



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight - March 2018

Quick correction, in the last newsletter I said that you would only be removed from the newsletter mailing list if the newsletter became undeliverable. You can, of course, also request to be removed from the list if you no longer wish to receive it. We are happy to mail it to members or to the family of any present or past member, and we are happy to send it via email or regular postal mail.

The fish dinners are going well. Thanks to all who have signed up to help and all who come to enjoy the fish and support the school. I feel very good about this core activity of our council and the good it is doing in our community.



It's that time of year again when Knights pay their dues. Most of them are in, so thank you for your support of all the local and global causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

I have heard that there are some questions in the minds of some members regarding where the dues money goes. Here's a rundown:

Of the dues collected during 2017—

- 33% stayed at the local council to support operations (e.g. newsletter and other expenses) and our charitable causes that are not directly funded by fundraisers
- 21% went to the Supreme Council to support their operations and international causes
- 19% went to the State Council to support their operations and miscellaneous efforts
- 11% went to the Culture of Life efforts at the state level
- 10% paid the stipend to our local Financial Secretary-the only paid position in the council
- 6% went to Catholic advertising at the state level

I am hopeful that all Knights buy into the mission of the Knights of Columbus at all levels. It is a large organization with a lot going on and I am proud to be a part of it and proud to support it with my dues, as well as my time, talent, and additional treasure.

Perhaps this is as good a time as any to discuss the unpleasant aspect of dealing with those Knights that are unreachable or no longer wish to be Knights. Part of the problem is that it is difficult to distinguish which is the case when we do not get dues from, and cannot get a response from, a member. We don't want to lose any member, particularly if it is just a matter of a good address or phone number. However, we also don't want to waste time trying to track down a member who doesn't want to be contacted. It frustrates me to think about the time spent on this effort every year. Would you help me out? If you're reading this and you haven't paid your dues, would you please contact me or any officer and let us know your intentions? If you have a relative that you think we might have lost track of due to a change of address, please mention this to them as well.

One thing we're struggling with along these lines is the process that must be satisfied for a member to resign. We need to receive a note handwritten by the member saying that they wish to resign their membership in our council. If you wish to resign, please be patient with us as we go through the process. The Supreme and state councils understandably want to make sure that no member is lost due to a misunderstanding or the malicious intent of another member, so they make the process involve personal contact and multiple people. The process is also made difficult by the frequency of address and phone number changes and the multiplicity of databases where these reside. I apologize on behalf of the whole KC organization for any unwanted hassle you may experience related to a resignation.

Now, let's talk about something related to your Lenten journey. How's that coming? If the answer to that is "well, OK, I guess" then perhaps you'd like to try something different for the last few weeks. Perhaps you should take the One % Challenge. See the next page. God bless you.

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15 MINUTES A DAY WITH GOD'S WORD.



PREPARE

- Begin with the sign of the cross.
- Take a moment to be quiet and still.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this prayer time.

READ

- Read a Scripture selection slowly and attentively.
- Note any word, phrase, or image that catches your attention.
- Consider reading more than once, and/or out loud.

REFLECT

- Think about the meaning of whatever caught your attention.
- Possibly imagine yourself in the scene.
- What is the Lord saying to you through this text?
- Are there any: promises to claim, commands to obey, examples to follow, errors to avoid, praises to sing...

RESPOND

- Talk to God about the passage or anything else on your heart.
- Thank him for blessings received; Ask him for what you and others need.
- Note any changes or actions you are drawn to live out.

REST

- Spend a few minutes in restful silence with him.
- "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:11)

**30-DAY
KICK START**

1. Matthew 16:13-17

Who do you say that I am?

2. Matthew 3:13-17

The baptism of Jesus.

3. John 4:1-42

Jesus offers living water.

4. Luke 5:1-11

Put out into the deep.

5. Mark 1:21-39

A day with Jesus.

6. Mark 2:1-12

Jesus forgives and heals

7. Luke 7:36-50

Jesus sees us.

8. Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

9. Mark 5: 25-34

Your faith has saved you.

10. Mark 6:30-44

Jesus feeds the 5,000.

11. Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water.

12. Mark 10:17-31

The challenge of Jesus.

13. Mark 9:30-37

Willing to give it all.

14. John 10:7-18

The Good Shepherd.

15. Luke 10:38-42

You need only one thing.

16. John 11:1-44

Jesus raises the dead.

17. John 8:1-11

Jesus doesn't condemn.

18. Mark 10:46-52

What do you want me to do for you?

19. Luke 19:1-10

Jesus invites himself over.

20. Luke 15: 11-32

Jesus' forgiving Father.

21. Matthew 20:20-28

Servant of all.

22. Matthew 25:31-40

Jesus identifies with the poor.

23. John 12:1-8

Worthy of all honor.

24. John 13:1-17

The call to humble service.

25. Luke 22: 14-20

Body given and blood shed for you.

26. Matthew 26:36-46

Surrendered to the Father's will.

27. Luke 23: 33-47

Jesus gives everything for you.

28. John 20:1-18

Jesus is alive.

29. Luke 24:13-34

Jesus known in word and bread.

30. Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus calls you.

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." 1 SAM 3:10

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Dear Brother Knights,

The STILL agency is proud to announce our newest professional field agent, **Brad Peterson**. Effective March 1st 2018, Brad will be servicing the councils of Oxford, Victor, Grinnell, Newton, Marengo, Belle Plaine, Tama/Toledo and Marshalltown

As an agent, Brad meets with and advises members regarding the products and services available to them as members. Members who meet with Brad will find him knowledgeable and compassionate. He understands the complex situations that Catholic families face today.

Brad joins our team of professional agents servicing central and southeast Iowa. We serve over 11,000 plus members and their families every year. We manage over 2.1 billion of life protection on the members in the State of Iowa. The Knights of Columbus Insurance is rated A++ (Superior) for financial strength by AM Best for 40 Consecutive years. Thank you for trusting us to protect your Family.

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