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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns



Brothers Knights,

The Worthy State Treasurer shared a request from Archbishop Schnurr. The Archbishop requested that we, as supporters of the church, speak positively about the Beacons of Light process. More information is expected to be published in October at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light/learn-more#bol-faq>

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled for October 9th at Day Air Ballpark, 220 N. Patterson Blvd Dayton, OH 45402. Registration starts at 8 AM and the walk will follow a 9 AM ceremony. For those who wish to take part, the full distance is 2 miles. This will be one of our Community support activities.

The Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for October 9th, after the 5 PM mass.

The Family Rosary Rally is scheduled for October 10th at Immaculate Conception church at 2300 S. Smithville Rd. Dayton. Music will start at 2 PM followed by the program at 2:30 PM. Participants are expected to be invited to take part in the reading parts. The next Highway Cleanup will be on October 16th at 9 AM. Volunteers are welcome to meet near the storage shed.

Donut Sunday is back! Sale of donuts will follow the masses on October 17th.

40 Days for Life will continue with vigils at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering. The 2 PM events will be on October 17th and October 31st. Each vigil will last about 1 hour and will feature a speaker who shares a pro-life message.

Football Crazr tickets can be turned in to the K of C mailbox near the parish office or at the next meeting. Ticket sales run through the end of October.

New recruitment incentives are being provided each month and candidates can use the MCGIVNEY2020 code to obtain free membership through the end of the year. Please consider inviting a man to join, so that he can share in the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Candidates can learn more and join at the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

As part of our recruitment efforts, a Delta Church Drive will be held in the Gathering Space on October 16 and 17 along with October 23 and 24. Members are welcome to assist with this effort as we welcome men who are practical Catholics to join the Order.

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Leave No Brother Behind

Worthy Members of Council 14504 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Recently we lost two of our Brothers to Death. One of the Brothers we knew was ill for several years. During those several years, there were a few members that were taking turns helping to care for him, and assisting his wife and family. Those were kind acts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Charity is the First tenet of our Order. It does not involve any gifts of money. It can be of time and talent also. That's what those Knights did.

With the other recent death, it has bothered me, as before this Knight contacted his disease of Alzheimer's he was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Parish, and the Mens' Club. Many of us did not know how ill he was in his final year/months. Covid can be partially to blame, as many of our parishioners, and Knights were isolated due to the pandemic. The point I am trying to get to is this. No Knight or Family should be left alone or behind. If you are ill, or know of a Brother Knight that is ill, there are Knights in our Council that can help out. If you are a Spouse of a Knight who is ill or incurring problems, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will gladly help you and your family out. Caregiving to a loved one is not easy. It can be strenuous and exhausting. There are Knights that are willing to help you and your family out. Please do not hesitate to let us know and we will make arrangements to help you and your family out.

At our Councils' Officers' Meeting last week this was brought up. What will happen shortly, is that our Membership list will be divided up amongst the 13 Officers of the Council. We will be calling each Knight to see if you are doing ok or if you are in need of anything. Please do not be shy or ashamed to let us know if you are ill, or in need of any assistance. We will be glad to assist you in any way that we can. We will LEAVE NO BROTHER BEHIND.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Blessings to you and your families.

SK MICHAEL FREIL
State Membership Director

Grand Knight's Letter Cont'd

A 4th Degree Exemplification has been scheduled for November 13. Those interested in joining the 4th Degree are welcome to talk to any 4th degree member or find a form 4 in the K of C mailbox near the parish office. As Faithful Navigator, I hope to see several of our members advance to the Patriotic Degree. The one-day exemplification will be at the Dayton Marriot Hotel.

Vivat Jesus!
Steve Berns
Grand Knight

Fourth Degree Exemplification

HENNEPIN PROVINCE

OHIO DISTRICT TWO



DATE: September 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Opportunity to Join the 4th Degree on November 13, 2021

All Current 3rd Degree Knights,

You currently have an opportunity to join the 4th (Patriotic) Degree, Exemplification on November 13, 2021. This event will be held at the University of Dayton Marriott at 1414 S Patterson St, Dayton, OH

The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations where Knights serve. We serve as examples of Christ's presence in the World. At some point in our lives, there comes a time when we realize that our Christian duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families and into how we serve our fellow man. This is what defines the Knights of Columbus and by joining the Patriotic Degree, you could take that duty one step further.

Members of the Patriotic Degree are an integral part of our Order and serve our brother Knights by:

- 1) Conducting various educational programs
- 2) Honoring Knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss
- 3) Encouraging active participation in important programs of our Order

Members of the Patriotic Degree proudly foster patriotism in each nation in which we are active by:

- 1) Facilitating voter turnout on election days
- 2) Working to honor and protect symbols of national pride
- 3) Participating in national holiday celebrations
- 4) Honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice
- 5) Teaching personal responsibility in civic affairs
- 6) Taking a publicly visible leadership roles on important national and moral issues

In a time when too few Christians are prepared to speak up for what they believe, members of the Patriotic Degree act on what is right and honorably by:

- 1) Supporting and defending the truth in the public arena

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- 2) Building a culture of life and civilization of love
- 3) Defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life at all stages
- 4) Standing together to ensure true religious freedom

I have been asked by several 3rd Degree's, if joining the 4th Degree would I have to buy the new uniform. The answer is **no**, it is optional, only if you are interested in becoming part of the Color Corps,

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree whose distinctive presence in parades, funerals, wreath-laying ceremonies, and Catholic functions is visible reminder of our service to the Church and community. Our distinctive uniform and ceremonial sword symbolize Christian Knighthood and are worn to signify reverence to Church, Eucharist, country, and freedom.

If you are interested, please contact me immediately, so we can get the paperwork started. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email or phone.

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Michael Carter	6	Andrew Hazenfield	15
Ted Kuchta	6	Kim Renfrow	15
Justin Mays	8	Scott Dunham	21
Tom Roth	9	Harold Lammert	23
Otto Dueno	10	George Becker	25
Trevor Nartker	11	Charles Destefani	25
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