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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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**Wayne Vreeland**



From the  
**Grand Knight**



From the  
**Field Agent**

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

Please read and respond to the information that Ed Fiscus Financial Secretary sent out. The information is about dues, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, donation for families for Christmas, Advent food drive, Christmas cards for Veterans, and hours of service survey. Some of that is also in this issue.

Dollar Tree has a nice selection of Christmas cards, 6 to 12 in a box. I picked up a variety, 40 cards, with all of them stating Merry Christmas either on the outside or inside.

Advent food drive: Will be picked up by Helping Hands of St. Louis on the 20<sup>th</sup>. To those of us who have already bought food for the drive, I am inquiring with Deacon Ed to either put the food with the hams and turkeys requested or use private vehicles to collect the 'other' goods.

In regards to the survey, has the Holy Spirit put into your heart to do more for St. Joseph Parish? If so, the KofC does the sanitizing on Sundays in the main Church after the 7, 9, and 11am Masses. The work generally only requires one person, it can be faster if an assistant manages the extension cords. Getting substitutes is a current issue; at this time there are two people in rotation for each Mass; I'd like to have four. The work only requires 15 to 20 minutes of your time after Mass. I wear a light rain suit to keep my clothes from smelling like the sanitizer.

The December business meeting will be phone conference, **on the 15<sup>th</sup>**. The meetings have been primarily with the officers. If you want to be included, please email me at [phkreinbrink@toast.net](mailto:phkreinbrink@toast.net) and I send you the information to call in.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours,  
Paul Kreinbrink  
Grand Knight

## 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](mailto: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.

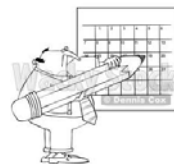
The Adoration Chapel is open for scheduled adorers only, under various guidelines to maintain social distancing and protect privacy. Contact the Parish office for details, and how to sign up as an adorer. Spaces are still available, and you can commit to everything from multiple times a week to once 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: Canceled until further notice.

Business Meetings: Fourth Tuesday, held by teleconference until further notice, 7:00 pm

Big Breakfasts: Canceled until further notice.

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**

December: Council Christmas programs in highly modified form, please see separate announcement.

**December 15: Business meeting, 7:00 PM, by teleconference. Contact GK Paul for details. NOTE THE SPECIAL DATE.**

December 20: Advent food drive. See GK Paul's column for the latest information.

January 17: March for Life, 2:00 PM

March 19: Greater Toledo Right to Life Legislative Briefing Breakfast



## Advent Food Drive

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

This Food Drive is being a bit different, all right! Plans were *still* being finalized at copier time due to the extremely fluid situation with the Pandemic. See GK Paul's column for the latest.

In the meantime, 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.



## Council Christmas programs

The Pandemic has also necessitated modifications to our usual Christmas programs:

Members are invited to buy and sign Christmas cards for the Sandusky veterans. Please deliver them to the Parish office and Deacon Ed will deliver them.

Ed Fiscus is collecting checks and gift cards for needy families, either at the Parish office or personally at Mass. He will make his Mass appearances available.

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster judging will be in two levels. Level One will be by Family Director, Mike Houck. He will send scans of his choices (Mike's Masterpieces?) to the Council for all to vote on.

Thanks to all for thinking outside the boxes in which we're all locked down!



## We DON'T 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.

However, with business meetings back to the phones, drawings and winners thereof are suspended until further notice.



## We DO have a Winner!

Just not of the 50/50 pot. Worthy DGK Gregg reports that one of our own, **Jim Domanski**, came up winners in Week Five of the Football Crazz. Congratulations, Jim!



## This month's Anniversaries

*Robert J. Baltes, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1996*  
*Tim G. Irelan, Michael D. O'Shea and*  
*Henry J. Puhl, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1999*  
*Paul Kreinbrink, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2002*  
*Anthony Schaeffer, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2006*  
*James E. Denniston, Richard M. Perino,*  
*Zachary J. Savage and Robert J.*  
*Schmidbauer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2009*  
*Ronald Dixon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2011*  
*John Hrifko, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2011*

*Joseph N. Getsi and Vaughn Schmidbauer,*  
*1<sup>st</sup> 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!



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



## Prayer requests

*Editor's Note: At this time, only our ongoing and general requests are available. Current and new needs will follow when available.*

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

### **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](mailto: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](http://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

**Holding my Tongue**

Yuck . . .

As I wipe the saliva from my fingers, I am compelled to face my acrophobia dead-on and go back out on that long thin editorial high wire.

I am of very strong opinions about the election outcome and how it came to be and continues to unfold, but I will refrain from expressing them here.

What I will express, as earnestly as I can, is encouragement for you, my brother Knights, to know the times and what is going on.

This is truly a time for being “wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Mt. 10:16). The owl rather than the snake as the icon of wisdom in our culture notwithstanding, I implore you to pay close attention to what is happening and not be deceived.

It is not just politics. Our prayer list has as one of its ongoing requests payer for an end to corruption. What we are witnessing in the post-election controversies over whether or not fraud was committed is corruption and deceit on a scale we have never seen in this country.

Either it happened on and around election day, with the news media almost entirely complicit in executing it and then covering it up, or it is happening now if the lawsuits alleging it happened are fraudulent.

If it is allowed to stand, regardless of on what side it occurs, rest assured it will only continue to spread. That is why we as Knights *must* not be caught up in such practices ourselves, and yet be “innocent as doves” in confronting it and praying for its end. Our freedoms depend on it.

With that, may all of you have a very blessed, peaceful and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus, and be well.

Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor



**Thank You!**

**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*

### 2021 March for Life Announced

The March for Life will be held January 17. There will be a prayer service in the Church at 2:00, and the March will conclude with prayers and the laying of flowers at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Parish cemetery.

We will have very special guests! Our Lifeteen personnel will be joining us, as the bus trip to the national March in Washington has been covided.

If past practice is followed, a bus will be available for those wishing to participate at the cemetery but unable to make the walk. Refreshments will follow in the Community Center. Please help spread the word and invite as many participants as you can. This is the only march of its kind in the area that weekend.

### Supreme Chaplain to Lead USCCB Pro-Life Committee

Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, has been named to lead the U. S. Council of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities. Please pray for him, the Committee and the Council.

### 2021 Legislative Briefing Breakfast Announced

The Greater Toledo Right to Life Legislative Briefing Breakfast has been announced for Friday, March 19, at 7:00 (I won't insult your intelligence by saying AM or PM – it's *breakfast*, for crying out loud) at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Registration is open now at [www.gtrtl.com](http://www.gtrtl.com). Please pray for its success, and that it can even be held.



## Help Wanted!

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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**Merry  
Christmas!**