



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight - January 2018

I sincerely hope you are planning to bring your family to the January 26th member appreciation and recognition dinner at 6PM at St. Francis school. I heard good reports from the January 8th meeting where this year's fish selection was sampled. This dinner is free of charge—a chance for the council to say thank you. Oh, we'd be happy to accept your annual dues if that's convenient for you, and the youth group would appreciate your tips at the dessert table to help fund their summer trips, but there will not be a charge for the meal.

The other reason to come is to be recognized. I promise that I will not make the same mistake as last year when I had an incomplete list of the longstanding members. We will give special recognition to the members achieving honorary status (25 consecutive years of membership and 65 years of age) and will also honor all the honorary lifetime members (25 consecutive years of service and 70 years of age).

I want to thank the members and families that stepped up to run the free throw contest and the spelling bee this year. Winners of those events will be moving on to higher levels of competition in the next few weeks. We haven't had the freethrow contest for a few years, but this year the Mussig family stepped up to make it happen because it meant a lot to them when they participated in their youth. This is a great example of how the volunteer spirit of just one or two members, combined with the support of the council, can make things happen that have particular meaning to them.

After the January 26th dinner, we will soon be swinging into the flurry of activities related to Lent. I certainly hope many of you will patronize those, and help out if you can in the various support roles. The fish dinners @ St. Francis School will be **February 16, 23, and March 2, 9, 16, and 23**. Please get your groups together and sign up on KofC966.org, or contact any officer with your information.

Besides Lent, it is also the season of confirmation. We had 78 of our local youth at a confirmation retreat at St. Henry on January 21st. It is great to see such a large group of youth preparing to take this significant step in advancing their practice of their Catholic faith. We should pray for them, of course, but we should also take this time to reflect on our own faith journey. Are we setting a good example for our youth of living out our faith in all aspects of our lives? Are we using the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit in evangelizing our modern world? Are we participating in all the sacraments fully and frequently. Are we opening ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds?

If the answer is no, there are opportunities right now to rectify that. The "Wild Goose" series is currently running on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at the St. Henry parish center. If you want to get a taste of what that's about, you can watch a 20 min. video at <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/series-segments/> Also, the men's CEW is scheduled for March 2-4, and you can find brochures in the back of the church to get signed up. You can also encourage your wife to attend the women's on February 16-18.

Being January, this is also a time to remember the millions of unborn lives lost. While in Boise last week, Cindy and I spent a Saturday morning helping at our daughter's church, to place 2500 white wooden crosses on the lawn to commemorate the lives lost to abortion every day in the U.S. Personally, I think abortion is the biggest disgrace we have to own up to as humans. My daughter and her husband are the Boise, Idaho area coordinators for 40 Days for Life, which is a peaceful prayer ministry at abortion facilities nationwide. I encourage all of you to check out the 40 Days for Life mission at <https://40daysforlife.com/> and to consider signing up for prayer times at the clinic in Des Moines. If you wish to do that, I ask you to send me your name, phone, and email, and I will contact you when I decide to go down. Last year I did it twice...this year I hope to do more. If babies are going to die in that facility, at least I can pray for them and for the souls of those who see fit to kill them. A pastor in Des Moines related the joyful experience of being introduced to a young child who's parents said they turned away from an abortion appointment simply because they saw someone praying there. For every life, there is hope.

God bless you and your families during this season of new beginnings, and preparation for Lent.

Steve Seberger - Grand Knight

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Henry (Hank) Seiler is one of our longstanding members who passed away recently. He joined the Knights in 1973 so is credited with 45 years of service. His passing is a good reminder to us all that we are mortal and our time on earth will come to an end. Hank is survived by his wife of 56 years, Berniece, which reminds us of our duty to provide for the care of our families when we're gone. We should all keep Hank and his family in our prayers.

Below are the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students that participated in the Spelling Bee held at St. Francis school. Deputy Grand Knight Matt Herrick organized the event. It's great to see the youth of the community served in this and other ways by local Knights. It's a great way to get a positive image for our organization and plant some seeds for future members among them and their parents.



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Insurance Corner: Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death.

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

That’s why we are excited to introduce the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook.

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is a no-cost tool available from me to you.

The thirty-four page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones.

This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, tempus fugit memento mori reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when.

So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable?

You’ll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

To get a complimentary copy of the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, contact me today.

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