

# The Knight News



## St. Michael the Archangel

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Council No. 18284

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**REGULAR MEETING - SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY  
AT 7:00 P.M.**



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- December 17 – Set Up Christmas Trees in Church, 1 P.M. Pizza provided!
- December 25 - MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS AND FAMILY
- December 27 – No Council Meeting - Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends
- January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- January 10 – Council Meeting, 7 P.M.
- January 14 – Exemplification after 11 a.m. Mass
- January 24 – Council Meeting, 7 P.M.
- February 7 – Estate Planning Session hosted by St. Michael the Archangel's Field Agent Greg White, 6 P.M.
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day – No Council Meeting
- February 28 – Council Meeting

## **GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

### **Welcome to the first edition of The Knight News for Saint Michael the Archangel Council 18284!**

This newsletter will be a monthly informative piece with the latest information about St. Michael the Archangel Council. There will be a Calendar of Events section, discussion of individual upcoming events, Council-wide news, and District Knights of Columbus news.

Since our founding on August 31, 2023, we have grown our Council to 41 Brothers, held a successful Coats for Kids event (our first event!), formed an Exemplification team, held our first Exemplification, and have been the lead story on the State Knights Newsletter *two consecutive months*. Our Council is off to a terrific start!

As we prepare for coming of our Lord at Christmas, please take a minute to reflect on all the blessings each of has received this year, including the creation of our new Knights of Columbus Council. May your holidays be filled with contagious gratefulness and the peace and joy of our Lord.

### **COATS FOR KIDS**

St. Michael the Archangel held our first event, Coat for Kids, in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul, and collected more than \$200 and 250 coats to be distributed throughout our community. Thank you to Brothers Kurt Summe and Dave Kleier for leading the Coat for Kids and to Bill Dellinger, Greg White, Mike Stoeckle, Wayne Lashua and Bob Sweeney for manning tables after Masses.

### **2024 ANNUAL DUES**

Look for your bill for 2024 Knights of Columbus Annual Dues in the mail. Annual dues are \$50 and checks can be brought to a meeting or mailed to Arick Stall, Financial Secretary, 61 Carran Drive, Lakeside Park, KY 41017.

### **FOUNDERS CLUB**

Founding members of St. Michael the Archangel Council have made contributions to The Founders Club Fund to assist the Council with startup costs. These generous donations will help the Council operate until annual dues are collected and fundraising initiatives are established. If you would like to contribute, please send your check, made out to St. Michael the Archangel Council, to 2409 Dixie Highway, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

### **PLANNING TEAM**

Our Worthy Program Director, Thomas Neltner, is leading a planning effort to layout events and programs that the Knights will lead, sponsor or participate in throughout 2024. The activities will support the Council's objectives of Establishing a Firm Base for the Council and positioning the Council to Win the Star Council Award.

Activities will be aligned with the Knights of Columbus' Faith in Action programs of Faith, Family, Life and Community. They will also create additional revenue for the Council and enhance the fraternalism of the Council. Much more to come as events in the first quarter get announced shortly.

## **KNIGHT NEWS**

Very important: If you change your e-mail address, please give us your new e-mail address so you will continue to receive the Knight News and we do not receive undelivered emails to your old email address. Also, a current email address will keep you informed regarding Council activities. We also need you to keep the Council updated on any change of your mailing address or an illness or a death of a member.

## **ESTATE PLANNING Seminar**

St. Michael the Archangel Council's Field Agent Greg White is hosting an Estate Planning Event on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament in the Undercroft. This session is open to Knights from Councils across Northern Kentucky as well as Blessed Sacrament parishioners. Speakers will include an estate planning attorney and long-term care and disability specialists. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Greg White at [Gregory.White@kofc.org](mailto:Gregory.White@kofc.org) or 513-498-0863.

## **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEBSITE**

St. Michael the Archangel Council's website, [stmichaelkofc.com](http://stmichaelkofc.com), is under construction. Our Worthy Recorder, Nick McGinnis, has registered the site and laid out places for contacts, information, and news. Check it out.

## **INSURANCE REPORT**

As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We remember Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace where he prays "Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last..."

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the "catch up" provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Christmas season and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,

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