



Marshall Council 966

Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight - Matt Herrick

We have a number of usual events (tootsie rolls, mass breakfast) going on while we gather survey data. Please check out the kofc966.org website for volunteer sign-up for those events. If you're not a computer person, just talk to any of the KC officers and we'll get you signed up.

Our other big project is the climate survey. We have a number of dedicated knights who agreed to make calls and collect information. I really appreciate their support on this and ask you to take their call and give them honest and useful feedback. This survey is going to be key in determining what direction we want to take our council and what we can do to better serve each other. I would like to point out "we" means all member knights, not just officers. We want to be inclusive in our goal setting and offer activities that benefit all our members and the greater community. So please look at this as a positive opportunity for growth and revitalization of our council. Thanks for your cooperation.

Excerpts from the minutes of the July meeting

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus will be serving a full breakfast for our visitors from our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres, on Sunday, September 9. Breakfast will be served from 9:00am-12:30pm in the St. Henry Dining Room. Plan to enjoy a delicious breakfast and welcome our fellow parishioners to St. Henry!
- Members Al Barten and Laurel Phipps passed away recently
- Council 966 received \$5000 in food vouchers and \$1000 cash from other councils for tornado relief.
- Thanks to all Knights that helped in any way with tornado relief, and to those that continue to do so.

Golf tournament fundraiser

Thank you to Vince Frederick for heading it up, and to Eldon Schneider, Logan Frederick, Bob Cook, Kevin Duncan, Steve Seberger, Eva Jacobson, Sheena Bahr, and Mike Vanderah for helping. Thanks to all the sponsors who donated to help with tornado relief, and to all of you who golfed to help make it a fun and successful event.





Al Barten funeral



Al's regalia stands as witness to his dedication to the Knights of Columbus. The honor guard is pleased to salute one of our own.

Editor's commentary

On a recent trip, my wife and I were listening to a collection of sermons and speeches given by Pope Francis. In one of his addresses to World Youth Day, he said "It is not enough to be a good person. We must also fight evil."

Do you remember the Serenity Prayer? One line of that says "God grant me ... the courage to change what I cannot accept." It is apparent that evil is creeping into our society and our lives more every day. How many of us think it is someone else's job to fight it? Silence is acceptance. We should be vocal, visible, active, persuasive, persistent, committed. There are so many things we cannot accept—abortion, pornography, abuse, slavery, profanity, disrespect, racism, drug traffic, unnecessary violence. Go on record. Stand up for what's good and right. If being Catholic became illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

God bless you and your families.

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Insurance Corner:

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.



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