 50 years themselves, we need new folks to continue what we mean to our parishes and the communities we serve.

Lastly, this newsletter packet brings our annual Charity Bonanza ticket drive for Charity statewide and locally. These tickets, only \$5 each provide a minimum of \$2.40 to our Council for local charities. The more we are able to sell the larger our percentage, such that we can raise this to \$4 or more. The faster we get these purchased and returned the better we can do. Our first turn in is early April with a tax-day deadline. Enclosed is a return envelope for these tickets. If you cannot or choose not to participate, we ask you return the unsold tickets in the envelope so we can use them. Look inside the newsletter for more on the Charity Bonanza Campaign.

Tony Vorst
Grand Knight

FR. MUEHE COUNCIL NEWS

As The spring season finds us in the midst of the two major fundraisers for our mission – fish fry's and annual dues. While we know that the Fish Fry's take a lot of work, they are always a success. This year our annual dues are far behind the pace. We have about

424 members who should be paying dues and thus far we have only about 1/4 meeting their responsibility. We will have the member cards available at the Fish Fry's and if you have paid by newsletter time your card will be within the mailer.

If you have NOT paid your dues by this mailing, you will find a reminder card in this mailer. If you are ready to pay your dues, they can be included in the enclosed return envelope (along with tickets!) and we'd appreciate it as a separate check marked "2020 dues". Each year we are required to send a "per capita" amount to both State and Supreme Council levels for every member. About 1/2 of this is covered by these dues while the other half stays with our council. When dues aren't paid we still have to pay this "member tax". Honorary Lifetime members are dues exempt, Honorary members 1/2 along with students. Our current list of Honorary's is included in the newsletter.

Given that if you DO NOT WISH TO REMAIN in the Knights of Columbus, we need this in writing from you to remove you from the rolls. An easy way to do this is on the back of the dues reminder card. Simply write on the back words to the effect that "I do not want to remain a Knight", sign and date it. If you have a reason you are leaving, you can state that but it is not required, but we need your signature. This clears up our rolls, reduces our cost and saves your mailbox. However do keep in mind the benefits of membership are many, outlined in the "why be a member" box in this newsletter. If you DO want to remain in the Knights but live far away from Kalida, we can transfer you as well to a more local Council to you. In any case we are looking to have a council of ACTIVE Knights, for their benefit and the benefit of others.

calendar of events

March

- Fish Fry's Every Friday
- 24 Dairy Banquet (need help!)
- 29 Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's
- 29 K of C Founder's Day

April

- 3 Last Fish Fry
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 19 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 19 Polka Dance 6:30-9:30 (Hungry Five Band)

May

- 10 Mother's Day (all day)
- 15-17 Tentative State Convention
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 19 Blood Drive 12:30-6:30
- 21 Ascension
- 25 Memorial Day
- 31 Pentecost

June

- 7 Feast of Most Holy Trinity
- 7 Polka Dance 4:00-7:00 (Tony Cupler Band)
- 11 Corpus Christi
- 14 Flag Day
- 21 Father's Day

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 19 Polka Dance 4:00-8:00 (Good Times Orchestra)

August

- 9 Polka Dance 4:00-8:00 (Fred Zewich Band)
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

from the SUPREME KNIGHT

We do not stand alone.

Last month our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson had a meeting with Pope Francis. The Pope remembered "one hundred years ago that my predecessor Pope Benedict XV invited the Knights of Columbus to provide humanitarian aid to young people and others in Rome following the terrible conflict of the First World War. The Knights responded generously, establishing sports centres for youth that quickly became places for education, catechesis and the distribution of food and other essentials so needed at that time. In this way, your Order proved faithful to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need. Today the Knights of Columbus continue their work of evangelical charity and fraternity in a variety of fields. I think in particular of your faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life, evident at both the local and national levels.....Dear brothers and sisters, with these thoughts and sentiments, I entrust you to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I offer my prayers for the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and for the good works accomplished by the local Councils worldwide. To all of you present here and to your loved ones, I impart my heartfelt blessing, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. Thank you!"



DID YOU KNOW?

Fish are not only a great fundraiser for K of C councils but also a source of Omega-3. Both are good for you.

Our council has 579 total members of which 142 are Life Members, 61 Honorary and 8 in inactive status.

That special fried items are available beyond just fish for the staff.

Help out and try some fried candy bar....

Polka dancing is considered much more difficult than Rap. (PDSA)

FOR the youth LANDSCAPE

As the school year winds down – yes it's hard to believe that May is soon upon us, as parents and grandparents we should consider that we continue to support them and if necessary push them to spend some of their time focused on building their faith. At baptism this responsibility is something we took vows for. So when an opportunity for a parish retreat pops up, get them going. When you start thinking of family trips to take, consider a swing by a local shrine, perhaps a special Basilica or Cathedral near the vacation spot. Some parents have the belief that after confirmation they let it up the child to decide on what they might attend, whether CCD class or parish event. Would they have the same attitude if the question was drugs, sex, or following the "wrong set" of friends?

In June, youth from around the county will be serving others in their Annual YES (Youth Elect Service) project. Do you know someone who may want to help or someone who could use some help with landscaping, cleaning, etc. Contact Jill Zeller with any questions.

for your spirit

From Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ... But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Gospel for April 5, Mt 27:46, 50-51)

Sometimes we can get the idea that Jesus was a "nice guy" and that our purpose as Christians is to be nice people who do nice things and don't bother with anything unpleasant. Jesus' heart-rending words from the cross should demolish this misconception. Here the Son of God cries out, quoting Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He gives us permission to make these words our own – in whatever moments of pain, anguish and suffering we experience. You and I are invited to pour our hearts out openly to God in trust and confidence. This month, as we enter Holy Week and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross to meditate on Christ's anguish in his Passion. Have there been times that God has seemed distant to you? How can you model faith that goes beyond being a "nice guy" to be open to the reality of suffering? In praying the Stations of the Cross, how does the reality that Christ accepted suffering and death help you to share your suffering with him?

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

CLUB 5669

NEWS

For Hall or Club Room Rental or Use

Tony Vorst 419-532-3288
We are still searching for Knights willing to bartend for weddings at the Hall. This pays \$10/hour plus tips. Contact Sandy Vorst if interested.

Key Officers:

Grand Knight – Tony Vorst
Deputy Grand Knight – WE NEEDYOU
Financial Secretary – Phil Fuerst
Treasurer – Don Wehri
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financial tips

Using RMDs to fund deferred annuities

Once you reach age 72 (was 70 1/2) you are obligated by IRS regulations to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from qualified retirement accounts, and these withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income. This would be a 401k for many of us as one example.

If you find that these RMDs exceed your immediate financial needs, but cashing out your retirement accounts doesn't make sense for your situation, you may want to consider using them to periodically fund a deferred annuity, to sustain you and/or your spouse should you live to a ripe old age. This helps out managing the tax problems as well as building for a longer future. Your Knights of Columbus financial representatives can help sort this out for you.



things to do this Spring



You can't mow the lawn every Thursday night. Come to a K of C meeting.



Plan on checking out the Assumption mass at Maria Stein in August. Or maybe the tractor square dancing at the Maria Stein May country fest



Sign up to catch fish for the 2021 Fish Fry's.



When planning summer vacation, keep in mind www.Masstimes.org to find Sunday mass.



Relax with a good friend

Supreme Council Website - www.kofc.org/en/index.html
Ohio State Council Website - www.kofcoho.org
St Michael's Church - www.stmichaelskalida.org
Columbia Online - www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html

YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEBSITE
www.stmichaelskalida.org/k-of-c-council-5669.html