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St. Brendan's Council 11208



September 2018

A Message from the Grand Knight...

Membership recruiting and sexual abuse scandal

Hello brother knights,

As summer begins to slip away with the children back in school and college football beginning this weekend (go Bucks!), our council program year kicks into high gear.

One of the main items that we have on our agenda this year is to increase the membership in our council. For the past 10 or so years, our council membership number has stagnated around 200 members, and has slightly dipped recently. Looking towards the future, we know that our membership is aging and if we are to be an active council that supports our families, church and community, we need to bring in new members. New members are the lifeblood of any council as they bring in new insights, suggestions, and energy.

We are planning a membership recruiting drive during the 2nd weekend of October (in conjunction with a parish breakfast we will be hosting), and need the support of all our brother knights if we are to be successful in recruiting new members. We will be hosting a first degree later that week (Thursday, October 18th) so we can get our prospective members officially in the Knights. As we are making plans for our recruiting drive, I would like to ask all our council members to reflect on two questions:

***How often do we actually "ask" a man to join us?**

***How often do we introduce ourselves to a man we don't know at mass or another church function?**

Steve Sinay is our membership chair for this year, but membership recruiting is a responsibility that we all share as brother knights. If you are currently aware of a man that you feel would benefit from being a member of the Knights of Columbus, please reach out to Steve at 614-638-4795 or ssinay@columbus.rr.com. I also ask you to pray that God touches the hearts of good Catholic men and instills in them the desire to join our order.

Next, I want to touch upon a topic that unfortunately has dominated some of the headlines in the past few weeks. Many of us are aware of the sexual abuse allegations against Cardinal McCarrick which forced him to resign. I want to thank Fr. Bob for approaching this issue directly last weekend during his homily, as he did a good job in presenting the issue without going into the sensitive details out of respect for the younger parishioners at the masses. He also said that all individuals who have committed sexual abuse, including clergy, should be brought to justice for their misdeeds.

One point that stuck with me was when he mentioned that some Catholics may leave the Church because of the allegation; however, he tied it into the gospel for that weekend regarding Jesus teaching on Him being the bread of life, and how some early disciples rejected His message and returned to their former way of life. When Jesus asked his apostles if they wanted to leave as well, Peter responded "Master, to whom shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life". Remember that this is a Church institutional crisis, but it is not a faith crisis. Even when there have been times in Church history of discord and strife, the Church has survived because of focusing on Jesus's central message that HE is the truth, the way, and the life!



Gerry Riendeau

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Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Ed Shikina

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These are certainly challenging times for our Church. Priests have sexually abused children, bishops have covered it up, and Pope Francis has been accused of complicity in the cover-up. We have a right to be concerned because we want to protect our children and we want to trust our bishops. On the other hand, our day-to-day life may not be greatly impacted by what is happening within the governance of the Church. We still go to Mass, confessions, and adoration. We still have our group meetings and perform charitable works. We still go to work and take care of our families. We might say that there is nothing that we can really do to help the situation since the problem has to do with the "higher-ups" in the Church. So, we go on as usual.

However, our theology tells us that there is much we can do, even if we are not among the governance of the Church. Why? Because St. Paul tells us, "Our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Ephesians 6:12). The greatest battle against evil is fought on the spiritual level. And that battle is something which we can all fight.

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has called us to action. From his recent letter to all brother Knights, he writes, "Now, the Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church... We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights — and our chaplains — must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ's great commandment and the founding mission of our Order."

Pope Benedict XVI, speaking to the youth in 2008, said, "the Spirit enables men and women in every land and in every generation to become saints. Through the Spirit's action, may the young people gathered here for World Youth Day have the courage to become saints! This is what the world needs more than anything else" (Ceremony of Welcome at the Government House in Sydney, July 17, 2008). We all can become saints, and the world needs it. The saints love with the love of God. They perform acts of charity. They are kind to others. They perform penance for their sins and the sins of others.

As brother Knights, we have an opportunity to put our faith into action to each help rebuild the Church. When each of us works towards personal holiness, that is, to become saints, our love of God and love for each other drives out evil in the world, bit by bit. Look up the Saint of the Day and find out what makes them a saint. Learn from them. When we become saints, we purify the Church and reform the Church. That is the great rebuilding.

God bless you!

Fr. Ed

Eight Knights served approximately 160 adult meals and 30 children meals to the local community served by the South Side Community Center on Reeb Avenue on the near South Side of Columbus. South Side Roots Café is the community outreach by the Mid-Ohio Food Bank to serve a more needy population of the near south side of Columbus. They provide the food and chefs that prepare the balance meals each Tuesday. We are one of many different organizations that helps serve the meal and to clean up afterwards. We are scheduled to help serve their Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.



Chris Warren

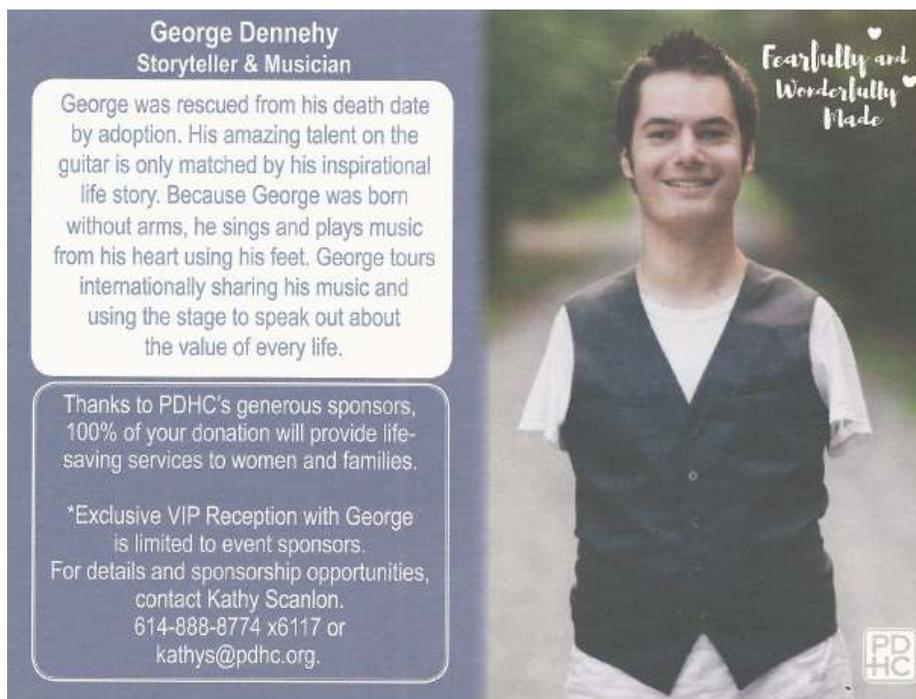
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Respect LIFE

Our Council will be a sponsor and be a table host at Pregnancy Decision Health Center's (PDHC) annual fund-raising banquet. The banquet to be held Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 at Villa Milano will provide a no cost dinner and inspirational presentation by storyteller and musician, George Dennehy.. A flyer with detail information about George and his background is attached. All St. Brendan's

Parishioners and friends are invited to join us at our tables by registering at www.supportpdhc.org/upcoming-events/celebratelife/ or contacting Roger File rfile@columbus.rr.com or Jerry Abraham jabrahm67@gmail.com.



George Dennehy
Storyteller & Musician

George was rescued from his death date by adoption. His amazing talent on the guitar is only matched by his inspirational life story. Because George was born without arms, he sings and plays music from his heart using his feet. George tours internationally sharing his music and using the stage to speak out about the value of every life.

Thanks to PDHC's generous sponsors, 100% of your donation will provide life-saving services to women and families.

*Exclusive VIP Reception with George is limited to event sponsors.
For details and sponsorship opportunities, contact Kathy Scanlon.
614-888-8774 x6117 or kathys@pdhc.org.

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The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers – or potential customers – who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights 134 years ago so that we could help each other. So we offer you products and services unique to our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your wellbeing.

For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families.

First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

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1st Degree Report

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Our next 1st Degree will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018, 6:00 PM room setup, 6:30 PM Candidate Call, 7:00 PM Degree.

Please remember, It's never too early to ask a friend, "Are you a Knight?" A personal invitation is the best form of recruitment. If you have any questions please contact Bob Eggerichs via email:

reggeric@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-771-9624.

4th Degree Report

Our next Assembly 2727 meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory church, 1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus, OH 43212. We will meet in lower level below the main church as usual. We will start with the Rosary at 6:30 PM, share a meal at 7:00 PM and start the business meeting at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there. For further information please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: reggeric@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-771-9624.



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Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file any claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection – if any – may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these services are free.

To our insurance members,* we offer two additional programs: the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program.

The Family Fraternal Benefit Program offers two distinct benefits. The first offers insurance eligibility to uninsurable children. Through the Program, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy for an otherwise uninsurable child at standard rates before the child is 61 days old, or at a rated premium if before the child's 18th birthday. A member can also purchase a \$5,000 policy for a mentally impaired child at standard rates, between the ages of 3 and 18 years old.

The Program also offers death benefit coverage to members who have lost an infant child less than 61 days after birth, or who have lost an unborn child in a stillbirth, after the 20th week. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

The second fraternal benefit program available to insured members is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. This extensive program also provides two benefits. The first is an \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible orphan, until their 19th birthday. The second is a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four-year period.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that the Order cares for its own; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families.'"

They are part of what makes us unique. So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them. Contact me today to learn more.

*To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.

Call or Text Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email me at mark.mandel@kofc.org

***Editor's Note: This is a letter sent out from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson regarding the present sexual abuse scandal to embroil the Catholic Church. Many of you have seen this. But for those who haven't, it bears repeating.**



Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

The issues that have come to light concerning sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are cause for grave concern among Catholics and Brother Knights. Many feel deeply betrayed by those whom they long held in high regard. Such concerns are shared not just in the United States, but in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

These sins of commission and omission have sent the Church we love, the Church we serve and the Church that Jesus Christ established into convulsions. Sadly, the disgrace not only is borne by the perpetrators, it hurts us all, as does the silence of shepherds who have ignored the cries of their flocks.

There are many wonderful and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among our priests and bishops. However, it is clear that in addition to devastating criminal acts, we have seen many other moral failings by clergy that represent a crisis of commitment to the Gospel.

Too often the needs of victims have been subordinated to a distorted sense of mercy toward the perpetrators or an instinct for clerical self-preservation. The sexual acts — both criminal and non-criminal — highlight the need to recover a respect for and a renewed commitment to the priestly promises of celibacy.

The Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. We understand that the priest should lead the parish and the bishop should be the center of unity in a diocese. But we — like all Catholics — are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up.

Now, the Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.

Repentance should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who have committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.

This will also help increase the recognition that clerical sexual abuse is a global problem that must be addressed at the highest levels of the Catholic Church. Moreover, priests and bishops who refuse to live according to their promises of celibacy should be removed from public ministry, not out of retribution, but for the protection of the faithful and to prevent future variations of the scandal we now suffer.

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Reform must include many good ideas that have been proposed, such as a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse led by an independent commission that includes laity; complete transparency by the Catholic hierarchy into all matters of criminal sexual misconduct past or future; an expansion of the zero tolerance policy to include sexual activity or misconduct by clerics including bishops, and by seminarians; and a call for faithfulness by all members of the clergy, including bishops. There must also be an independent ethics hotline for reporting of criminal and other conduct at odds with Catholic teaching on the clerical state of life; and there must be protections against retaliation.

Such reforms will be difficult for a Church largely unused to them, and we must support our bishops and our priests in embracing these reforms in order to rebuild.

We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights — and our chaplains — must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ's great commandment and the founding mission of our Order. It is also exactly the opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.

Shortly before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger decried the "filth" in the Church "even among those, who in the priesthood, ought to belong totally" to Christ. He also provided the antidote, stating at other times that what the Church needs now more than anything else is "saints." Pope Francis reiterated Pope Benedict's sentiments in his letter on Aug. 20.

In the days ahead, the Knights of Columbus will help renew our Church on a national level through a Novena of Masses in reparation for these sins that have so grievously wounded the Body of Christ. I take this opportunity to ask that you offer this Novena of Masses for our Church at your earliest opportunity.

Beginning in November, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor, in cooperation with the Shrine of St. Jean Vianney in Ars, France, a national tour of the relic of the heart of this great patron saint of priests. In the coming weeks, I will share more details with you about this initiative.

We will also continue to strengthen and rebuild our Church at the level of our families and parishes through our Building the Domestic Church program. Its twin elements of imbuing families with faith and strengthening parish life are critical to providing a Catholic Church that rebuilds based on the Gospel principles of love of God and love of neighbor. Together with our recently announced "Faith In Action" initiative, we will strive to make our parishes truly become, in the words of Pope Francis, "a family of families."

Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This is the moment in which Knights — including in a special way our priest members — can be part of a great renewal for good in our Church. And as we strive to follow the Lord more closely in the days ahead, may he deliver us from every evil and in his mercy graciously grant his Church peace and unity.

In closing, know that your faithful witness and sacrifice can bring inspiration and hope to millions of your fellow Catholics. It will be needed in the days ahead more than ever before. And to every priest and bishop whose commitment and dedication to our Order and to our Church has been faithful and exemplary, please accept my gratitude in both a personal way and on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Let each one of us prayerfully invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that in the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, our hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart.

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight



Again this year, St. Brendan Council #11208 is working diligently to raise funds in support of charitable causes within our community, fulfilling the first charge of a Knight -- Charity.

To assist St Brendan and all councils in Ohio in raising more funds for their charitable works, the Ohio State Council has created a program called the

FOOTBALL FUND CRAZR Sweepstakes!

The program covers the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season – games from Oct. 27, 2018 to Jan 1, 2019. Ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games are eligible winners. During the sweepstakes, over \$25,000 in prizes will be awarded to more than 230 winners – ranging from \$40 to \$400 each week. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council.

So, what does this mean for St. Brendan Council?

Under the program, if the State Council reaches their quota of 35,960 tickets sold , we as a council can earn one of the following Per Capita Rebates by achieving one of the following quota's.

St Brendan's quota is 80% (159) of total membership - 5/1/18

Council sells 150% + of our quota - 100% credit on per capita + \$9.00 per ticket

Council sells 100% + of our quota - 75% credit on per capita + \$8.00 per ticket

Council sells 75% + of our quota - 50% credit on per capita + \$7.00 per ticket

Council sells 50% + of our quota - 25% credit on per capita + \$6.50 per ticket

If our council does not reach one of the above quotas we will receive \$5.50 per ticket.

The more tickets we sell - the more rebate we get back!

In support of this program I ask for your help by either buying or selling the two sweepstakes tickets that are enclosed in this mailing. The cost for each ticket is \$20. Initially, that might seem high. However, remember this is a 10 week program with over \$25,000 in prizes being awarded to over 230 winners - ranging from \$40 to \$400 weekly – which equates to only \$2 per week to participate in the sweepstakes program and be eligible for prizes.

To purchase tickets, make your check payable to "St. Brendan Council #11208" and use the enclosed envelope to mail your payments and ticket stub to Football Frenzy Ticket Chairman Jerry Price, 5125 Cavalier Dr, Hilliard, Oh 43026. Also, if you are in need of additional tickets, please contact ticket chairman Jerry Price at pricej62@gmail.com or cell # 614-805-6792.

Your support of this endeavor will be very helpful to our council and greatly appreciated.

Jerry Price, Football Frenzy Chairman



To our Brother Knights in September

Steve Maziarz Scott Torbert Richard Roth Chris Hartle
 Steven Hoying Richard Sternitzke James Riley Timothy Reno
 David Uhlenhake Allen Larkins Andrew Londo Matthew Resatar
 James Cogan Michael Moehrman Earl Olenhouse III

Upcoming Council & Church Events

**SUPPORT
OUR
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Collection Sept. 15 & 16

Parish Breakfast
October 14

Reception
IN HONOR OF OUR
VETERANS
November 11

Craft Show
November 3

St. Brendan's Men's Retreat
January 25-27
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Membership meeting
September 19 - Wellnitz Hall

Planning meeting
September 26 - Wellnitz Hall