



Knights of Columbus

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From Grand Knight Matt Herrick:

- We need someone to coordinate concessions for the Golf Tournament. Contact Matt Herrick to help
- Golf Tournament will be August 25 at Collison's. Signup your team on the kofc966.org website or contact any officer and they can fill out the website form for you
- Next meeting will be a short business meeting on August 5th at 5:30 in the St. Francis gym with a work night to follow to help get the school ready for the next year. Items needing done include: replace missing, broken or stained ceiling tile in the gym (lift has been reserved), replace furnace filters, install countertop, move knock box, clean roof drains (easy, we have roof hatch), and more!
- Labor Day Rib Night will be 6-8pm at St. Francis School Gym. This is intended as a Knights fraternal social event but families and friends are welcome. Cost is \$8 per half rack and includes chips and sauces. Bring your own beverage. Reservations required. Signup on the kofc966.org website before Aug 23 or contact any officer and they can fill out the website form for you

Notable Excerpts from the June 3rd council meeting minutes:

- Treasurer's Report
 - Golf Tournament Startup Money -2000.00
 - Net Funds Available \$2,418.96
 - \$650 donated to Father Don's going away car fund
 - \$50 donation received from Laura Allen to Council 966.
 - Paper work to request funds from investments is ready to be signed.
- District Deputy
 - Insurance—new territory lines, new company serving us, details later
 - New Members—Brendan White, Matt Kuhlers
- Liaison Reports
 - St. Henry--Father Tom asked if Knights would help him move; has since decided to stay where he is
 - KCs will host going away party for Father Don July 7 after 10 o'clock Mass
 - St. Francis--August council meeting will be at school to work on list items--Start time 5:30 p.m.
 - St. Mary--Quote received for new floor in childcare room
- Unfinished Business
 - Bus Trip--No response to survey; Possible 1-day trips discussed;
 - Membership interested in social events such as a steak fry
- New Business
 - Need volunteers to give folks at veterans home rides to Mass--Saturday 4:30, Sunday 8:30
 - Golf Tournament—
 - August 25 at Collison's; shotgun start 9AM
 - \$20 per person, \$80 per team
 - Scoring--Mike Vanderah; sponsorships--Vince F.; concession chair NEEDED
 - Roger and Lois Polt--50th wedding anniversary--August 25 St. Henry dining room

- Bob Cook asked for \$50 for mementos to be given as a thank you to those who donate to the council--Motion carried
- Tootsie Roll—Eldon secured dates: Sept 25-28 at HyVee, Fareway, Walmart & Theisens

Editor's commentary:

READ THE BOOK! This was my plea at the end of the June newsletter. What is the biggest lie? I'll get to that. Have you ever heard this statement: "Perfection is the enemy of good." What that means, of course, is that if I have perfection as a requirement, I won't even attempt to do something if I don't expect I can do it perfectly. In other words, being unwilling to do something that I can't get perfect, keeps me from doing things that I could do well enough.

This idea is similar to the biggest lie. If my impression of being holy is that I have to be perfect, and I know I can't be perfect, I may not even try to be holy. When I read somewhere that we are all called to be holy, I decide that holiness is not attainable for me and I deny that statement was meant for me. That's the lie, and it's a lie we tell ourselves, that we can't be holy. Once I decide I can't be holy, it's a small step to deciding that I might as well not even try.

Matthew Kelly's approach is to define holiness as doing God's will for us. If I decide that for the next 10 minutes, I am going to seriously consider what God wants me to do for these 10 minutes, and I do that, I was just holy for 10 minutes. I can no longer say that it is not possible for me to be holy. If each of us would do this-- commit to being holy for a few moments every day, we would find that there is joy in these holy moments, and we would want to do more of them.

Need some examples? As I'm driving home from town I pass the street where I know an aging fellow knight is in the nursing home. I ask myself if anything I have to do at home is so important that I couldn't stop in for a half-hour visit. If I turn that moment over to God's will, I make the turn. I say a rosary with a man who can no longer participate, but I perceive that he appreciates it anyway. I was holy in that moment. He and I are both enriched.

Need more ideas? Go back to the first section of this newsletter. Turn over part of your day every day to God's will. I expect that most of you are already doing things that are God's will for you. I just ask you to see them as holy moments, and endeavor to do more of them. Maybe you'll read the book!

God bless you and your families,

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Insurance Corner

Welcome a contribution this month from our new general agent...

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Each August we look forward to the Supreme Convention and all the news about the prior Fraternal Year. This year is no different. Although this message has been prepared prior to the convention, here are some predictions:

- The Order will set a new record in the amount of money we donated to charities.
- The Order will set a new record in the number of hours volunteered.

We already know that our insurance program had another record year ending in December 2018; 18 consecutive years of growth! (And congratulations to the many of you who protected your families last year and helped set that record!)

- We will have given a substantial amount of money to Pope Francis from the Vicarius Christi fund.
- Our Asset Advisors will have more dollars under management; managed, of course using the investment guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- We will add to our surplus, which means our strength to pay claims and weather poor economic times will improve.
- I predict that the Supreme Knight will report that the Order will have provided more money to rebuild homes for persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Donated more money to disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes, flooding and typhoons. Placed more ultrasound machines in service to save lives. Given more support for religious freedom.

This organization, started by a simple, humble parish priest with men at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, has grown to spectacular heights. All of these efforts and worthwhile projects are a source of pride for us members!

But here's the reality: For the Catholic folks in this council and in these parishes here—you, my brother knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. When locals think about the Knights, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent all that is good in this Order.

When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Congratulations on another record-breaking fraternal year! I look forward to helping protect your families and reaching Star Council this next fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!



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