



Knights of Columbus

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Thoughts from the Grand Knight - Matt Herrick

Thank you to the 32 knights who responded to the climate survey. We've heard you and we plan to make some changes based on your advice. If you didn't have a chance to participate, please feel free to share your thoughts with me. I'm here to serve you and I want to know how I can best do that.

Everyone was clear on the survey that service is our mission and priority. No one wants to see that change. However, the general consensus was we've become "all work and no play." There were many specific examples of social activities that have fallen by the wayside and ideas for new activities to build fraternity. Therefore, the officers and I are going to make a conscious effort to bring some of those activities back.

As always, we'll need your help. We need those of you who remember those activities to help us organize events; to insure we're including the specific aspects you remember as essential. We also need you for our usual service projects: spelling bee, 1st Sunday breakfast, Fish Dinners, etc.

I look forward to working with you all in revitalizing our council in 2019 and bringing the focus back on our members. I hope we find ways to get you to reinvest in our Council and become active members once again. Thanks again for what you've done and your continued feedback on what we're doing

Excerpts from the February 4th council meeting minutes:

- Yearly dues are due. Second notice has been sent. Please save the council time and effort by getting your dues in without further reminders. You can get them to any of the officers listed below.
- Because the council donated \$500 for food for families, supreme has given us \$100 more. \$100 in Fareway scrip will be given to the Emergency Food Box.
- Our District Deputy reports that the KofC statewide provided \$30,000 in emergency relief funds through Sister Chris for tornado relief
- Vince will send a thank you to all individuals and councils who contributed, to be published in the Columbian magazine
- The Insurance agency that handles our council is still in question. We previously heard the Dagele agency, but now hear that the Still agency is the one as of February 1st.
- There is a handicapped family on West Boone Street that needs help. Those who want to be on an emergency call list; let Vince Frederick know.
- Matt would like someone to plan a social event. Roger Polt suggested a bus trip to one of the shrines in Wisconsin, Iowa, or South Dakota, or to an Iowa Cubs game. Roger Polt and Dave Staron will work on planning a trip
- KC Breakfast--\$510 in donations; \$300 expenses
 - Suggested that this be a monthly event or on a fifth Sunday
- Fish Dinners
 - First is March 8
 - Bob C. has ordered food for first two weeks
 - Only two choices of fish: cod and tilapia
 - 5 people to bring desserts each dinner
 - Contact individual members to bring dessert
 - Knights will supplement with other desserts if needed

- Youth will serve desserts
- Workers should sign up on the council website.
- Bob would like someone to organize the helpers—It is a problem when too many helpers show up because they don't sign up or pay attention to the signup lists
- Youth Trip Fund (second discussion)
 - \$750 given for parish youth program. Need \$250 more for 2018-2019
 - \$1000 for 2019-2020
 - Motion approved to publicize as scholarship fund



- KC Directors assigned as follows:
 - Program director—Eldon
 - Community director—Vince
 - Family director—Roger D.
 - Life director—Brandon
 - Faith director—Dave S.
 - Membership director—LeRoy J.
 - Retention director—Steve S.
 - Vocations director—Roger P.
 - Directors will need to take online safety training
- Council Website Domain
 - \$105.85 for 5-year lease--Moved and seconded to renew lease. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Events Poster ideas
 - 3 foot by 6 foot retractable vinyl banner
 - Posted at events to show KCs are involved
 - \$82.49
 - Pre-printed
 - Self-standing
 - 3 foot by 3 foot poster holder on easel
 - Would hold and display printed poster
 - Posted at KC sponsored events, such as breakfast, fund raisers, etc..

- A request was received for sponsorship of a pro-life/ Natural Family Planning event at MCC. More details are needed

Excerpts from the January 8th council meeting minutes:

- Dinner aprons: Bob moved, Galen seconded to order 6 aprons. Motion carried.
- Awards Dinner: January 21 Eldon and Vince to coordinate.
 - Spaghetti, sauce, French bread, desserts. Enough for Approximately 100 people.
 - Roger D., Steve S., Dave S., Roger P., LeRoy S. to bring desserts.
 - Eldon has some door prizes. Use tickets for door prizes.
- Council Free Throw Contest
 - January 26 at St. Francis School.
 - Steve Bolar coordinator
 - Eldon and Galen sign up
- Spelling Bee
 - Matt has packet for 4th, 5th and 6th graders
 - Need 7 volunteers, 3 currently available.
- State Convention in Des Moines
 - May 3-5
 - Eldon has raffle tickets, which will be available at the Fish Dinners
- Marian Project
 - January 27 to March 1
 - Would be part of normal Mass
 - Father Allen said we could do at any time at St. Mary; just need date
- February 3 Catholic Schools Mass, so Marian Project Mass in Tama
- Safety Training
 - Need background check for anyone involved with events with children
- Climate Survey
 - 39 replies received
 - 1/3 of membership response in 62-70 age group
 - Most want social event so start thinking about resurrecting social events
 - Design event for 50 to 70 year age group.
 - Agenda item for February meeting; decide what event will be.
 - Reach out to 62-70 olds and 50 -62 to extend personal invites.
 - Publish in newsletter
 - Post assessment after event
- Last Minute:
 - Garage on Woodbury Street needs to be taken down
 - 150-year celebration of Catholics in Marshall County
 - Be thinking of ways to celebrate

Editor's commentary:

There is still time to sign up for the men's CEW weekend. Just before Lent is a great time for a retreat to examine, renew, celebrate our relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. Prayerfully consider.

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