



Marshall Council 966

# Knights of Columbus

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## Thoughts from the Grand Knight November 2017

It was good to see the large group of candidates that completed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplifications this month at the Iowa Veteran’s Home. The degrees are meaningful regardless of the number and background of the candidates, but it was especially remarkable to experience the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, the degree of patriotism, alongside so many veterans of various branches of the military at the Iowa Veteran’s Home. If you missed out on this, I highly encourage you to take the next opportunity.

The Harvest Ball on November 4<sup>th</sup> commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> year of this important fundraiser. It was a fun-filled evening with a good meal and lots of exciting items to bid on in both live and silent auctions. It was capped off by the performance of an amazing illusionist (magician) straight from Las Vegas called Reza. If you weren’t there you missed out. A couple of us Knights helped serve the meal, and many others were in attendance, helping to make it a huge success.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual memorial mass where we honor the members who passed in the last year. The honorees this year were Orville Gatton, Robert Gutting, Phil Kopel, Gary Underwood, and James Mead. The mass is followed by a presentation of the donations from the Tootsie Roll campaign, to 3 local charities who serve the mentally disabled. 10% of the funds go to the support of the Special Olympics and the other 90%, by vote of our council, was split equally between MIW, CIRSI, and ARC. Each agency received ~\$1800. Representatives of each agency were on hand to receive the donations, and thank you letters have already been received by the council from each agency. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile effort in any way.

I am still looking for men to ASK me to put them on my text message list to receive information about projects and activities. If you WANT to know when opportunities/needs arise, send me your cell phone number. I have about 20 men on the list so far, and would like to find another 20.

My “Final thought” last month was about forming the habit of affirmation, and trying to counter the effect of all the negativism that surrounds us. The importance of this was driven home to me this month as one of the key volunteer organizers of a big charity event told me what happened to her. She, and a handful of others put in hundreds of hours to make the event as good as they could, all for the sake of others. Sometime that evening there was a couple that decided to lash out, no, not just quietly criticize, lash out, with raised voices, because that they thought a couple things should have been done differently. Put yourself in the volunteer’s shoes. How would you feel? How would you react? How many compliments would it take to rebuild your spirits after such an assault? She wouldn’t tell me who did this. I certainly hope it wasn’t a Knight. PLEASE, MEN, build people up, don’t cut them down.

The gospel reading for November 19 was the parable of the talents—the familiar story of the servants who were each given a number of “talents” to be responsible for while the master was away. The clear message for us is that we are all expected to produce fruits in proportion to what we have been given. And if we do that, the master will say “Well done good and faithful servant”. As you give thanks this season, prayerfully consider your response to all your gifts.

God bless you and your families during this Thanksgiving season.

Steve Seberger - Grand Knight

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Above: Vets prepare for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree? Below: More Knights continue their journey



Deceased members are honored in the annual Memorial Mass



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**Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal**

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

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