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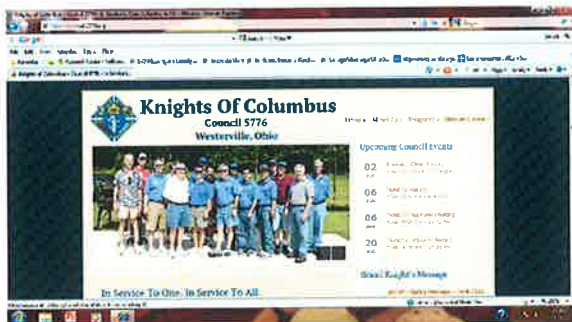
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## ***Knight Writer Newsletter***

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### **Grand Knight's Message**



Dear Brother Knights, Family Members,  
and Honored Clergy,

Over the holiday break, I've begun reading a book that was given to me by our Worthy District Deputy, Dick D'Auteuil, titled "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. Having only read the Part One (Chapters 1 – 5) up to this point, I'm finding that this is certainly a worthwhile read. The first part clearly defines the clash between our church and the prevalent culture.

The book points out three prevailing philosophies totally permeating our culture today. 1) Individualism, 2) Hedonism, and 3) Minimalism. All of these are in

dichotomy with the self-giving, sacrificial love that Jesus and His church has constantly been teaching us in over two millennium.

Individualism – This is basically summed up by the statement "What's in it for me?" We have a culture that puts the individual's wants/desires/rights over the good of the rest of society. Now special interest groups have hoisted upon us such things as the re-definition of "marriage", the removal of Christian objects, phrases, etc. from public view simply because a minority are offended or deemed that it is in the few's best interest that the rest of the majority change their views. All of this in the name of "freedom" - this false notion that anyone can do what they, whenever they want, irregardless of who is offended or gets hurt. The fruits of this philosophy are greed, selfishness, and exploitation, which are the exact opposite of the charity (agape) that Jesus preaches.

Hedonism – The statement "If it feels good, do it!" captures this philosophy. It's ultimate goal is pleasure. Unfortunately when pleasure is the end, everything/everyone else is THE means –

including those close to you, who are simply being used to get that to that end. The ideology only promotes lust, laziness, and gluttony. It is a sure path to the enslavement to addictions and cravings eventually leading to despair. Unfortunately, our culture has been very successful in misleading everyone that achieving pleasure, however temporary, equates to “happiness”.

Minimalism - “What is the least I can do?” sums up this idea. Someone with this philosophy is always looking for the least effort that produces the maximum reward. This way of thinking is the enemy of being the best that we can be and eventually leads to mediocrity.

If our society continues on this path of following these philosophies, we will simply be repeating history and marching our society, and our church, into destruction and oblivion. These are not new ideas or ways of thought. Due to our tendencies, brought on by Original Sin, it is our constant struggle to overcome these today, as other Christians have fought to conquer them in times past.

What is the answer? Jesus. And the laity taking a forceful role in authentically living, and standing up for our faith, by strong example (preferably non-verbal) of what Our Lord has taught us. This requires the maturity of discipline. Discipline allows us to be truly free of our natural destructive tendencies.

The challenge for us today is to be able to do this in a way that charitably engages those around us in this current culture. More on that in upcoming messages.

Oremus Pro Invicem  
Sebastian Mauricio

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 4, 2015 at St Paul’s in the Room 2 in the lower level of the Church.

Join us to pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm before each montly business meeting!

Please give PGK Kevin O’Connor (614-523-3892, [koconnor@gci2000.com](mailto:koconnor@gci2000.com)) any written articles by the end of the month so they can be included in next month’s newsletter.



### **Sat February 7** ***Pro-Life Prayer***

Join our Council and many others as we mobilize for pro-life on Saturday Feb 7. We will gather after the 7:00 am Mass at St. Patrick to pray outside of Founders Clinic on Broad Street. Contact GK Sebastian Mauricio for information ([SebMauricio@gmail.com](mailto:SebMauricio@gmail.com))



### **Sat February 14** **St. Valentine’s Day Dinner**

Treat your loved one to Valentine’s Day Dinner on Sat Feb 14 at  
The Wine Bistro  
915 N. State Street (by Meijer)

Gather for conversation and refreshment at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00pm. We will be in a separate room and order from the menu. Contact Art Sullivan (614-890-2773, [artsullivan@hotmail.com](mailto:artsullivan@hotmail.com))



### **Sunday February 22** ***“Cooking for Vocations”***

The next breakfast of this Fraternal year will be on Sunday February 22. We will be serving after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 masses. Many hands make light work. Simply show up to help or call PGK Gary Koonce for details. ***We especially need help with clean up after the 10:30 mass*** (614-898-3823, email:GKoonce@aol.com).



### **Saturday February 14** ***Give the Gift of Life*** **Blood Drive**

The Council will be sponsoring a blood drive at St. Paul’s Miller Hall on February 14 from 8am to 1pm. Please help with registration and refreshments during the blood drive. Contact Curtis Smith ([curtis.smith@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.smith@gmail.com)) to volunteer and for information.



### **Friday** **Feb 27, Mar 6, and Mar 20** ***“Let the Fish Fry”***

The tradition continues as we crank up the deep fryer and cook up the fish, fries, scalloped taters, mac & cheese, and baked fish. It’s once again time for the Council to serve the people of St. Paul’s Parish. Many hands make light work. See you in the **MILLER HALL** starting at 4:00 pm. We will need people to set up, serve, and clean up. Simply show up to help or call PGK Gary Koonce for details (614-898-3823).

***We need desserts and any sweet tooth donations would be greatly appreciated.*** Proceeds from the sale of desserts of all the Fish Fry’s are pooled for scholarships awarded to graduating St. Paul students.



### **Meals on Wheels**

Brother Knight Paul LeCorgne has taken over responsibility for Meals on Wheels. This is a main fundraiser for the Council, and requires but a little time on Saturday or Sunday. **Nobody is scheduled every weekend. If you can help or want more**

information, please contact Paul (614-794-0071, [paul.s.lecorgne@chase.com](mailto:paul.s.lecorgne@chase.com))

simply our way of returning the favor for all they have done for us.



### **Council February Birthdays**

*Tyler M. Brunetti  
Thomas Berger  
Morgan Calhoun  
Joseph Dittmar  
W. Jerome Eschenbach  
Christopher T. Granata  
Gilson Godoy  
Donald R. Gray  
Todd M. Gummer  
Paul D. Hanly  
Edward Kint  
Gerald A. Kuhlman  
Albert L. Lang Jr  
George Mackinaw  
Gregory E. Madsen  
James M. Malinowski  
Thomas J. Obringer  
Curtis Smith  
Richard Stalter  
Thomas E. Stock*



### **Pennies from Heaven**

Be sure to drop your pennies in the milk jug at every Council meeting, Breakfast, and Fish Fry. These funds are collected for retired priests and religious. This is



### **In Support of Priests and Religious Vocations**

Pray for Pope Francis  
Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
Pray for Bishop Frederick Campbell  
Pray for Pastor, Fr. Charlie Klinger  
Pray for Fr. Michael Hinterschied  
Pray for Fr. Raymond Lavelle  
Pray for Fr. Dave Gwinner  
Pray for Fr. Dan Drury  
Pray for Fr. Joseph Murphy  
Pray for Deacon Mickey Hawkins  
Pray for Deacon Tom Barford  
Pray for Seminarian Adam Pasternack  
Pray for Deacon Joe Ciaciura  
Pray for Deacon Carl Jerzyk



### **Council Shirts Available**

Shawn Minke has shirts (M, L, XL, and XXL) available for immediate purchase. Polo Shirts are \$22 and T-shirts are \$10.



They provide a wonderful medium for emphasizing unity and fraternity. They make us look good too!!



### **Keep Them in Your Prayers**

***SEND REQUESTS TO  
prayerrequest@kofc5776.org***

Pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Fisher

- Pray for Dominic Oravec
- Pray for Barbara Burns
- Pray for Brother Knight Dick Marflak and his son, Richard
- Pray for Paul Guevin
- Pray for Raymond Michalski
- Pray for Tom Augustus and his wife, Jean
- Pray for Tony Riveralli
- Pray for Fr. Augustine
- Pray for Fr. Snoke
- Pray for Fr. Richart
- Pray for Brother Knight Keith Meyers
- Pray for Brother Knight Al Surette
- Pray for Brother Knight Al Lang
- Pray for Frank Nachtman, per request of Brother Knight Scott Bastian
- Pray for Darrel Freeman
- Pray for Brother Knight Tom Nann
- Pray for Brother Knight Ron Folian, his wife, Carol, and his brother-in-law, Mark Collins
- Pray for PGK Barney Sweeney and his wife, Jacqueline
- Pray for Brother Knight Dave Brown
- Pray for the grandchild of Art Sullivan
- Pray for Sir Knight Mark Steele

- Pray for Virginia Jones, wife of Dave Jones
- Pray for Janice Peltomaa
- Pray for PGK Bill Sedor
- Pray for Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein
- Pray for Brother Knight John Marzec
- Pray for Brother Knight Don Gray and his wife, Addie
- Pray for Marie Mansour, mother of Brother Knight Al Mansour
- Pray for Robert Laube
- Pray for Jason and Angela Wiegand, niece and nephew-in-law of Dave Dauer
- Pray for Halina Barford, wife of Tom
- Pray for William Grubb
- Pray for Ariana Rose Hankins (Elmer Cabotage's granddaughter)
- Pray for Leroy Piekenbrock, father of Mark Piekenbrock

Pray for Peter Chlore, Anthony Kinslow, Jacob Spann, Dustin Derga, Ryan Miller, Samuel Pearson, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.



### **Thought for the Month "Sharing Our Faith"**

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"Have faith!" we say to the family coping with cancer. "Keep the faith!" we say to the parents whose kids have fallen away from the Church.

It's not bad advice, but is it enough?

We would be wise to recall the early church teaching noted in James 2 that faith without works is dead. If we want those around us to have faith, we need to find a way to give them some of our own through our prayers, our encouragement, and our support. We need to remember that we are Christ's hands, feet and heart, and that we may be the only "Christ" that some people will ever meet.

*Jesus, help those around me to hold on to their faith in times of trouble because they see you in me.*

Steve Givens



**Council Calendar**

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Tues February 3  
**KofC Free Throw Contest**  
District Level

Wed February 4  
6:30 PM **Rosary**  
7:00 PM **Business Meeting**  
Room 2  
*Lower Level of Church*

Sat February 7  
**Prayer at Abortion Clinic**

Thur February 12  
**Bethesda Healing Ministry Benefit**  
St Charles Prep

Sat February 14  
**Blood Drive**  
Miller Hall

Sat February 14  
**St. Valentine's Dinner**  
The Wine Bistro

Wed February 18 - 7:00 PM  
**Officers Meeting**  
*St. Peter Room*  
*Upper Level of Church*

Thur February 19  
**1<sup>st</sup> Degree at St. Paul**

Sun February 22  
**Breakfast after Mass**  
Miller Hall

Fri Feb 27 – 5:00 pm  
**Fish Fry in Miller Hall**

Sat Feb 28  
**Catholic Men's Conference**  
[www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com)

Fri March 6 – 5:00 pm  
**Fish Fry in Miller Hall**

Fri March 20 – 5:00 pm  
**Fish Fry in Miller Hall**

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Kevin O'Connor was selected Knight of the Month for November



Mike Sucharski was selected co-Knight of the Month for December



Tony Lloyd presented the check from Breakfast with Santa to WARM Executive Director, Scott Meier



Under the guidance of Phil Kraker, the Free Throw Contest was a success



All hands were gloved and on deck making subs



Even in the kitchen



The Council was well represented in Washington for the March for Life



....along with a multitude of young adults from all across the United States