



From Grand Knight Matt Herrick:

There are 2 activities I want to encourage you to participate in in the coming weeks. The first is the annual Memorial Mass. The mass will be the Tuesday Nov 5 5:15pm mass at St. Mary. We will provide musicians for the opening and closing song of the mass. The ceremony we usually do before mass will be after mass in the basement (approximately 6pm) and we will then stay in the basement for the meal. All members are encouraged to attend to honor the 8 members who passed since October of last year.

Here are the honorees this year:

- Owen Conley
- Vern Decker
- Herbert Drees
- Randall Hartwig
- Arnold Menzel
- Michael Petersohn
- Joseph Sim
- Vern Stalzer
- David Vogel

The second activity is a church drive. This is our primary method of inviting new members to join our ranks. The drive is scheduled for Nov 9 & 10 at all masses at both churches. We are planning to get a state representative to speak at the masses and would like members to wear their KC shirts and hang around after masses to hand out materials and answer questions. It is also a great time to personally approach any man that you think would make a good Knight.

Notable Excerpts from the October 7th council meeting minutes:

- Treasurer –

Balances:	<u>Oct 1, 2019</u>
Chk register	14,802.39
Sav register	2,451.53
Earmarks:	
Monument fund	-126.69
Tootsie Roll fund for 2019	-198.50
Pennies for Heaven	-530.10
KofC Charitable Fund	-500.00
Golf Tournament proceeds (designated to the Food Box)	-3,302.06
2019 Tootsie Roll Sales (designated to Special Olympics, MIW, CIRSI, and ARC)	-5,851.44
Financial Secretary	-500.00
Net Funds Available	6,563.03

- District Deputy –
 - Need to schedule a church drive (see GK message above)
 - Need to schedule 1st degrees – Schedule at 6pm before our monthly meetings
 - Need more membership activities – example hold a raffle
- St. Francis Liason – list of needs on the web (<https://www.st-francis.net/volunteer-needs>)
- Unfinished Business
 - Tootsie Rolls – After expenses and state allocation to Special Olympics, divide by three and round up to nearest 100 for ARC, MIW, and CIRSI. Motion by Bob, 2nd Galen, motion carries
- New Business
 - Widow in the parish can't afford burial plot, needs \$400 – Motion by Matt to cover this expense and submit to state for matching funds to help the family, 2nd Roger D, motion carries
 - Rectory cleanup Oct 19 8am-5pm
 - Memorial Mass: Food = Greg, Setup/Jobs = Dave & Brandon, Roses = Eldon, Rest = Matt
 - Stage for Hispanic activity at the Fairgrounds
 - Setup Oct 25 at 1pm – Bob, Greg, & Eldon
 - Tear down Oct 27 at 8am – Galen, Roger D, Eldon

Editor's commentary:

It was my pleasure again this year to participate in the Tootsie Roll Drive, also known as the Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. I served shifts at HyVee and at WalMart. For part of the time, I had one of my grandsons helping—of course he did a lot better than I did. It was gratifying to see how many positive reactions we observed. A few donors asked where the money was going and it was very satisfying to be able to say that 100% of the net proceeds would go to Special Olympics, ARC, MIW, and CIRSI. People are friendly and generous and believe in the cause. There is an association in their minds between the Knights of Columbus and doing good in the community. This truly is a very important activity for our council as well as for the organization across the country.

There is also a personal side to participating in the CPID. We can all use a dose of humility and you do have to humble yourself to stand on a corner and ask for money (not verbally ask, but by implication, just by your presence). There is comfort in knowing that I am personally advocating for the disadvantaged in our community. There is pride in knowing that I'm setting a good example for my grandchildren, and really for the whole community.

To all who participated or donated, thank you. To all who didn't, I have to wonder why. Physical limitations are understandable. Calendar conflicts are inevitable. But every last member who receives this newsletter was asked to contribute monetarily if they couldn't help physically. A small percentage of our membership did one or the other. Where were you? When you see a mentally disabled person in the community, what goes through your mind? How do you thank God that you have been blessed with a normal intellect? I sincerely hope to see you, or receive your support, next year.

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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Real Life Stories

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he "was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was "Boomer"...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

"Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love," Boomer says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes." That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

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