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St. Brendan's Council 11208



June 2019

*A Message from the Grand Knight...*

As we approach the end of our fraternal year, I look back at all that our council accomplished during the year. There were almost 40 different events that we were involved in, including blood drives, craft show, free throw contest, 25th anniversary celebration, 40 days for life, family breakfasts, Veterans' Appreciation, veteran roof replacement, Roots Kitchen support, etc, the list goes on. As you can tell, we are a very active council, and all these events would not happen without the support of you, our council brothers and fellow knights. I wish to thank all of you that volunteered, whether you were able to only help at one activity or you were able to help out at more. You are demonstrating the first principle of our order - Charity, and showing your family members what it truly means to be a Catholic man - service to others.



**Gerry Riendeau**

As a testament to all your hard work and support, we tied for 2nd place in total points (680) in our division at the state K of C convention two weeks ago, and we were one of eleven councils in the state that received three awards for meeting administrative, charity, and membership requirements. In addition, our council was the top council in the state for the Support our Seminarians collection, bringing in just over \$11,000. I mention this not because our goal is to receive awards, but to show that we have a strong council whose members truly live out their Catholic faith in their everyday lives.

All in all, I am proud to say that I am a member of the St. Brendan Knights of Columbus council, and each of you should be as well.

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**End of the Year Celebration**

Come out to celebrate the end of our council fraternal year on Wednesday, June 19th. This will take the place of our regular membership meeting and we will also honor our council's Of the Year Award winners. The event is open to all your family members, similar to the Family Christmas Party.

The council will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and pop. If your last name begins with A to L, please bring a side dish; if your last name begins with M to Z, please bring a dessert to share. We will be eating at 6:30 p.m., and the awards ceremony will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**If you will be attending, please RSVP by Sunday, June 16th, to Gerry Riendeau (kofc11208@gmail.com)**

# COUNCIL 11208 OFFICERS

**Grand Knight**  
Gerry Riendeau

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Vacant

**Chaplain**  
Fr. Ed Shikina

**Chancellor**  
Dan Davis

**Advocate**  
Mark Hogan

**Recorder**  
Steven Hoying

**Financial Secretary**  
Jim Cogan

**Treasurer**  
Dean Ashbrook

**Lecturer**  
Larry Hanchin

**Warden**  
John Ryan

**Inside Guard**  
Steve Bennison

**Outside Guard**  
Dennis Cooper

**3 Year Trustee**  
Jerry Abraham

**2 Year Trustee**  
Bob Eggerichs

**1 Year Trustee**  
Sean Stone



## Chaplain's Corner Fr. Ed Shikina

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June has some pretty hard-hitting feasts of the Church – the Ascension of Jesus, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In addition, there are Saints days such as Peter and Paul, the Nativity of John the Baptist, and Mary, Mother of the Church. As the lazy days of summer get into full swing, the Church will keep us on our spiritual toes. As the seminary told us when we went on break – “Don’t take a vacation from your vocation!” So, if you go off traveling and vacationing in exotic places like Montenegro, Belize, and...Disneyworld?, don’t take a vacation from your vocation of being holy. Make Mass a priority wherever you go! May God bless you and keep you safe this summer!

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### Officers for 2019-2020

Our election of officers was held at the May 22nd membership meeting, and here are the individuals that will lead our council for the 2019-2020 fraternal year.

<b>Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Sean Stone</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b>	<b>Dan Davis</b>
<b>Chancellor:</b>	<b>Steve Sinay</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Fr. Ed Shikina</b>
<b>Advocate:</b>	<b>Mark Hogan</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dean Ashbrook</b>
<b>Recorder:</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Warden:</b>	<b>John Ryan</b>
<b>Outside Guard:</b>	<b>Steve Bennison</b>
<b>Inside Guard:</b>	<b>Buzzy Zorich</b>
<b>3 Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Gerry Riendeau</b>
<b>2 Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Jerry Abraham</b>
<b>1 Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Bob Eggerichs</b>
<b>Lecturer (Appointed)</b>	<b>Larry Hanchin</b>
<b>Financial Secretary (Appointed)</b>	<b>Jim Cogan</b>

The Recorder position is still open at this time. This is the individual who takes the meeting minutes at the membership meeting. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact **Sean Stone** ([ssrk1965.ss@gmail.com](mailto:ssrk1965.ss@gmail.com))

# ***Common Sense Catholicism: The Right Tonic For What Ails Us***



Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on his new book:

My new book, *Common Sense Catholicism: How to Resolve Our Cultural Crisis*, has just been published. It declares war on virtually every politically correct idea, demonstrating just how out of touch with reality the deep thinkers are.

"From my years spent as a college professor, I can testify that some of the stupidest people I have ever met teach college." I define stupidity as "a lack of common sense, as in sound judgment." I also write that "it is entirely possible to be well educated yet not possess common sense. This is especially true of intellectuals—they are more likely to lack common sense."

What is it that makes many intellectuals stupid (I hasten to add I am not indicting all of them)? Above all, they believe in neither human nature nor nature's God. And because they get that wrong, they get everything wrong.

The Founders understood human nature, and that is why, despite obvious flaws, America has enjoyed unparalleled freedom and prosperity. That is now imperiled, mostly because of the deep thinkers who reject nature and nature's God. Their stupid ideas are the reigning ideas in education and in our cultural institutions. They have also found their way into law and public policy.

No institution in society better understands human nature than the Catholic Church. Its teachings are a repository of wisdom. The Church is not at war with nature, or nature's God; on the contrary, it is at home with them.

The contrast between the norms and values of the dominant culture, and those that inhere in Catholicism, shine brightly. This is brought to light when we consider the goals of the French Revolution, namely, freedom, equality, and fraternity. These were, and still are, noble ends, but they were completely obliterated by the intellectuals and the architects of the French Revolution, and they are now imperiled by the contemporary wizards of our day.

The dreamers understand liberty as license; the Church knows better. The blue-sky thinkers envision a world where male-female differences, and the inequalities that mark the economic classes, will be eliminated; the Church knows better. The book-worms do not seek fraternity in tradition and religion—they hate both; the Church knows better.

We live in strange times. There was a time, not too long ago, when it was illegal to burn the American flag on a courthouse lawn, but it was legal to erect a Nativity scene in the same spot. Now the reverse is true.

When TV bloomed in the 1950s, we never even saw the bedroom of Ralph and Alice in "The Honeymooners." Now there is nothing we don't see.

It seems like only yesterday when men who thought they were women, and vice versa, were housed in the asylum. Now they are housed in the university.

Up until just recently, we rewarded those who worked hard. Now college students are told that working hard is a microaggression, a sign of patriarchy that must be eradicated.

Respecting Western civilization was the norm for most of my life. Now the professors want to tear it down.

From the beginning of Hollywood movies, up until at least the 1970s, priests and nuns were portrayed positively. They have since been trashed.

The bottom line is this: Freedom, equality, and fraternity have been distorted by the brainy ones who think they know better. They don't.

The deep thinkers believe human nature and the Almighty are a fiction, and as a result they have created a social and cultural mess. Moreover, their own lives, and the ideas they entertain, are a colossal train wreck.

Common Sense Catholicism is the only cure for the stupidity that these geniuses have bequeathed.



## 1st Degree Report

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Our next 1st Degree has not been scheduled yet as we will be beginning a new fiscal year in July. Please remember, It's never too early 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 previously. If you have any questions please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: [reggeric@columbus.rr.com](mailto:reggeric@columbus.rr.com) or phone 614-771-9624.

## 4TH Degree Report

Our next Assembly 2727 meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2019 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, meal at 7:00 PM and business meeting at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there. For further information please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: [reggeric@columbus.rr.com](mailto:reggeric@columbus.rr.com) or phone 614-771-9624.



# Respect LIFE

## Respect Life – From Conception to Natural Death

Last Chance.....GCRTL Annual Banquet is Monday, June 10 beginning 6:30pm at Villa Milano. The guest speaker is Dr William Lile – the “Pro-Life Doc”. There is no charge to attend the banquet but there will be an opportunity at the end of the evening to make a free will donation to GCRTL to support their many Respect Life projects. Our Council will host a table at the banquet and invite you and your spouse to join us. If you would like to attend please contact Roger File ([rfile@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rfile@columbus.rr.com) or 614 725-9207) or Jerry Abraham ([jabraham.alt@gmail.com](mailto:jabraham.alt@gmail.com) or 614 579-1357) to register and make your meal(s) selection(s) NO LATER THAN June 7 please.

An Evening with

# The Pro Life Doc

## Monday, June 10, 2019 | Villa Milano

*a benefit supporting the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life*

# Dr. William Lile



On May 4th, we again collected on two street corners as part of Ohio Knights of Columbus Measure Up Campaign to benefit Special Olympics Ohio. 17 men collected \$1,976 on the streets which will be added to the \$565 you all contributed through Gimme 5 with your dues for a total contribution to Special Olympics of \$2,541. A big thank you to Bob Eggerichs, Steve Bennison, Gary Zapf, Bill Saliga, Gerry Riendeau, Dave Massei, Chuck Heinlen, Buzzy Zorich, Dan Davis, Chris Warren, Roger File, Ray Hinkelman, Fred Kerner, and Mike Gagel helping collect. Also thank you Buzzy for the taking the pictures. **Until next year - Jim Cogan and Jerry Price, Co-chairs**



As part of our 2018-2019 Church Program, our St. Brendan's Council 11208 Knight of Columbus awarded Jacob Stinnett, from the Pontifical College Josephinum, our Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) award. The financial award was presented to Jacob during our April general Meeting. Jacob is already a Knight and he fully participated in our meeting. In fact, he provided our opening and closing prayers. He also shared some insights into his daily journey in preparation for becoming one of God's disciples. Jacob has completed his undergrad studies at the Josephinum and is in his second year of theological studies with goals of obtaining Deaconite status later in 2019, and then Priesthood in 2020. We congratulate Jacob on his award, praise and admire him for his decision to become a priest, and look forward to seeing him at future St. Brendans events provided his

tight schedule allows. **Buzzy Zorich**



Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Please call Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email me at [mark.mandel@kofc.org](mailto:mark.mandel@kofc.org)

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# Greater Columbus Chapter K of C Awards Dinner 2019



**Larry & Cindy  
Hanchin  
Family of the Year**



**Bob Eggerichs  
Knight of Year**



The St. Brendan delegation from left, Ed Olenhouse, Rod & Mrs. Anderson, Larry & Mrs. Hanchin, Gerry Riendeau, Bob & Mrs. Eggerichs



# To our Brother Knights in June

Nail Dawaher Michael Anthony Robert Peterson Thomas Miller  
David Tiefenthaler Franco Gentile William Phillips II  
Michael Mesewicz Raymond Melchiorre Troy Wilson  
Paul Ritzenthaler Edward Gould Chris Warren

## Upcoming Council & Church Events

Men's Club  
**STEAK and ALE**  
Saturday June 8

*Special Olympics*  
Ohio



Family cookout &  
Of the Year Awards  
June 19

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