



From Grand Knight Greg Jacobs:

It was with great sadness that we had to modify one of the most recognized fundraising efforts that the Knights of Columbus are best known for and that is our annual Tootsie Roll campaign to raise funds for the intellectually disabled. COVID-19 continues to mandate changes in many areas of our lives. As such you did not see Knights in yellow and red vests in front of business establishments handing out Tootsie Rolls for donations. We cannot let this pandemic completely derail a needed fundraising effort. Local organizations we support through the Tootsie Roll campaign need this money now more than ever. Instead of handing you a Tootsie Roll for your donation, we will be giving them to the kids. That is, send your donation to the Knights and we will send Tootsie Rolls to schools and other youth groups. Donate \$4 and the Knights will provide Tootsie Rolls for a classroom, donate \$8 and the Knights will supply a grade, donate \$30 and the Knights will provide Tootsie Rolls for the whole building.

If you don't care to donate for Tootsie Rolls for the kids, but you do want to support the intellectually disabled, of course you can also do that—just note your intention on your check. Please send a check for whatever you're comfortable donating to K of C 966, PO Box 1672, Marshalltown, IA 50158. On behalf of ARC, CIRSI, MIW, and the Special Olympics, we thank you for your support.

I have been asked if I have any big plans for the coming year and my response has been "I'm not sure what we should do but our focus should be on reinvigorating our membership". We have tried many things in the ten years I have been a member; nothing seems to resonate with our younger members. I believe it is true that young people today do not seem to have the desire to make long term commitments. We have had successful turnouts when a specific call to action goes out but afterwards members I have never seen or rarely see are nowhere to be seen again? To be totally honest I am concerned for the longevity of the Council. I am 62 and many of the crowd I consider regular active members are older than I am. I am open to suggestions and welcome email from our membership for ways to get our membership active again.

If you are reading your Columbia magazine you know that our founder Father Michael J. McGivney is almost a saint! His beatification Mass is expected to be celebrated in the coming months in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The annual August golf outing I'm sad to say had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, just like the Tootsie Roll campaign. We just didn't see any safe way to conduct the event and comply with food and drink safety and social distancing etc.

The Christ our Life conference was held September 26 – 27 with limited inside seating and significant attendance by live streaming of the presentation stage. I hope many of you took advantage of that. If you have never been you owe it to yourself to go and experience what it is like to be surrounded by thousands of fellow Catholics on fire with faith and love of Jesus Christ.

Next week is when we would normally have our annual memorial mass in which we honor the members who have passed away in the last year. Due to Covid, we have decided to defer the special ceremony for deceased Knights until next year. However, St. Francis parish is still having the annual "Mass of Remembrance" that honors ALL parishioners that passed away in the past year. The names of our deceased Knights will be included in that mass. It will be Monday, November 2nd at 6PM at St. Henry church. This year's deceased are: Don Bailey, Clinton Bane, Ed Blink, John Egnew, Norm Gorder, Cletus Heinrichs, Gaylord Lenning, Bruce Lewis, John Madden, and James Miller. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. If you are aware of a member we have missed,

please call an officer immediately so we can mention them in this mass, and include them in the ceremony next year.

Since we are not having the ceremony on Monday, we will have a regular monthly council meeting after the mass in the St. Henry dining room.

From the editor: Do you want to continue to receive this newsletter?

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, just write "Refused" across the face of it and put it back in your mailbox. We pay for the return postage to get these back so we will see that you don't want to receive it. We do not automatically cancel the newsletter when a member passes away because some families wish to continue to hear about what's going on at the Knights of Columbus. Of course, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter by email, you can simply reply to the email and ask to be removed from the list. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter as you have in the past, there is nothing you need to do. If your address or email address changes, let us know. Feedback regarding the newsletter, positive or negative, is encouraged. Is it of value to you? Is it worth the effort to publish it? Have you missed it?

What's been going on with the Knights of Columbus since February?

- Short March meeting followed by work projects at the school.
- Fish dinners that, thanks to Covid and some quick adaptation by the help, turned into a drive-thru event that was quite successful (after a cumbersome start the first night while we worked out the process).
- Laying out the St. Henry field for outdoor masses
- Main playground and preschool playground projects at St. Francis
- Derecho recovery work--multiple projects
- Due to the impact of Covid on the Tootsie Roll campaign, we elected to withdraw funds from our investment interest to fund gifts to the 3 charities that have come to count on our support for the intellectually disabled.
- We have donated funds to support the Emergency Food Box, Guiding Star, Catholic Charities
- Some meetings were held as virtual online meetings, but we have resumed in-person meetings in the St. Mary basement with masks and social distancing. Meetings are still held on the 1st Monday of each month unless otherwise communicated
- Elections were held in June; the current slate of officers is listed below

Insurance Corner – New Agent for our area!

Hello, my brother Knights! I have been the Financial Secretary of Council 966 since March of 2015. It has been an honor to serve all our council and all of you. However, I will be resigning from that position soon.

I have decided to switch careers and I am now the new Representative for the Knights of Columbus Insurance. Included in my territory are councils in Marshalltown, Tama/Toledo, Belle Plaine, Chelsea, Grinnell, Newton, and Colfax. I am full time in this position effective October 15, 2020. I am excited and looking forward to assisting members in meeting their life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability Income Insurance, and annuity needs to make sure our members are protected. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your needs, please feel free to contact me at (641) 844-4728 or email me at rjdabd@consultant.com.

Thank you and God Bless!
Roger J. Drummer

Council 966 Officers:

- Grand Knight – Greg Jacobs h:(641) 753-5965 c:(641)-750-1277 gwjacobs@mediacombb.net
- Deputy Grand Knight – open
- Financial Secretary -- Roger Drummer (641) 753-5842 ridabd@consultant.com
- Chancellor – open
- Recorder -- LeRoy Jero (641) 752-2165 (home) ljero@centurylink.net
- Treasurer -- Robert M Cook h:(641) 752-1661 c:(641) 844-3049 rmcook2703@yahoo.com
- Warden – Brandon Kunkel (641) 351-9653 brandonkunkel@yahoo.com
- Advocate -- George Baitinger h:(641)488-2966 mjbait@heartofiowa.net
- Inside Guard -- David Staron h:(641)752-4868 c:(641)485-6172 davidstaron@mac.com
- Outside Guard Logan Frederick c:(641)750-0076 lofredfqp@hotmail.com
- One Year Trustee -- Vince Frederick h:(641)753-7288 vfredfqp@hotmail.com
- Two Year Trustee -- Stephen Seberger h:(641)752-8363 c:(641)750-2550 sgsebe1@gmail.com
- Three Year Trustee -- Matthew Herrick c:(641)351-9597 matthew.herrick@huskers.unl.edu
- Lecturer Deacon Roger Polt h:(641)753-1444 c:(641)351-9386 rpolt@yahoo.com
- Newsletter editor -- Steve Seberger h:(641) 752-8363 sgsebe1@gmail.com



Many Knights helped assemble the new playground equipment



Outdoor masses were a welcome option that Knights helped facilitate