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The
First
Word

“You are the light of the world. A city on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.”

- Matthew 5:14,15

“May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life.”

— *Pope Francis, 2017 World Day of Peace message*

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From the Grand Knight

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

The KofC (*that's K of C, not KFC! – editor*) Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner is on Sat. Sep. 12, Noon until sold out. On Friday Sep. 11, there is a need for help to package the coleslaw, potato salad, roll, and cookies for the dinner. This will take place in the Community Center after school hours, approx. starting at 4:30pm. Need help also on Saturday, Sep. 12, to cook the chicken, package it, and sell it. The selling starts at noon.

A survey of activities has been sent with the Football Frenzy tickets. Please fill this out, it would great to have more of the council involved the diversity of activities.

As KofC members, we are seen by the public and religious as “Into the Breach” men. A great way to demonstrate our faith is to sign up for the Adoration Chapel, either as a regular attendee or as a sub. I have 2 times per week scheduled. Contact the Parish office for details.

My garden did not meet expectations. I had a few meals with green beans, small cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes. The butternut squashes are just being formed. Need to rely on the stores. With the mild weather and the stores shelves stocked with most items, now is a great time to stock up for the winter with canned goods, dry goods like instant potatoes and powdered milk. Even eggs can be kept from drying out for months in the refrigerator if enclosed in double plastic bags. The special web sites that I view suggest having three months of food. If anyone wants to know these sites, send me a personal email. My address is on the front cover of the Tool Box.

Have you ever considered the need to back up your information on an external drive or to the cloud? I have doing battle with the malware on my main frame, the final outcome was a complete destruction of all the files on my computer. It was just like it came off the assembly line. It has been

reconfigured by the Geek Squad at Best Buy. My laptop is next.

If you go to the security tab on one of the programs, such Microsoft Edge, you can see who is the administrator on your computer. If you find “trustedinstaller,” the computer will eventually be trashed. Back up your documents and pictures before doing battle. This malware uses McAfee as a front to infect computers. The Geek Squad is installing Trend Micro on my main frame. I have used Trend Micro before with less than steller results. What’s the best virus/malware security? Even the Geek Squad did not an answer.

(And if you backup to an external drive, REMEMBER TO REMOVE IT. Believe your editor - you don't want to leave it in the computer the night the computer gets stolen!)

Fraternally yours,
Paul Kreinbrink
Grand Knight



From the Field Agent

HELP WANTED

There are currently four openings for Field Agents in the Toledo area. Any practicing Catholic man, 18 years old or older, can apply, and while Order membership is certainly beneficial it is *not* mandatory. Contact me per below for details on this rewarding career. (Not to say he *needs* help, but Wayne is managing some 10,000 accounts by himself!)

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can. I'm at 419-356-8377 or wayne.Vreeland@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Wayne Vreeland
Interim Field Agent

We make an impact in the lives of those we serve, Knights Families by:

1. Protecting the innocent when someone dies prematurely-**Life Insurance**

2. Providing an income you can't outlive-
Retirement Planning
3. Protecting assets when someone can no longer care for themselves-**Long Term Care**
Provide an income when someone can't work due to health-**Disability Income Insurance.**



**IN PLACE OF
NORMAL
ACTIVITIES . . .**

Please take advantage of the following opportunities do what normal things we can, and alternatives where we can't.

Masses:

The normal Mass schedule is back in effect, and all of you have received the Parish mailing of May 18 outlining the new procedures.

One major change is this: Bishop Daniel Thomas has dispensed all Catholics from the Sunday obligation until further notice; if you are elderly, sick, have pre-existing conditions or are otherwise compromised, please refrain from attending and take advantage of the livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube at 8:00 AM Weekdays and Sundays at **9:00 AM** (formerly 10:00). Go to the Parish website and scroll down to the second paragraph beneath the COVID-19 UPDATES headline. (If the sound cuts out, no need to check your equipment – the church's sound system doesn't always communicate with the teleconferencing software, and the one exception is usually the singing.)

Mass is also on EWTN at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM daily and noon most days, and there is a DailyTVMass (that's the name!) out of Toronto. Mass from our Cathedral is on Annunciation Radio at 3:00 PM weekdays.

Most Masses can be viewed or heard anytime online through podcasting.

Devotions:

EWTN TV also has the following devotional programs, in addition to occasional specials:

- ⤴ Chaplet of St. Michael at 7:00 AM daily except Friday with Station of the Cross at that time on Friday;
- ⤴ Holy Rosary following daily Mass, typically starting around 9:00 AM;
- ⤴ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM daily;
- ⤴ The Rosary Novena from Lourdes at 7:30 AM weekends and 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM daily; and,
- ⤴ Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday.

Bulletins:

The current and recent Parish bulletins are also available on the Parish website.

Visiting the Church:

The Church is open for prayer 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday.

The Adoration Chapel is scheduled to reopen September 6 to scheduled adorers only, under various guidelines to maintain social distancing and protect privacy. Contact the Parish office for details, and how to sign up as an adorers.

Confessions:

Confessions are heard 9:00 to 9:30 AM Friday and 3:30 to 4:45 PM Saturday in the confessional(s). Socially distanced face-to-face (well, okay, mask-to-mask) Confessions are available.

Council meetings:

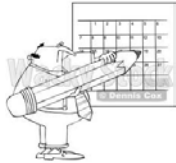
Thanks be to God, telemeetings are over and done with. Face-to-face meetings have been approved. Locations will be announced, but for now will be the Family Center or Community Center. Social distancing applies.

If you have any concerns that you would like to present for consideration, please contact any of the Officers. You saw them listed on the front page.



Honoring Bob Schwanzl

The Toledo Firefighter's Museum has announced that the gift made to them by the Council in Bob's name will be used to purchase a plaque honoring him.



Council Calendar

**ALL EVENTS PENDING
DUE TO PANDEMIC**

Recurring regularly scheduled events:

Social meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 pm,
Location TBA.

Business Meetings: Fourth Tuesday, Church
basement, 7:00 pm, Location TBA.

Big Breakfasts: Community Center, preparation
at 8:00, serving 9:30 to 11:30, second Sundays
October through February. There may be
Breakfasts in March and/or April 2021.

Chapter meetings: Third Thursday, varying
locations TBA.

Parish Night of Worship: First Fridays, 6:30-
7:30 PM in the Church, includes adoration and
the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Everything else - changes from last month are
underscored:

**THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE
PENDING DUE TO PANDEMIC**

September 8: Social meeting, 7:00 PM,
parish location TBA, public welcome.

September 12: Chicken barbeque. See
separate announcement for news!

Cancelled: Parish picnic.

September 22: Business meeting, 7:00 PM,
parish location TBA, current members only
please.

October 28-29: Foundation for Life
Charity Reception, 7:00 each night. See
separate announcement.

Date TBD: Priests appreciation dinner
(originally planned for October)



How do I get in touch?

With apologies for making it a pain in the
behind, discretion in the light of increasing
attacks on privacy has dictated that all contact
information be held in confidence. An idea has
been floated of having the Council use a
permanent e-mail address for each officer's
position, in a format such as
editor@ourcouncil, once the website's security
issues have been addressed. In the meantime,
our worthy Grand Knight is offering himself
as the Council's point of contact; his phone
number and e-mail address remain on the front
page.



We're having a Barbeque – Definitely!

The annual Chicken Barbeque will be
Saturday, September 12. There is lots of news:

- ⚡ The chicken has been donated, the Council
is absorbing all other costs, and as was
mentioned in the last issue, all proceeds go
to the Parish.
- ⚡ A date and time for grille setup has yet to
be determined, but will be prior to the 11th.
- ⚡ Food prep will be in the Community
Center on the 11th after school is out.
- ⚡ Cooks please report at 9:00 Saturday
morning, servers at 11:00.
- ⚡ Masking and social distancing will be in
effect!
- ⚡ Beverage service will be at the discretion
of the parish 7th Graders.

Contact Trustee Frank Kohler for information
or to volunteer.

Frank says we can expect it to be a big
draw, as it is outdoors. It will be so especially
if the wind is right and those wonderful
aromas of grilling chicken waft over
downtown and the nearby neighborhoods.



Watch your Mail!

Besides the Toolbox delivery issues discussed in this issue's Editorial, keep an eye on your mail. DGK Gregg will be mailing you your Football Crazz tickets, per the following announcement, and along with the tickets there will be some important information for you to review regarding the Order's Faith in Action program.



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Football ~~Frenzy!~~ Craz!

The Football Sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket.

At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period.

The 23 winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games.

The scores from the previous week's games are used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. A winners' list will be posted on www.fundcrazr.com and www.kofcoho.org– Password is going to your ticket number.

Your Council receives a rebate based on the number of tickets sold statewide. With all the uncertainty surrounding this year's football season, simulated games will be used to determine scores if games are not actually played.

DGK Gregg is mailing two tickets to each member. If you need more tickets, request them at meetings or from him.

And, if like your Editor, you're as good at selling as the Bengals or Lions are at football, buy them yourself, for yourself or for others!



Fumbles!

Your Editor tries to stay on top of and report Council news, but only after it happens. It turns out that one of the Knights welcomed in the August issue isn't a Knight yet, as he was prevented from being at the August 11 Degree. Sorry for the premature story, but he is still welcome!

Also, apologies for appointing John Drage to be Inside Guard. The position remains vacant.



Paid your Dues Yet?

We're almost there, but not quite. Fiscal Secretary Ed Fiscus reports that there are still about 10% of our members who need to pay their dues, and he is looking for you! If you haven't paid, get on it, or else you may be suspended.

Your dues, still only \$36, help fund the Order's charitable work; and please remember to add a \$5.00 donation to the Measure Up program, which benefits persons with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your continued support and commitment!



Recruiting Challenge is Still On!

Sign up two new members, and you will win a \$50.00 meal gift card. (Sorry, one for \$25 doesn't qualify!) Make sure that your name is entered with the names of those you recruited, and by all means don't let social distancing stop you – there are other ways to talk to men!

There is a catch – only members who are current on their dues are eligible.



We have a Winner – And he was at the Meeting!!

At the end of each business meeting, a 50/50 drawing of sorts is held for a cash prize consisting of donations from the attendees. Half the pot goes to Pennies for Heaven, and half to the winner. The winner is drawn from a list of all Council members, and the winner has to be present to claim the pot. If the winner is not present, the pot carries forward to the next meeting.

Trustee Steve Toerne was the winner at the August meeting, and was present to collect the pot!

Come to the next business meeting, September 22nd at a parish location to be named later, 7:00 PM. You might win! (But don't come just for the money!)



Recruiting Incentives Announced

DGK Gregg has a question for all of us: Who is going to fill your shoes?

None of us is getting any younger, and if the Order is to continue, we need young men

to join. And so he is encouraging us all to invite younger men to come on board.

Get them to come to a social meeting, or invite them to help at what few events we can hold these days. Gregg says it was the desire to help others that motivated him to join; how many other Greggs are in the parish with the same desire but no means to act upon it?

To this, District Deputy Arron adds that we need to sign up only seven new members during this fraternal year to meet our quota.

So come on, men, bring 'em in! Six new members is three \$50 meal tickets; maybe DGK Gregg would be so kind as to make the seventh a bonus?



Nominees Wanted

Remember to submit nominees for Knight and Family of the Month. These awards are made for exemplary service to the Council and the Parish.

Knight nominees go to Deputy Grand Knight Gregg Davis. Family nominees go to Family Director Mike Houck. Any Parish family is eligible, and membership in the Order is not mandatory.



Safety First!

Supreme is emphasizing the importance of its Safe Environment Program, which is mandatory for any Knights working with children. The course and refresher are available online at

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>.

NEW ITEM:

Also on the subject of Safety First: You might have guessed this already, but Pandemic mandates issued by the State government supercede all Order mandates.



Upcoming Degree Dates

All local Degrees are cancelled due to the Pandemic. However, Supreme is holding online Degrees on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> for all practicing Catholic men who wish to join. The traditional Form 100 is still in use by Councils.



This month's Anniversaries

David C. Howe and Michael J. Simmons - 3rd Degree, 2014

This list shows the highest degrees attained that the Council has on record for its members. As a point of clarification, the anniversaries are for years of continuous membership.

Congratulations, Gentlemen!

(Don't be alarmed, only two anniversaries this month isn't a sign the Council is fading away into oblivion! Summer is always a slow time for Degrees. But we do need members, so bring 'em in!)



Prayer requests

Heavenly Father, in Your mercy and love please grant our petitions. Let us pray for . . .

Regarding Covid 19:

- + A cure
- + All who have it
- + The families of those who have it
- + Eternal happiness for those who have died from it
- + All who have lost their jobs
- + All who live in fear and anxiety
- + All stranded travelers, that they can come home

- + All in authority, for wisdom, temperance and safety
- + Strength, endurance and protection for all medical personnel and emergency responders

Other specific needs:

At copier time, the formal prayer list had not been received. It will be forwarded on arrival.

We also pray for:

- + The end of abortion and the culture of death, and especially for all in the abortion industry, that great light may shine into the darkness in which they work.
- + Men and women and families of our law enforcement and emergency services, for special protection in this time of great unrest
- + A just solution for the greatest good to law enforcement issues
- + An end to racial injustice
- + Healing, forgiveness and strengthening of the Church in light of sex scandals.
- + Marriages, especially those facing divorce and those affected by physical and mental illness, addictions, personality changes and disorders, and financial hardship
- + The estranged
- + All targeted by scams and fraud
- + The end of corruption, especially among those with material, political, spiritual or social power and influence
- + Our Lady of Salvation, our sister parish in Lemon, The Philippines
- + All who suffer from chronic anxiety, depression and stress
- + All school children and school staffs
- + All who suffer from addiction, especially the opioid crisis, and their loved ones
- + Our service men and women, for safe return home and for their families, and for those who have died - eternal rest with God in heaven, and healing for their families
- + Our country, our fellow Americans and our freedoms
- + The clergy and all religious, especially newly ordained priests and deacons, and men entering seminary
- + All in positions of authority
- + All victims, perpetrators and enablers of terrorism, persecution, abuse and bullying
- + All prisoners and their rehabilitation and conversion
- + For peace

+ The holiness of all vocations, including to the consecrated life, marriage and single life

Please also pray for vocations, especially in our dioceses, and for our seminarians and our deacons and religious in formation, on the last page. Please give thanks for new fewer than six new seminarians!

God of Mercy, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. Thank You. Amen.

If you have something that you would like the Knights of Columbus to pray for, please send your request to Deacon Ed at eirelan@buckeye-express.com.

The monthly Prayer List is now included in the prayer book at the back of the church.

Also, for those of you who will be visiting the Adoration Chapel when it reopens, the Prayer List is also available for your use there as well. Copies are in each of the three prayer binders.

Additional Opportunities for Prayer – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- + Weekdays at 7:30: Most Holy Rosary in the Church, prior to Mass
- + First Fridays, Night of Worship, adoration and Divine mercy Chaplet, 6:30 PM in the Church.
- + Fourth Tuesdays: Holy Hour for Vocations in the Church, 6:00 PM
- + The Adoration Chapel is always open, but you will need the pass code to get in outside normal parish hours. Contact the parish office.

Additional Opportunities for Giving

- + Give all clergy you encounter a word of support, encouragement and thanks.
- + Helping Hands of St. Louis has ongoing needs listed at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/>.
- + Donate to the Order's disaster relief programs through www.kofc.org/charities. Information is also available in *The Columbian* magazine.

+ Participate in the Kroger's Round Up matching program for the hungry. Ask the cashier to round your purchase up to the nearest dollar.

+ Annunciation Radio, Heartbeat of Toledo and Foundation for Life all appreciate donations any time.

<http://www.annunciationradio.com/> or call 419-754-1009 to learn more.

+ Support our retired priests and religious! Contact the parish office for details.

+ Leave your Box Tops for the school in the wooden box between the Family Center and the Church.



From the Editor

On the Highwire – Your Editor!

Okay, we're not supposed to discuss politics. But the immense importance of this year's election calls me, your acrophobic editor, to venture out onto that tightrope.

No endorsements, no saying vote for this one or that one. Just me begging my brother Knights to pay attention to the times and what is going on.

It's easy to fall into habit, including voting by habit for the same party you've always supported, or even to not vote at all. But I beg of you, please look long and hard at what your preferred candidates and party may be representing and with what they align themselves.

Slogans are cheap, even those that sound the most moral and innocuous. We have been witnessing, among other things, the gross deformation of our language, so that words no longer have universal meaning, but rather mean what the person using them want them to mean. (Yes, I am aware of the irony of this! But I am trying to stick to the understood meaning of these words.)

A classic case is being “pro-choice.” Really – does that *ever* translate into

someone who is “pro-choice” advocating for a woman to choose life for her baby? And if you are openly pro-life, the pro-choice bunch brands you as a hater, bigot, or any other form of evil that suits their agenda.

Or the agitation to end racism. Well and good – but does that apply to *all* racism, against *all* races, or just one while others are targeted for hate?

What of attorneys general and other officials, even as high as the top ranks of the Executive branch of the federal government or who aspire to such power, who voice contempt for the law and the men and women charged with enforcing it?

And what of free speech? Do those who most loudly demand to be heard through propaganda and riot believe in free speech for all, or do they reserve that right solely for themselves while silencing others by whatever force or intimidation they see fit?

(Or another subject: Please pay close attention to what your children and grandchildren are being taught in the public schools, especially regarding civics, ethics and sexuality. It ain't just reading and writing and 'rithmetic anymore!)

Gentlemen, there is no sugar-coating this, no glossing it over, no saying it just isn't so or that I am making this up. Do your homework, venture outside your comfort zone if you have to, and inform yourself as to what your vote – or not voting – will help empower.

The *Into the Breach* program is still going on. Each and every one of you is in the breach, and you need to take your stand at the polls in favor of liberty. And since those who would assail our liberty are into kneeling, then kneel too in prayer for your country.

Vivat Jesus, and be well.

Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor



Thank You!

+ To Trustee Steve Toerne, for assisting in delivery of furniture to a needy man who was aided by our recent gift to Catholic Charities.

+ To the anonymous parishioner who underwrote the recently completed repairs and renovations to the Church.

To all who have helped us and our work, especially those we have failed to thank. We all need to say “Thank You” more often!



Pray for the Unborn!

*Years ago,
you were one yourself*

Greater Toledo Right to Life announces its Benefit for Life Charity Reception. To comply with social distancing, it will run *two* nights, Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29, 7 to 9 each evening, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg. Tickets are \$60 each, \$520 for a reserved table for ten, 300 tickets only per night, first come first served. \$10 off per ticket if you order in September, and partnership levels from \$500 to \$3,500 are available.

All proceeds benefit Foundation for Life, and in event of cancellation all purchases will be regarded as tax deductible donations. Order by calling 419-535-5800 or online at www.fflnwo.org.



Help Wanted!

Many, many people are in dire need of help due to the Pandemic, and the Order has established the **Leave No Neighbor Behind** program to help meet those needs. Information about it is enclosed or attached.

Help will be needed with the Chicken Barbeque on September 12. Contact co-chairs Steve Toerne and Frank Kohler.

Looking for a rewarding career? Wayne Vreeland is seeking applicants for KofC Life Insurance field agents. Applicants must be Catholic and at least 18 years old. Contact wayne.vreeland@kofc.org or 419-356-8377. (This need is getting real – Wayne is taking his well-earned retirement next year!)

“Help wanted” isn't just for what the Council and the parish need done – it also applies to all of us Knights as well. If you are in distress, or know someone who is, please contact Deacon Ed, our Council Chaplain. As Knights, we're all here for one another.



**Please Pray
for
Vocations!**

Please offer up the following prayer to God for an increase of vocations, especially for the holiness of all vocations present and future. Please pray too for all newly ordained priests, all seminarians, all deacons and religious in formation, and for all their families.

**Diocese of Toledo
Prayer for Vocations**

**Almighty God,
make me an instrument
to encourage others
to give of themselves
and challenge me
to do the same.
Inspire men and women
to respond generously
to your call to service and
leadership in your church
as priests, consecrated
religious and deacons.
Amen**

www.toledodiocese.org/vocations

Newly ordained priests: Father Michael Bialorucki*, Father Zachary Brown, Father Peter Grodi*, Father Kevin Moebius.

Seminarians: Dcn Albert Beltz*, Benjamin Dollarhide, Hayden Eighinger*, Alexander Elfreich, Thomas Hunyor*, Kyle Ink, Travis Kahle*, Eric Kaufman, Jacob Livechhi, Joseph Magoffe, Bradley McNeal, Andrew

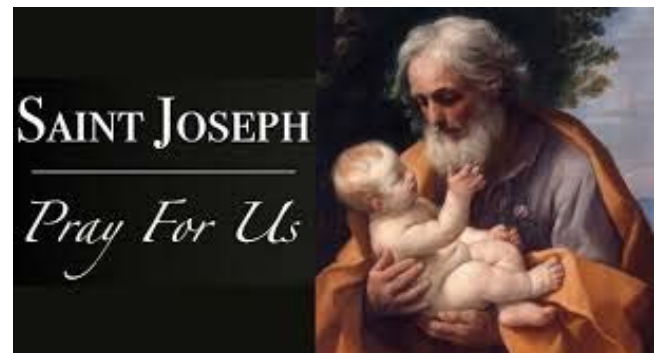
Messner, Joseph Mominee, Peter Shanks, Christopher Turner, Curtis Weisenburger, Kory Wise.

Religious: Bro. John Baptist Le Cant, Adam Bryan, Bro. Joshua Fritsch, Bro. Simon Hermann, Craig Irwin, Daniel Kennedy, Bro. Dominic Mary Koester, Sister Karenna Langhals, Bro. Matthias Meyer, Kari Schroeder, Sean Teets.

Newly ordained Deacons: Bruce Alge, Kevin Coulter*, Michael Dazley, Gregg Focht, Dale Gallup, David Gerardi, Jeffrey Gralak, Fred Herold, Jason Hinnners, Thomas Hojnacki, Eugene Honigford, Matthew Kettinger, David Krempec, Jeffrey Lightle, David Maas, John Murray Jr., James O'Donnell, William Petro, Richard Sasala Jr., James Savage, Gregory Siebenaller, Michael Swanson, James Tovarsky, Michael Vierra, Timothy Walters, Jose Zamora.

* Member of or affiliated with St. Joe's

Boldface – new listings this year



This doesn't just mean asking the great Saint, foster father of our Lord and the Terror of Demons to do all the work. Men of St. Joseph, pray for your community.

