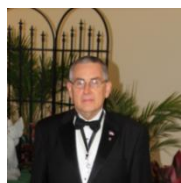




Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Greetings Brother Members and Brother Knights,

For those of you who don't know my name is Walter M. Polchowne, I am humbled and honored to serve you as your Grand Knight for 2016-2017 Fraternal Year.

My number one goal is membership growth and by recruiting constantly we shall remain strong in membership where as our

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism continues to grow stronger in serving the Church, Family, Community and those here throughout the world.

My second goal for this Fraternal Year is to reach out to all you Brother Knights in the council by a special Birthday greeting, phone calls, acknowledgments, Thank You and an invitation to all our events so that I may get to know as many of you Brothers, keeping in touch is so important in the council because this is what promotes Fraternity and prevents us from losing membership and will help us increase our members.

I personally would like to thank PGK Jeff Schmidt, PGN, Advocate Jim Hurt, PGK John Lawless and all of you Brother Knights for all that have done by instructing and guiding me during this last Fraternal Year as your Chancellor and now as your Grand Knight I look forward working with you all during this Fraternal Year.

May God Bless You All!

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, Pray for us.

Viva Jesus,
Grand Knight Walter M. Polchowne

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2-Timothy 4:7



Greetings Brother Knights,

This is my last newsletter message to you. It has been a real privilege, joy, and great time serving as your Grand Knight these past three years, and while it is difficult to step down and move on, it is time for new leadership for the council. These past several weeks I have met and spoke with Walter to transition the role of Grand Knight to him, and I am confident now more than ever he is ready to take this challenge

head on! Walter will bring dedication, strong attention to detail, and a strong desire to achieve goals to this job and I know he will do it well! For the first time in a long time we will have a Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor going into this Fraternal Year, and so I know our council leadership is in good hands for many years to come with good men on the bench!

I already shared the successes and challenges of my tenure a few months back, so I will spare you from having to read that again. I will say that I will remember these past three years for the rest of my life, and that many valuable friendships have formed for my family that would not have had I not had this great opportunity! Each and every one of you has made an impact on my term as Grand Knight and I feel that together, we have made our council and greater community even stronger! That was my goal going into this and I feel good about what we did as I leave. As in everything we do in life, there were some failures along the way too, but these led to opportunities! As I mentioned at our council meeting last Monday night, some large failures and losses I experienced is what brought me home to North St. Paul, back to the church, and I am thankful for those failures as they led me to the life I have today!

I am going to close out my term with two requests. The first one is for those men in our council who have not taken their second and third degree. We have the unique privilege to be a part of the largest Catholic organization outside of the church itself. We are a part of the most unique fraternal order in the world, with a 136-year tradition not seen elsewhere. From our humble roots at the beginning to what we are today is truly something special. I encourage you to take the next step and continue on your journey to full Knighthood! There will be opportunities right here in North St. Paul to take these degrees in October and March, and also on August 23rd at Transfiguration in Oakdale. Watch for more information and aim for the 2nd, 3rd, and even 4th in 2016-17!

Lastly, I want to extend a few thanks to a few key men who if it was not for them, I would not have been Grand Knight. Terry Thelen was instrumental in grooming me and getting me ready to take this challenge on head first, and was my sounding board during my tenure. I really appreciate all Terry did for me. Mark Slaikeu and Denny Reber also were great support to me as Worthy Trustees and Past Grand Knights! Frank Schultz was another valued

2016-2017 Officers

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consultant and someone whose counsel I sought regularly. Jim Hurt, our council and my advocate these past three years was such a valuable source of knowledge and history, I could call him at any time and he had the answer I needed. Lastly my overall partner and right hand man on this journey was John Lawless, and sadly he needed to step down as Financial Secretary a few months back due to his health. My final request is you keep him and his family and your prayers, as the power of prayer is what he needs to heal!

Fraternally Yours,
- Jeff



Calendar of Events

July 11: Officer's meeting

July 14th: Officer Installation 6:30pm, St. Peter's Church. We will celebrated Mass followed by installation of officers, refreshments in Fr. Zac Hall

July 22 and July 23: - Major Degrees at Epiphany in Coon Rapids, 1st, 2nd, 3rd on Friday July 22nd, and 4th Saturday July 23rd! There is a reduced rate for 4th degree initiation on July 23rd. Contact GK Walter at [651-222-3880](tel:651-222-3880) for more info

August 8: Officer's meeting

August 14: K of C picnic after 10:30am Mass, Father's backyard)

August 22: General Membership Meeting

August 23: Major Degrees at Transfiguration, contact District Deputy Jeff Schmidt at [651-368-1699](tel:651-368-1699) more info.

To view all of our upcoming events visit our web site: <http://northstpaulkofc.com/>

RESOLUTION

Whereas Knights of Columbus Council 4967 is the owner of a Bingo calling machine, (hereafter referred to as "this Machine"), used in the process of raising funds for charitable causes in an amount exceeding \$2000 per year and

Whereas this machine has fallen into disrepair after many, many years of use and parts to repair it are no longer available and

Whereas this machine is used to raise funds for other organizations within St Peter's Parish and

Whereas it has been determined that this machine must be replaced.

Therefore be it resolved that Council 4967 approve funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,100.00 to purchase a replacement for this machine.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
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An Ethical Responsibility

In March of 2016, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above everything.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less. We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. For starters, we were founded by a Venerable Servant of God, who, we pray, is on the path to Sainthood. How many companies can say that? It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later.

From our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company. For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography. We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights. We don't worry about stock price, shareholders, or corporate takeovers. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're brother Knights too.

As agents, we are rigorously trained to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Each of us must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision." "Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper. That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder. We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has acknowledged that commitment.

Discover the benefits of doing business with one of the World's most ethical companies. Contact me today.

Tom Carlson

Knights of Columbus Field Agent

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Our Mission Statement

Provide a means by which Catholic men could Support the Catholic Church. To Provide Financial Protection to protect their Families. To Engage in works of Charity to Benefit the less fortunate.