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The
First
Word

“With joy you will draw water from the fountains of salvation, and you will say on that day, 'Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations makes known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name.’”

- Isaiah 12:3

“Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will.”

— *St. Paul VI*

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From the
Grand Knight

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

Check out the Otherworldly program that will be held at the Church Sunday evenings November 15th through December 6th! Otherwise, see this issue for a variety of news and announcements.

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 the dispensation from Sunday obligation is still in effect. 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. 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.)

Sunday Mass with “max protection” is also celebrated in the Gymnasium at 9:15 AM. This entails receiving only by hand, socially distanced seating with families together in the bleachers, masks on at all times, no singing, and no collection.

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:

All Knights are invited to participate in praying the Holy Rosary in the Church, 6:00 PM Mondays.

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 open for 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 adorer. Spaces are still available, and you can commit to everything from multiple times a week to once a year. Our Lord loves your company, however often you can sit with Him!

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:

Meeting back in the Lower Level unless otherwise indicated. If you have any concerns that you would like to present for consideration, please come to any meeting or contact Grand Knight Paul. His information is on the front page.



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

Big Breakfasts: **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PER FATHER ERIC.**

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

October 21: Benefits Night presentation, 7:30 PM, online. RSVP Grand Knight Paul by October 16.

November 10: Social meeting, 7:00 PM, parish location TBA, public is welcome.

November 15: Otherworldly starts, 7:00 PM in the Church.

November 24: Business meeting, 7:00 PM, parish location TBA, current members only please.

November 26: Thanksgiving

December 6: RCIA Breakfast

December: Advent food drive, details TBA.





You are Invited to Participate!

Father Eric is inviting all Knights to participate in the Monday evening Holy Rosary, in the Church at 6:00 PM.



Keeping it Clean!

Father Eric has also requested that Council members take responsibility for sanitizing the Church after each Sunday morning Mass. (Maintenance does it after Saturday Mass.) The work takes one person 10 to 15 minutes, and involves walking the aisles and the loft with an electric sprayer and wiping door knobs and handles.

Thanks to the Knights who volunteered at the October business meeting to cover the immediate need, but backups are needed in case of emergency. Contact Dcn. Ed to volunteer.



Little Breakfast!

Even though Big Breakfasts have been suspended until further notice, the Council

is still going to provide a Little Breakfast, if you will, for the RCIA class and team on December 6 at 9:00 AM in the Lower Level. Plans are being worked out, and cooking will either be there or at home. 25 to 30 meals will be served.



Advent Food Drive

Plans are being made for the annual (*of course* it's annual!) Advent Food Drive.

This Food Drive is going to be a bit different. Like last year, it will be one day only, and the date will be announced; but due to lack of storage space at the Church – not to mention, just maybe, consideration for us aging Knights – Helping Hands of St. Louis will be collecting the donations at the Church and taking them to their facility themselves.

Helping Hands has an extensive list of material needs, which can be read at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/helping-hands-of-st-louis/donation-needs/>. They also welcome cash and time donations as well.

Dcn. Ed reports that they are especially requesting food boxes and ingredients for lunch kits.

Their most immediate needs are:

- Macaroni & cheese
- Tuna
- Ground meat
- Chicken
- Pork
- Beef
- Turkey
- Ham
- Cereal

There are material needs as well:

- Grocery bags (paper or plastic)
- Winter coats and shoes (contact them for specifics)
- Plus size men's clothing
- Plus size women's clothing
- Children's clothing 7 and larger
- Gently used & new tennis shoes (especially men's)

- Underwear – all sizes.
- Facial tissue (travel, regular, or family size)
- Shampoo (regular or family size)
- Deodorant (regular, family size, or women's)
- Toothpaste (regular or family size)
- Postage stamps (Forever Stamps and \$1.00)

Please start gathering these needed items now, rather than waiting until the last moment. You can also delivery donations to them personally in the meantime.



Survey Results!

DGK Gregg reports that 12 completed surveys have been returned, and that the respondents favored the Holy Rosary, Holy Hour, March for Life, Keep Christ in Christmas, Food for Families, and Coats for Kids. Social meeting activities also drew comments.

The problem is, few of this dozen are from younger members, so we still have no input on what interests them – and we need to interest younger men to recruit them!



Program for Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Grand Knight Paul is proposing an educational program about Our Lady as a Parish outreach. The idea would be to holds it on a Social Meeting night after the Wild Goose program ends. He has a DVD and the Order has posters and other materials. Stay tuned for developments.



Be it Resolved . . .

Resolution 2020-1 was approved for to presentation of \$6,000.00 to St. Joseph's Catholic Church for parish needs. Dcn. Ed will arrange for the presentation to be made at a 9:00 AM Mass.



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.



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!

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.

Reyes Reyes was the winner at the October meeting, but was not present to collect.

Come to the next business meeting, November 24th in the Lower Level unless announced otherwise, 7:00 PM. You might win! (But don't come just for the money!)



MORE 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?

And a big new development: Free online membership is being offered through the end of the year. Enter code McGivney 2020 to enroll the new member in the Order, then submit a Form 100 to transfer him into the Council.

To all 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?



Do you have a Secret Identity?

How many parishioners know you are a Knight?

Wearing your official Order apparel at all Parish functions including Mass, will surely increase that number. We need all the exposure we can get, and exposure leads to new members, so next time you come to an event at Church, duck into a handy phone booth (okay, a closet will do since phone booths can't be had anymore!) and get into your Knights gear!



KofC Masks Available!

Speaking of gear, GK Paul has a limited supply of masks with the KofC emblem, the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" text, and a replaceable filter. (No, the Order does not sell refills – they should be available locally.)



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>.

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

Robert J. Baltas, 3rd Degree, 1979
Fred W. Beening, Robert L. Boyer, Dcn
Kevin P. Coulter, Jerry J. Finfera,
Michael J. Houck, James J. Jennings,
Mark N. Krebs and Kenneth W. Mason,
3rd Degree, 1996
Tim G. Irelan, Michael D. O'Shea and
Henry J. Puhl, 3rd Degree, 1999
Paul Kreinbrink, 3rd Degree, 2002
Anthony Schaeffer, 1st Degree, 2006
James E. Denniston, Richard M. Perino,
Zachary J. Savage and Robert J.
Schmidbauer, 3rd Degree, 2009
Ronald Dixon, 3rd Degree, 2011
John Hrifko, 2nd Degree, 2011

Joseph N. Getsi and Vaughn Schmidbauer,
1st Degree, 2015

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!



Prayer requests

In your Mercy Lord; please hear the cry of Your people. 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 heath needs:

- + Jeanne and Randy B., several health issues
- + Mark Krebs and Jim D., to feel God's healing touch
- + Carl T., knee surgery
- + Leonard, recovery from back surgery
- + Joe M., shoulder surgery in December
- + Maud, knee replacement surgery
- + Florencia Juarez, recovery from heart surgery
- + Cynthia, removal of a tumor
- + Tom C., kidney stones
- + Tom O., mental health issues
- + Paul D., healing of broken ribs
- + Stan, healing from broken ankle
- + Helen, recovery from concussion
- + Neil, COPD issues
- + Jhonna, Christie, and Paula, breast cancer
- + Louise, suffering from COVID
- + Andy, obesity issues

Other specific needs:

- + Tina, Louise, Clara, Pat, Tim, and Gene, seeking work
- + Sandy and Jack, in marriage counseling
- + All Knights from our council who have died, and for their families

(For each of the above matters, please extend your prayers to all who are dealing with them.)

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

- + 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, and for all entering seminaries, monasteries and convents.

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

Giving Thanks

With Thanksgiving to be here before the Presidential election is finally settled. No, Mr. Biden is *not* the President-elect yet – not until the election results are certified, and it surely is not up to the news media to do that.

As long as I'm on that tangent, all the confusion about this election might be a good inspiration to brush up on your civics. This business of the news media jumping the gun on proclaiming the final outcome before it happens also reminds me that I am need not believe just any old thing that comes along. We are called to be wise and discerning in the grace of God, not gullible and malleable by what the world would have us think, say or do.

Okay, back on track. No cliches or such about Thanksgiving and the need to give thanks. C'mon, guys, you *know* that. But surely I'm not alone in being challenged to

conscientiously give thanks the other 364 (okay, nitpickers, 365 this year!) days. I'll tell you, it has been hard to remember that with all the lunacy and madness this year; but regardless of what happens, there is well and truly much to give thanks for in any circumstance, at any time – we just need to keep our senses open to them.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus, and be well.

Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor



Thank You!

- + To all who turned in surveys and participated in the Football Craazr.
- + To Bob Boyer and Deacon Joe for publicizing the Knights.
- + From St. John XXIII Council for use of the grille.

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*



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.

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 Hinnens, 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.

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