



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight October 2017

It is a rare opportunity for Knights to be able to advance to the 4th degree right here in Marshalltown. Due to the efforts of Eldon Schneider at the Iowa Veterans Home, we are going to have that opportunity in the next month.

Where are you in your progress through the 4 degrees of indoctrination into the 4 callings of a Knight of Columbus? Why should you advance? My first reaction is to ask: why not? Does a baseball player on 1st base ask why he should go all the way to home? Does a 1st grader ask why he should go back to school in the fall? Does a bible scholar stop when he's completed one gospel? The calling of a Knight of Columbus is divided into 4 major categories—Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. In our everyday action as Knights, we really don't distinguish our activities by these categories, we just naturally participate in activities that support all 4. We do charity when we solicit donations for persons with intellectual disabilities. We support unity when we help with the ministries in church as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and others. We support fraternity when we seek out KC members and their families in need and support them. We act out our patriotism when we vote, participate otherwise in government, serve in the military, support veterans, etc. If we're already doing these things, why go through the ceremonies?

I think there are some parallels to the Sacrament of Confirmation in our faith life. I expect most of us are confirmed...why did we do that? ...to make a public statement of a particular intent? ...to obtain grace? ...to please someone? I think the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degrees are those things too: a public affirmation of our desire to serve in that way; a way to please God, and yes, perhaps even obtain grace.

Will advanced degrees obligate me to additional responsibilities? No. Just as with Confirmation, we may be motivated by the ceremonies themselves to be a more active Knight, but we are all free to take on whatever roles and responsibilities we choose. The 4th degree carries with it certain privileges, such as participating in the honor guard, but that is not an obligation.

I hope you will make the decision to advance. Why not? It will never be more convenient. 2nd and 3rd degrees will be Sunday October 29th—2nd at 10:00AM and 3rd at 1:00PM. 4th Degree will be Saturday November 4th at 2:00PM. All these degrees will take place at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. You must complete the degrees in order. For the 4th degree you must wear a dark-colored suit (preferably black) white shirt, and tie. Let an officer know if you're coming so we can plan accordingly.

There is simply no good reason, if you're proud to be a Knight, that you wouldn't be proud to advance to the 4th degree. I hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Harvest Ball, Nov 4th. Get your reservation in. This is a premier Marshalltown event that is a major fundraiser for the school as well as a great time.

Also don't forget 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.

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... Have you affirmed someone this past week?

Have you ever heard the saying: "No good deed goes unpunished". I am downright depressed by the prevalence of negativity in the world around us. Am I guilty of being more negative than positive? Do I choose to find fault with someone's efforts to do something good, rather than praise and support them? I challenge you to form a new habit--each week, find someone who is doing, or has done, something you would like to see more of, and affirm them. Tell them how much you appreciate what they do; compliment them on the way they do it. DO NOT embed criticism in the affirmation, make it genuine and heartfelt. It can be delivered in person, by note, email, phone call, thank you card...it doesn't matter. Just do it!

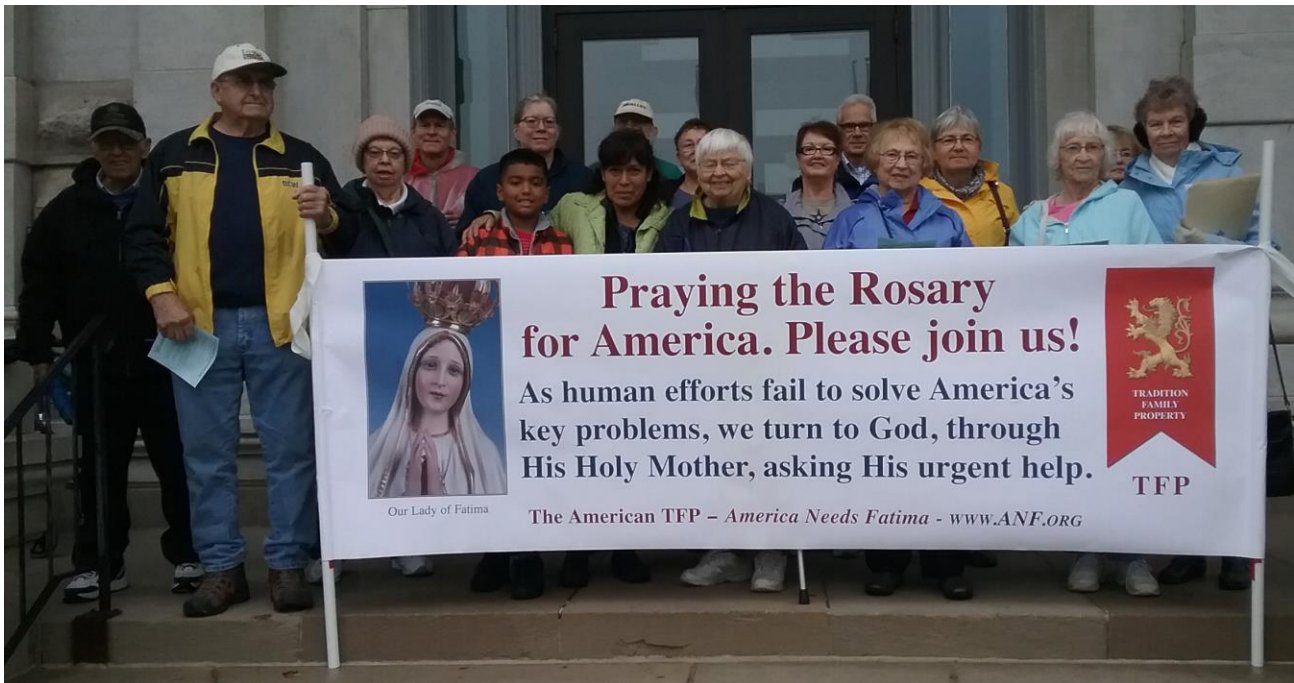
God bless you and your families. Hope to see you around.

Steve Seberger - Grand Knight

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Above: Knights join the rosary at the courthouse? Can you name those pictured below?



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Insurance Corner: A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2017, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

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