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The Monthly Newsletter of Maumee St. Joseph Council 11370

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**The
First
Word**

“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.” - adapted from Psalm 90

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.” - Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

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Wayne Vreeland



From the
Grand Knight

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

If I may steal the Grand Knight's thunder for this issue, since everything he sent me for inclusion in this issue has already happened or is covered in the Minutes . . .

Once again, apologies for lateness, and I cover the situation in my editorial. But there is a terrific amount of stuff going on, and things especially were popping in earnest when this issue was already behind.

Supreme has requested that all members receive copies of each business meeting's minutes. They've already been sent to those of you with e-mail; those without will find them enclosed.

Supreme has also requested the saying of prayers for the canonization of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayers are attached, or also enclosed

The Diocesan Office of Life & Justice has announced its fundraising dinner. Ditto for that.

Grand Knight Paul is presenting a proposed schedule of Council events for the next Fraternal Year. Same for that as well.

Finally, and this is *not* attached, you either have or will receive an invitation from Father Eric to participate in demolition of the inner walls and ceiling of the Lower Level.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor,
On behalf of
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. **Two such Masses for Eater, 9:00 and 11:15 AM.** 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.

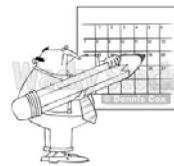
Contact the Parish office for details, and how to sign up as an adorer. Spaces are still available, and you can commit to everything from multiple times a week to once a year. Our Lord loves your company, however often you can sit with Him!

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:

April 3: Easter Egg Hunt, setup at noon, starts at 1:00

April 3: Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM

April 6: Planning and Social meeting, Lower Level, 7:00 PM

April 11: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 3:00 PM

April 20: Business meeting, details TBA.

May 14-15: Basement demolition

May 22: Chicken BBQ

May 27: Right to Life Fundraiser, Hilton Garden Inn, 6:00 PM

July 24: Golf Outing, Fallen Timbers.

September 11: Chicken BBQ



Late-breaking news:

Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday!

Worthy Youth Director Mike Houck has received permission for us to hold the annual Easter egg hunt! It will be Saturday April 3rd in front of the church and school. Egg layers and supervisors please arrive at noon, and the event starts with story time in the church at 1.

Thanks to all the Knights who stuffed the eggs after the Fraternal Benefits presentation!



More late-breaking news:
Help Demolish the Lower Level!

Father Eric has commissioned your Council to demolish and remove the ceiling and inner walls and ceiling of the Lower Level (formerly the Basement) preparatory to it being converted into a more practical multiuse area. The work will begin on May 14 and continue on the 15, and afterward as needed.

The project will save the Parish \$10,000 to \$15,000 in contractor costs. Worthy Advocate Dave Langell has volunteered to coordinate the work on the Knight's end, please call him at 419-297-6451 to volunteer.

You will also be receiving a more formal invitation from Father Eric to participate. **You young members, this is a perfect chance for you to help out. Us old guys can tear stuff apart with the best of them, but we need a lot of young muscles to haul the debris up the stairs**

and out to the dumpster(s). Membership is not a prerequisite for participation.



And still more late-breaking news:



We're having **TWO** Barbeques!

Since our annual chicken barbeque has been such a success, we're doing it *twice* this year: Saturday, May 22, and Saturday, September 11. The same schedule will be in effect as before, with food prep the day before and grille setup and teardown dates TBD. Cooks report at 9:00 Saturdays, servers at 11.

Thanks to the Sullivan family for very generously donating the chicken for *both* events!



Super Cash Bonanza!
"Grow Cash for Charity!"

No, not your editor's favorite western! Super Cash Bonanza is the Ohio State Council's annual Charity Campaign. The income from the Charity Campaign provides a significant amount of funding for our many charitable donations that are given to our church, school systems and community projects.

Recipients of funds distributed by State include the State Squires Program; diocesan vocation programs and seminarians; veterans; education through diocesan religious programs and Catholic high schools; diocesan and State charities; and last but far from least, our priests and bishops.

In addition, your Council receives a rebate of up to \$4.50 per ticket, based on tickets sold, and these funds go toward our charitable works including parish improvements and projects; gifts to seminarians and priests; parish activities

including the Easter Egg Hunt, Free Throw Competition, meals, the Feather Party, and Saturday Night Live; the March for Life, support for Life Teen participation in the Washington March for Life, and other Right to Life activities; Christmas programs including support for needy families, cards and calendars for the veterans' homes, and the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest; and charitable giving through Advent and Lenten food drives, support for Annunciation Radio, and disaster relief.

The campaign is funded through our ticket sales, so member knights are encouraged to help support our council and sell or purchase their tickets. The state goal is \$1,000,000 in sales.

Twenty-five cash prizes totaling over \$108,000 will be awarded, from one \$49,680 1st prize (\$414 a month for 10 years) down to \$500 each for 22nd through 25th.

Please participate! You have received eight tickets in the mail; they are \$5 each. Selling them helps us help others; if you hate selling, as your editor does, buy them yourself! Just fill out the ticket stub with the buyer's contact information. Cash or checks made out to KofC Council 11370 are accepted. If you want more than what you were sent, DGK Gregg has them.

You can mail your stubs and proceeds to DGK Gregg Davis, 1109 Kirk Street, Maumee 43537, or bring them to him at any KofC Event, weekday Mass, or the Lenten Stations of the Cross. His first ticket turn-in to State is April 15, final is May 14, so he should have them at least a week prior to these dates. The drawing will be held May 22nd at the State Virtual Convention; winners need not be present.

If all of you participate, we can raise over \$3,000, but we usually get only half or less. Our thanks to those who do participate, and for those who haven't, please do so. It's only \$40 for all eight tickets.

By the way, the odds of winning are much better than the lottery. (So the prizes are smaller too, but let's not quibble over details!)

So stop Hossin' around and get busy!

P. S.: It's a great way to use your Covid \$stimulu\$ money!

P. P. S: DGK Gregg is offering a steak dinner to any Knight who sells all his tickets!

P. P. P. S.: That doesn't include selling them to yourself!



**January Knights
of the Month
announced!**

Congratulations to Bob Boyer and Deacon Ed, Knights of the Month for January in appreciation for their work on the very successful March for Life! Well done, gentlemen.



**Deputy Grand
Knight Gregg
named District
Deputy**

Congratulations are also in order for our Deputy Grand Knight, who has been appointed District Deputy for the next Fiscal Year. Gregg continues to set the high standard for involvement by a relatively new member.



**We have
TWO
Winners!**

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.

The change in the business meeting schedule to accommodate the Benefits Night presentation set up the odd circumstance of two drawings two weeks apart. **Grand Knight Paul Krienbrink** was on hand, as he

should have been, to collect the prize on February 23rd, and **Dave Howe** was absent from the March 9 meeting when his name was drawn.

Come to the next Business Meeting, to be held Tuesday, April 20! But don't come just for the money.



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.

Think big, gentlemen – sign up eight members and sell them each a Cash Bonanza ticket, and win a steak dinner and \$200 in meal gift cards!



Free Membership Extended!

Supreme has announced that the McGivney 2020 free membership for new members has been extended until June 30, so talk to your Catholic friends and sign for them up! If you would like an additional resource, Supreme has made available a selection of fliers and handouts. E-mail recipients will find them in a separate e-mail. Hard copy recipients can request them.

Get them to come to a social meeting, or invite them to help at what few events we can hold these days. DGK 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?

So come on, men, bring 'em in!



Golf Outing Scheduled

The 2021 Golf Outing will be held July 24 at the Fallen Timbers Fairways, 7711 Timbers Boulevard, Waterville.

Deacon Ed is already collecting prizes. Stay tuned for updates.



These months' Anniversaries

March:

David W. Glaza: 3rd Degree, 1986
Ronald A. Finn: 3rd Degree, 1995
William J. Ryan: 1st Degree, 1996
Thomas C. Seibenaler: 3rd Degree, 1996
Dennis B. Gloeckel : 3rd Degree, 2006
Jason D. Renard and Mike J. Weisenburger: 1st Degree, 2010
Matthew A. Norton, reactivated, 2012
Todd E. Copic, Anthony M. Desch, Gregory S. Evans Jr., Jordhan Gardner, Blake K. Hertzfeld, Reyes S. Reyes, Matthew T. Viertlbeck, 1st Degree, 2013
Richard A. Plants, 1st Degree, 2016
Ryan Stretavski, 3rd Degree, 2018
John P. Harrigan, 1st Degree, 2018

April:

Thomas R. Wagener Jr.: 3rd Degree, 1984
Ronald J. La Beau: 3rd Degree, 2001
Joseph C. Loch: 1st Degree, 2005
Mike L. Miller, reactivated, 2010
Robert J. Simons: 1st Degree, 2013
Rick C. Abel, reactivated, 2013
Branislav Banar, Benjamin J. Malenfant and Bruce G. Schroeder, 1st Degree, 2017

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!



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!



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.



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, Youth and Family of the Year nominees are also being requested.

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

Finally, officer nominees for 2021-2022 are also being requested.



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: GK Paul's devices have been hacked. **DO NOT OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS OR MESSAGES FROM HIM UNLESS HE LETS YOU KNOW TO EXPECT THEM.**



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 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.

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. *Heck, be generous – tack on more! Your editor likes to exceed the tax being charged on the purchase!*
- + 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

Why Every Other Month?

Long-time readers – at least I hope you guys are reading this! - expect a Tool Box every month. Again, I hope you do . . .

Anyway, the publishing schedule has been off track since New Year's. Last issue, I explained what was happening on my end that kept things from getting done when they were supposed to. This issue is late due to scheduling circumstances.

The council Benefits Night, which I hope you guys were able to attend or participate in, was scheduled by Supreme on our March business meeting night. To compensate for that, the March meeting was moved up to the 9th, which your editor totally forgot about until receiving a reminder a few minutes after it started.

Meanwhile, Supreme has determined that all Council members are to receive the minutes of each business meeting, meaning the worthy Recorder has to transcribe them. Your editor's intent to incorporate the minutes into each Tool Box is still in effect, but hopefully that can be arranged for next month's issue. The minutes will be e-mailed to everyone with e-mail addresses on file when available.

Finally, preparation of this late issue was delayed by an outbreak of very important news the week of March 22 that had to be added.

Can't wait to see what adventures await us next issue!

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*

March for Life a Success

The parish's March for Life was the largest in the entire Diocese, with over 350 people participating in the service, and most went on to march to the cemetery. Many thanks to all who participated!

Diocesan Office of Life & Justice Fundraiser

The Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo's Office for Life and Justice Ministry announces its Fundraiser Dinner, 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Details are attached or enclosed. Please pray for its success, and that it can even be held.



Help Wanted!

Men are needed for your Council Exemplification team. Contact GK Paul or DGK Gregg.

Help wanted for the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3, noon. See news story.

Help wanted for basement demolition May 14-15 and likely beyond. See news story.

Help wanted for both chicken barbeques, May 22 and September 11 plus other days for setup, prep and teardown. See separate news story.

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*, Frederick del Guidice, Hayden Eighinger*, Thomas Hunyor*, Kyle Ink, Travis Kahle*, Eric Kaufman, Jacob Livechhi, Bradley McNeal, Andrew Messner, **Dcn. Joseph Mominee, Evan Sekerak, Luke Stoll,** Christopher Turner, Kory Wise.

Religious: Bro. John Baptist Le Cant, Adam Bryan, **Kate Cropp,** Bro. Joshua Fritsch, Bro. Simon Hermann, Craig Irwin, Daniel Kennedy, **Joseph Kochendoerfer,** Bro. Dominic Mary Koester, Sister Josefa Langhals, Bro. Matthias Meyer, **Kim Schmitz,** Sr. Veronica Marie Schroeder, **Bro. Perry Smith,** Sean Teets, **Grant Wohl.**

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