



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight September 2017

We lucked out with the weather and had good support from players and sponsors to make the golf tournament a success. We raised almost \$2000 for the school. Thanks to all who participated in any way. Special thanks to Vince and Logan Frederick for their work organizing, and to Bob Cook and Eldon Schneider who helped with the food.

I'd say we also lucked out with the weather for the Tootsie Roll campaign. A few got rained on, but I'll take that over heat and humidity any day. We don't yet have the final numbers as we have asked members who couldn't help with their time to help with donations. Thanks to all who participated in this too, but mainly to Roger Drummer and Greg Jacobs for organizing the effort.

Our next focus is the Memorial Mass, which will be November 6th at St Henry Church. This is the mass to honor our members who have died in the past year, and we also present the donations of Tootsie Roll funds to the local charities that help the Mentally Disabled. We will have a meal afterward, and all members and families are encouraged to attend.

It's impossible to ignore the devastation caused by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida, so in line with our mission of charity, we voted to donate \$500 to the K of C relief fund for each state.

The October council meeting will be held in St Mary basement on October 2nd, and there will be no November meeting due to the memorial mass.

I would like to see a good showing of Knights at the rosary which starts 20 minutes before each 5PM and 8AM mass at St Henry during October. I believe St Mary will also do this, but I don't have details. Gentlemen, the rosary and our Blessed Mother Mary have always been a part of the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to increase your own personal devotion to prayer for our order and for our world during the month of October.

A cause that is near and dear to our hearts, as Knights, is battling the scourge of abortion in our society. The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign has just kicked off and there is the opportunity to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Des Moines. I personally plan to do this several times in the next 40 days and I encourage you to do so as well. I'm sure you're familiar with the work of Saint Mother Theresa whose mission in Calcutta was not so much to prevent death as to bring dignity to the final days of the dying souls there. If you have a hard time with prayer at a clinic because it seems to be "in the face" of people who support abortion, perhaps you could look at it more as bringing some dignity to the deaths of the innocent children who lose their lives there every day. As their souls depart from their dying bodies, may they catch a glimpse of at least one human who cares, praying just outside that clinic. And yes, perhaps the sight of someone praying will change the heart of someone who isn't quite sure of the right thing to do, and make a life and death difference to that one child of God. I borrowed some of these sentiments (with permission) from a pro-life blog you might check out at www.regularjoan.com

I am still looking for men to ASK me to put them on my text message list to receive information about projects that come up on short notice. I also use this list for reminders of activities. If you wish to be on this list, send me your cell phone number. I have about 20 men on the list so far, and would like to find another 20. You are not committing to come every time, but rather are stating that you will come sometimes and you WANT to know when opportunities/needs arise.

Final thought...last Sunday's gospel was the parable of the workers who went into the vineyard at various times during the day, and all returned when the day was done, to receive a full day's pay. The point of this is not that all will receive the same reward in heaven for their work, regardless of how much work they did. The point is that all who make the decision to go to work (for God) and work up to their abilities for the rest of the day (their life) will get the same reward regardless of

the time they had left when they made that decision. I suspect that any who left the field before the end of the day did not receive the day's pay. When we decide we have done enough, rather than leave that up to our Lord, we place our reward in heaven in jeopardy. We can all do something. Visiting the lonely in hospitals, care homes, prison, or their own homes, is an easy and excellent work of Mercy for those who are mobile. If you can't get around you can write letters to the lonely or make phone calls for our projects. Let's all get out in the fields somewhere.

God bless you and your families. Hope to see you around.

Steve Seberger - Grand Knight

PS. If you are an email recipient of this newsletter, the regular council meeting for October is Monday the 2nd in the St Mary basement.

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The Jacobsons make golf a family affair



Fresh grilled meat from the crew



Charles Kuhlman stands in the Life Chain



Dick Hierstein and LeRoy Jero do Tootsie Rolls

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We guarantee the rate and your principal in our retirement annuities.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 43 consecutive years. It’s a testament to our track record for excellence and security. I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Let’s talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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