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January 2019

A Message from the Grand Knight...

"Happy New Year to you and your families!

I wish to thank our Brother Knights who worked on our Christmas party - Dave Mazzei and Fred Kerner - for doing a good job again in getting everything planned, and also to Dolores and Steve Bennison for preparing the hams that we all enjoyed.

As we begin a new year, it is an opportunity to look back and reflect on what has taken place in the past year as well as look forward to what we would like to see happen in the year that lies ahead.

When I look back, I am grateful that although we currently do not have a deputy grand knight, we have had many Brother Knights and past officers step up in a variety of ways to assist me with the running of our council. I will not name them in this letter, as they would probably not want to be put in the spotlight, but they are the ones who keep our council activities moving along and all our reporting obligations to Supreme, State, and Chapter up to date. To them, I want to say thank you for your assistance, support, and guidance during the past 6 months.

Looking forward, we have plenty of activities coming up in the next 6 months, and it would be great to see new and old Brother Knights who have not yet been that involved in our council stepping up to support our activities. Our council can only do activities with Brother Knights stepping up to support them, and as the overall vision of the Knights of Columbus is turning more towards Faith in Action and building the Domestic Church, we need to refocus our efforts on supporting activities that further this mission. Some of you may not be able to attend our monthly meetings, but that is ok if you are able to support the activities that bring us together as Brother Knights, that's all we ask.

If you would have suggestions for new activities that would support our mission of building the Domestic Church, please either contact me or attend one of our monthly membership or planning meetings to voice your suggestions. Our council can only become stronger from the input of Brother Knights as we strive to put our Faith into Action.



Gerry Riendeau

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Chaplain's Corner ²

Fr. Ed Shikina

Dear brother Knights,

Happy New Year! January 3rd, was the optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Considering that the upcoming Men's Annual Retreat is based on the spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori, here is an excerpt from him: "The name of Jesus is a name of gladness, a name of hope and a name of love. A name of gladness, because if the remembrance of past transgressions afflicts us, this name comforts us, reminding us that the Son of God became man for this purpose, to make himself our Savior. A name of hope, because he that prays to the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus may hope for every grace he asks for: If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you. A name of love. For the name of Jesus brings to our remembrance all the sufferings which Jesus has endured for us in his life and at his death." — from The Incarnation Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ.

Richard Rolle said in the 14th century, "If you think on the name Jesus continually, it purges your sin and kindles your heart; it clarifies your soul, it removes anger and does away with slowness; it puts all vices and phantoms out from the lover." And St. Bernardine of Siena said, "O glorious Name! O Name so full of grace! O most powerful and loving Name! By you sin is forgiven, enemies are vanquished and the sick healed. Through you the patient are given strength and the afflicted consoled. You are the pride of the believer, a teaching theologian, the strength of the laborer, the sustainer of the weak, the fire of fervor and the heat of ardent love. You are the desire of those that pray, the inebriating liquor of the contemplative soul, and the glory of those who are triumphant in heaven, with whom, O sweet Jesus, allow us also to co-reign through your most Holy Name, that with the Father and the Holy Spirit, together with all the Holy Saints in glory, we might glory and triumph and reign for ever and ever. Amen." Many saints have been martyred or died simply with the Name of Jesus on their lips. The name of Jesus is a sweet name. May you call upon the Name often!

Thank you for everything you have done in the past year to serve God and neighbor. I pray for many blessings upon you this year.

Fr Ed



Youth Free Throw Championship **3**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. **The event will be held on Friday, January 11, at 6 PM in the School Multi-Purpose Room** Each child must be accompanied by an adult who can verify their ages. Knight members are needed to support this event. Please contact Tim Reno at timjosiereno@columbus.rr.com



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

The St Brendan Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on **Friday, January 11, 2 PM to 8 PM in Wellnitz Hall. Please give the gift of life** by scheduling an appointment by accessing the website at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or donate as a walk-in. For Questions, contact Jeff Lehr, St Brendan Knights of Columbus Red Cross blood drive coordinator at Jeff.lehr@insurance.ohio.gov or 614.315.7466



Annual Christmas Card Program



*May God
bless you and keep you
and all those you love
this Christmas*

In a Special Christmas Remembrance you and your intentions will be remembered at daily Mass and prayer during the Christmas Season by the seminarians and Capuchin friars of Saint Lawrence Seminary

Our Christmas Cards for Seminarians program is for the Seminarians of the Columbus Diocese. This year I distributed envelopes for each of these Seminarians. Assuming all those who took cards fulfilled what was intended, each Seminarian received 21 cards. This program is in its sixth year, with many local parishes participating. Thank you everyone who participated again in 2018.

Ed Olenhouse



1st Degree Report

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Our next 1st Degree will be on Thursday, January 10, 2019 in Wellnitz Hall. Room setup will start at 6:00 PM, Candidate Call will start at 6:30 PM and the Degree will start at 7:00 PM. Socialization and refreshments will follow the Degree. Please remember, It's never too late to ask a friend, "Are you a Knight?" A personal invitation is the best form of recruitment. Use the new Council card that Gerry handed out at our meeting. If you have any questions please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: reggeric@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-771-9624.

4th Degree Report

No meeting in January and no report for January.



Welcome our newest member



We would like to welcome Joe Rielly as our newest member of the St. Brendan Knights of Columbus council 11208. Joe was born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens, was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1968, and worked for AEP in various positions in Data Processing for 35 years. Joe married his wife Sally in 1990. He took a job transfer in 1997 and moved to the Hilliard area and joined St. Brendan Church. Joe retired from AEP in 2003. Joe is active in the church and is currently the treasurer of the St. Brendan Senior Group. He enjoys coin collecting, computers, travel, cars, NASCAR racing and shooting pool. Joe has been captain of a number of billiard teams and organized and operated an independent billiard league. Joe and Sally enjoy vacationing in Florida and Joe is currently applying for membership to the board of directors of his Ocean East Resort Club. Joe has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He joined the Knights to "help with the good work they do".

Respect LIFE

Roe Remembrance event coming up. On January 22 at 10:30 am at St Joseph's Cathedral, downtown, Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate mass for Roe Remembrance. After mass, at 12 noon, there will be a Roe Remembrance rally sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life at the State Capital. Please consider joining other Knights and parishioners in prayer at the mass and rally. **Contact Jerry Abraham at jabraham67@gmail.com or 614 579-1357 if you would like to carpool to the events on January 22.**

Come join fellow pro-life Ohioans as we travel to Washington, D.C. to march alongside hundreds of thousands of pro-life men, women and children. 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision and this year it is especially important to show our support to restore a Love For Life. More information about the march can be found in the latest edition of Catholic Times.





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Insurance Check-Up for 2019

Where did 2018 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2018.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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

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FEBRUARY 23, 2019

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ST BRENDAN'S MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Saint Alphonsus His Life & Spirituality

Friday, January 25 –
Sunday, January 27, 2019

Saint Alphonsus Mary de Liguori—Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Alphonsus Mary de Liguori was born at Marianella, Italy on September 27, 1696. At the age of twenty he was already known as a brilliant lawyer. As a young man, the more he became involved in the world the less he liked it. This led him to become a priest.

At Santa Maria dei Monti, he came in contact with poor peasants and shepherds who were totally deprived of spiritual care. This experience gave birth to his desire to found an institute for the evangelization of the poor, and The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer was born on November 9, 1732. Where he could not reach people with the spoken word, he sought to do so through his 111 writings.

Alphonsian spirituality could be said to be both active and affective. Active in terms of the daily exercise of the faith in the context of one's chosen vocation. Affective, in terms of his belief that through prayer and meditation (especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament) one could achieve intimacy with God. He believed that everyone is called to be a saint. And God gives us the grace to be one. For Alphonsus, prayer was the great means for attaining one's salvation. Alphonsus strongly opposed the rigorous Jansenist spirituality of his time. Instead, he always encouraged his listeners to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus Christ as the great sign of God's love for us.

Cost: \$170

Minimum \$50 Deposit due with registration; balance due not later than January 15, 2019.

Registration form on reverse.

Maria Stein Spiritual Center

2365 St Johns Road | Maria Stein, Ohio 45860



To our Brother Knights in January

Alan Pauley Michael Hendershot Nathan Poeppelman

Michael Olenhouse Steven Dickson Rev Fabian Hevi

Frederick Lautner Sam Litton Timothy Wilson Steven Howe

Upcoming Council & Church Events

St. Brendan's Men's Retreat
January 25-27
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Ladies Appreciation Night
Dinner
Monday - February 25
More info to follow



Membership meeting
January 16

Planning meeting
January 30

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