

EXPLORER



Merry Christmas



Greetings from your Grand Knight! The Knights of Columbus West Park Council sends the best Christmas wishes to all the members and their families. We look forward to celebrating with you in person and in spirit during this season of joy.

Keep Christ in Christmas!

Please see the enclosed information regarding the upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus!

Wayne Abarca GK

Please join us at the hall in December for a member meeting on **Wednesday the 6th** and/or **Wednesday the 20th**. Meetings start at 8pm and usually last less than an hour. We still do the \$5 rosary raffle, 50/50 raffle and occasionally door prizes. Don't forget to bring your rosary! Bring your membership card too!

PROGRAMS

Food Drives.

Now through December, please bring non-perishable food items to the meetings. Monetary donations are also welcome. We will be distributing the food items to the food bank at St. Vincent de Paul Parrish that is run by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

EVENTS

Members Christmas Potluck Dinner Friday Dec.15th.

Doors Open at 6:30 PM. Potluck Dinner Served at 7:30 PM. The Council will provide the main course. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please let GK Wayne Abarca (216-337-2678) know what dish you will bring. He will be making a list at each meeting, or you can contact him. The location is the Convent at St. Vincent De Paul parish. 13400 Lorain Ave., Cleveland 44111

Park behind the school building.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

See the included flier.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Save the date! February 11th, 2024.

INSURANCE

Our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent is **Andrew Zmecsek**.

Andrew is a Financial Advisor and can answer your insurance and investment questions. Contact him at (216) 770-7303.

PARISHES

Our Council serves 7 parishes in the Cleveland area. What parish do you belong to? Are you active? There is a list below of those parishes with their contact information. Please visit their websites for current information about the coming Holiday season events and services.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Fr. Kevin Estabrook; (216)-251-0300; <https://sioa.weconnect.com>

St. Vincent De Paul

Fr. John Pfifer; (216)-252-2626; www.svdpcleveland.org

St. Patrick Church Westpark

Fr. John Pfifer; (216)-251-1200; www.stpatrickwp.org

St. Mark

Fr. Adam Zajac; (216)-226-7577; www.stmarkcleveland.com

St. Mel

Fr. Adam Zajac; (216)-941-4313; www.stmel.net

Blessed Trinity

Fr. Doug Koesel; (216)-671-5890; <https://blessedtrinitycleveland.org>

Our Lady of Angels

Fr. Rob Ramser; (216)-252-2332; <https://olangels.org>

New members are always needed. Please reach out to someone that you know is a Catholic Gentleman and tell them why you are a Knight. Guests are welcome at meetings now! Bring them to a meeting or event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SICK AND VISITING

Please contact Dan Foster (216)-526-0299 with information about any brother Knight who is sick or in need of assistance.

Prayers are requested for Pete Rivera PGK, Clem Nirosky PGK, Ken Pratt DGK, Len Miller FFS, Frank Parobachek WR, Jim Brown WT, Reuben Shaffer, Jose Vasquez.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls and families of our departed brothers who have passed since June of 2022.

Frederick A Papenfoth Jr.	7/7/2022
George J Wyrock Jr	8/4/2022
William J Waters	12/12/2022
Paul A Hohman Jr.	1/25/2023
Jerome E Secunde	3/9/2023
Joseph C Valaitis Jr. PGK	4/30/2023
Herbert J McTaggart	5/2/2023
Joseph N Abraham Jr.	6/29/2023
Peter Turchan	8/14/2023
R. Scott Jones	10/1/2023

COMMUNICATION

It has been a while since The Explorer has been mailed out. I would like to continue mailing this newsletter out, but I need help. Recently, the communication to members has been via email. I would like to continue this practice also.

Please send an email to **kofc_westpark2790@yahoo.com** and I will add you to the distribution list.

Don't have an email? Perhaps someone in your family can act as your contact person via their email. This would help a lot!

You can also text or call me at 216-337-2678. Let me know how you are doing.

Our website is: **<https://kofc2790.org>**. The site needs an update.

We are on Facebook too. Search for **Kofc Westpark**.

We do receive mail at:

West Park K of C
3556 W. 130th St.
Cleveland, OH 44111

Do you know a Catholic gentleman looking to expand his faith? Ask him to join the Knights! We are in need of new members to keep our council thriving.