



Marshall Council 966

November-December 2018 Newsletter

## Knights of Columbus

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### Thoughts from the Grand Knight - Matt Herrick

Excerpts from meeting minutes:

Thank you to all who supported the golf tournament. We were able to help out victims of the tornado with \$2408 and St Francis school with \$1000.

Thanks to all who participated in or otherwise supported the Tootsie Roll drive. We were able to write checks to ARC, MIW, and CIRSI in the amount of \$1218.92 each as well as \$406.31 to support the Special Olympics at the state level.

Eldon pointed out that REM (Robert E. Miller Foundation) kids helped raise \$1100 in our Tootsie Roll drive. In recognition of their efforts, we will donate \$500 to the Emergency Food Box and will involve the REM kids in the presentation of the donation. \$100 will be awarded to the council from the state as part of their Food for families program.

Thank you to all who helped with or attended the KC Memorial Mass in November. This year we honored 12 of our fallen members and a deacon. The pictures in this newsletter are from that event.

Our next "big event" will be the recognition dinner on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the St. Francis gym 5:30 - 7pm. This is for all members and their families with special recognition for members receiving length-of-service awards. There will be no charge for the meal and there will be door prizes. Plan now to attend.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will host a breakfast with Galen Pille organizing.

After that, we will soon swing into the Fish Dinners. We expect to continue to have Cod and Tilapia like last year as well as various side dishes. The desserts will continue to be offered by the youth group, but the source of the desserts will change to reduce the cost. More info later on that. We will again be using the website for volunteer signup.

We'll be hosting a Spelling Bee again this year for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Eldon and Brandon have agreed to help, but additional volunteers are solicited. Contact Matt if you'd like to help.

If you get a chance, congratulate Duane Lang for his induction into the KC State Bowling Hall of Fame.

Eldon, Vince, and others were recently involved in the delivery of 10 donated beds from Slumberland, to needy families in Marshalltown.











### Editor's commentary

I was reading one of the articles in the front of the Advent issue of The Word Among Us and I ran across this simple, but meaningful quote: "Your life is a gift from God. What you do with it is your gift to Him." At this time of year there is a lot of time and money spent finding, purchasing, wrapping, and giving that perfect gift for those you care about. Shouldn't we spend as much time, money, and effort on our gifts to God?

One way many of us can take a big step in this direction is to sign up for a CEW, or to help out with it in some way. The men's weekend this year is March 1-3. If you have not done this yet, I urge you to seriously consider it. The CEW movement is still going because it is so enriching, satisfying, fulfilling, enjoyable, etc. Many men that I talk to look back on their first CEW as a turning point, not just in their faith life, but in their relationships with spouse, family, and friends. Seriously, do yourself a favor and fill out an application in one of the church narthexes. If your wife has not attended, perhaps it can be a gift you give each other.

In the confirmation preparation program I'm helping with, we recently had a reminder from a video by Matthew Kelly, of a technique that is quite simple, yet powerful. Each night as you lay your head on your pillow, reflect back on your day and ask yourself this: "When, today, did I feel closest to God? When, today, did I feel farthest from God?" Then, resolve to do more of the activity that led you to God, and less of the activity that led you away from Him.

God bless you and your families.

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