



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the new Grand Knight - Matt Herrick

As I begin my tenure as your Grand Knight, I'd like to step back and do a reset. With small meeting attendance, we can only wildly speculate what the membership wants and what it expects from the Knights. Therefore my first priority will be to reach out to the membership and get feedback.

At the July 2nd meeting (7pm, St. Mary Church Basement), we'll be developing a short survey for the membership. August & September meetings will be used to call each and every knight and get their opinions. Anyone that can make those meetings and help us reach out to Knights would be appreciated. Just bring your cell phone to the meetings. October will be for planning the memorial mass & to email (or mail) a survey to those we were unable to call. November, we will have the Memorial Mass instead of a meeting and hopefully by December, all the survey data will be analyzed to develop a clearer mission and set of priorities for the Council as we move forward.

When we reach out to you, please take time to talk with your fellow Knight and answer the questions honestly. We're not doing this anonymously because we want to make sure we reach out to everyone; but please be open with us, even if the truth hurts.

We still have much work to do in the meantime so please stay involved. There will be three sign-ups coming up on the web site soon:

- Work Day (School and parish needs) - July 14
- Golf Tournament - August TBD
- Tootsie Rolls - September TBD

Thank you and I hope to talk to you soon. - Matt Herrick

Thoughts from the past Grand Knight - Steve Seberger

You can't watch the news lately without encountering someone trying to explain the rise in suicide rates. I might as well take my shot at it. Happy people don't take their own lives. There are more and more unhappy people. I once heard it said that 3 things are essential to happiness: 1) something to do 2) something to look forward to 3) someone to love. When I say the rosary, I always offer those first 3 Hail Marys for the intention of an increase in Faith, Hope, and Love. Haven't we all prayed and sung about those 3 ideals throughout our lives? Isn't there an uncanny correlation between these sets of 3? Doesn't a person of Faith have plenty of things to do -- worship, pray, help with the liturgy, study, evangelize? Doesn't a person of Hope always have something to look forward to -- improvement in a situation, a person changing for the better, the 2nd coming of Jesus, eternity in heaven? Doesn't a person of Love have plenty of people to love -- the poor, the elderly, the homebound, the sick, the imprisoned, neighbors, family?

We know there is a general trend away from organized religion these days, and I think you could say, away from living lives of faith, and toward self-absorption. The more we focus on trying to make ourselves happy, the lonelier we get. The more we focus on Faith, Hope, and Love, the happier we'll be. I believe the greatest joy in life is what you feel when you see joy in the face of another, especially if you played a part in it. If you want more joy, be more generous.

I guess my point in all this is to encourage all of you to remember and act on the importance of Faith, Hope, and Love to your own mental health, and to that of all those around you. Breed Faith. Encourage Hope. Show Love. Regardless of your situation in life, you can't make yourself happy, but by bringing happiness to others, you can enjoy the reflection of it in their faces.

God bless you and your families – Steve Seberger

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Member Obituaries from the past few months:

Robert “Bob” Hartwig, 91, of Marshalltown, Iowa passed away at Unity Point Health in Marshalltown, on Friday, March 9, 2018. Robert Louis Hartwig was born at home in rural Marshall County; he was the son of Earl and Ruth (Hennis) Hartwig. Robert was educated in the St. Anthony School District graduating with the Class of 1944. Bob honorably served his country in the United States Navy from 1945 until 1947. On November 22, 1950, Bob was united in marriage to the love of his life Rosella Kunkel at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Haverhill, Iowa; they had lived in Marshalltown their entire married life. Bob had worked at Fisher Controls as a Foreman and retired in 1986 after 39 years of faithful service. For many years he also was a farmhand for a close family friend while working at Fisher. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. Bob loved to FISH!!!! He made lures, enjoyed woodworking, playing cards, camping, and loved anytime with his family. Left to cherish Bob's memory is his wife of 67 years, Rosella; his children: Ronald (Mary) Hartwig of Marshalltown, Randy (Marlene) Hartwig, of Marshalltown, Rosanne (Dan) Anderson of Marshalltown, Ricky Hartwig of Blaine, Minnesota, Raelene (Mike) Sommerlot of Marshalltown, Rob (Patricia Rios) Hartwig of Mesa, Arizona and Renae (Steve) Williams of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania; grandchildren: Chad (Tammie), Ryan (Crystal), Kelly (Ben), Matt (Jamie), Tim (Kelly), Melissa (Clint), Tena (Simon), Terah, Tyler and Trey; 13 great grandchildren (plus 1 on the way) and 3 great-great-grandchildren. In death, Bob rejoins his parents, Earl and Ruth Hartwig.

James (Jim) Trowbridge, 93, of Marshalltown, died June 11, 2018.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 15th, at St. Henry's Catholic Church with Father Don Czapla officiating. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 14, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Mitchell Family Funeral Home. The vigil service will start at 7 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be directed to the family. For further information or to send a condolence please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call (641) 844-1234.

He was born James Charles Trowbridge on June 24, 1924 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the son of Wilmont Bloomfield Trowbridge and Laura Cooley. He graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1942.

After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corp and served his country during WWII. He saw action in the Pacific on the islands of Peleliu, New Britain, and Okinawa.

On Oct 31, 1948 he married his sweetheart Connie Giarratano at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They lived with her parents and helped with the family business "Giarratano Grocery". Jim also worked at Letts Fletcher. After two years they moved to their farm south of Haverhill where they farmed for 34 years. They lived in West Des Moines for 6 ½ years and managed Ashworth apartments for Knapp properties. In 2003 they moved back to Marshalltown to retire and enjoy their grandchildren.

Jim was a member of St. Henrys Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, VFW Color Guard and Farm Bureau. He enjoyed league bowling, square dancing, family picnics on the farm, socializing with friends at the casino, and watching western movies. Jim was a very proud Marine and was fortunate to be able to go to Washington D.C. on the Honor Flight. Jim lived his life by the Marines standards of honor, commitment and service. He also loved being a part of the big Italian Giarratano family.

His survivors include his three children: Vincene Ridout, Jim (LeAnn) Trowbridge, John (Michele) Trowbridge all of Marshalltown, Grandchildren: Jeff (Susie) Ridout, Johnny (Stefanie) Ridout, Laura (Rod) Stolzman, Jim (Maria) Trowbridge, Amy (Dan) Stephens, Joey (Lindi) Trowbridge, Lindsay (Jeff) Clement, Bart (Samantha Dugan) Trowbridge, Morgan (Jacob) Phipps and Trent (Kristen) Trowbridge. Great-grandchildren: D.J., Jalyn Rose and Jordan Ridout, Christian, Ireland, and Annie Ridout, Holly and Devinnie Stolzman, Mary, Brian, Sarah and Samantha Trowbridge, Derek and Lexi Stephens, Harper Trowbridge, Jake, Ben, Allie, Leah, and Peter Clement, Samuel, Cal and Luke Phipps. Great-great-grandchildren: Ella and Ayla Erwin.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Connie, his parents, his sister Edith and one son-in-law, Denny Ridout.

Thomas W Fries was born on September 9, 1926 and passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Thomas was a resident of the Iowa Veteran's Home at the time of passing.

Born during the depression, he started working at the age of 9 while attending All Saints Grade School. He joined the US Navy in 1944 and served until 1947, then served in the US Navy Reserves from 1947 to 1949.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the Iowa Veterans Home for their exceptional care and attention to Tom and a special thank you to the staff on Dack 2. A private family military burial will be held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, IA. Memorial contributions can be directed to Dack 2 at the Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown, IA 50158 in Tom's memory.

Insurance Corner:

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.



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