



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this" Acts 3:15



Greetings Brother Knights!

My wishes for a blessed Lent and glorious Easter Season to you and your families.

I have been reflecting about my time as Grand Knight and the future of this council. We have had record-breaking turnouts at Fish Fries and Bingos, record-breaking State Raffle-Ticket sales, successful Booya sales, and the implementation of Dinners to raise funds for Tim Gawerecki, the son of a Brother Knight and Seminarian at St. John

Vinney Minor Seminary. We have donated over 200 coats to kids in need in our local area! We have raised nearly \$15,000 in the past three years from the Tootsie Roll drives to donate to the mentally and developmentally disabled in our area! We have prayed before an icon of Mary blessed by Pope Francis. We have given time and talent to our parish community by tending bar during the Winter Gala's, donating to the Fall Festival, the Church Capital Campaign, and assisting with various parish projects such as building a railing between the school and rectory. By the time my tenure as Grand Knight is over, we will have donated close to \$30,000 to charity and still have over \$20,000 in cash reserves in our account! This is amazing and I am proud to have been a part of all of these successes.

We have faced challenges also. It is said that every organization is one generation away from becoming extinct. The Knights are no exception, and we have fallen short of our recruiting goals for at least the past two years. I might very well be the first and only Grand Knight to have three tries at Star Council and not achieve it. We have had challenges keeping Brother Knights engaged. Attendance at our monthly General Membership meetings is down. It has become more challenging to get Brother Knights to volunteer for our projects. We have also experienced some large challenges in collecting dues over the past two years. These have been the things that have kept me up at night and the no-so-fun part of the job. What is becoming more worrisome is that our council appears to be entering a leadership void. We are in need of young up-and-coming leaders to take over project chair roles, and fill officer positions to create the leadership of the future of our council. It is now fact that none of our officers are under the age of 40, meaning our officers are all middle age or older, and have been in their roles for a long time. We need young Brothers, Millennials with new perspectives, to step up and solidify our council for years to come.

I ask that you also reflect on the future of our council, and discern how you can help keep our council successful! We have so much to celebrate, so much momentum, we just need to pass the torch to a new generation of Brother Knights to keep it going!

Fraternally yours,

Jeff



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.

2015-2016 Officers

Chaplain Fr. Deziel

Grand Knight - Jeff Schmidt 368-1699

Chancellor-Walter Polchowne 222-3880

Recorder-Joe Morrisette 770-5203

Advocate-Jim Hurt 777-5829

Inside Guard-John Zakroczymski

Outside Guard-Ray Stolz 777-5042

Lecturer-Ken Jones

Trustee Yr 3-Terry Thelen 245-0030

Trustee Yr 2-Dennis Reber 777-2383

Trustee Yr 1-Mark Slaikeu 777-5187

Warden-Mark Mauer 777-2617

Interim Financial Sec-Bob Bruton

Treasurer-Mike Stahlmann 770-9148

Insurance Agent-Tom Carlson 279-5662

District Deputy-Mike Schilling 738-2636



Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.



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Calendar of Events

Our last Fish Fry for the season is Friday 3/18. Contact Frank Schultz at [651-770-0749](tel:651-770-0749) to volunteer which is a great way to help and get to know other Knights.

Ham Bingo is fast approaching, Saturday 3/19. Contact Justin Beissel at [612-747-1863](tel:612-747-1863) to volunteer!

Nominations for Fraternal Year 2016-17 are now being accepted. A description of each role will be included in the electronic version of this newsletter and attached to our web site. If you would like to nominate yourself or another 3rd Degree member, please join us at the Monday, 3/21 meeting to nominate.

We will have a Three Degree event at St. Peter’s on Saturday, 4/2.

State Bowling Tournament 4/2 and 4/9 in Hutchinson contact Mark Maurer 777-2617 for details.

Winter Gala 4/15 in O’Reilly Hall Church of St. Peter

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

Want to be a Leader in our council, consider nominating yourself for the following offices:

Duties of Council Officers Chaplain

- Serves as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of that council
- Provides his message to members at the beginning of the meeting as outlined in the or whenever it best suits his schedule

Grand Knight

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns checks and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's First Degree Team

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight
- In the absence of the grand knight, presides at council meetings
- Recommended to serve on the council's Retention Committee

Chancellor

- Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties as assigned
- Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

Financial Secretary

- Upon recommendation of the grand knight and the trustees, the financial secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the supreme knight. The prospective financial secretary must also complete and submit the *Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary* (#FS101)
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the financial secretary is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office
- Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the grand knight to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues. Ensures that the council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll
- Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters honorary and honorary life membership cards for distribution to qualified members
- Files various reports and membership/insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters
- Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the council (U.S. only)

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council

Treasurer

- Charged with handling council funds
- Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the treasurer is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office

Lecturer

- Appointed by the grand knight
- Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings

Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and *Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting* (#1937)
- When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate

Warden

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards

Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Board of Trustees

- Consists of grand knight and three other elected members
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustees moving on to become the two- and one-year trustees, respectively



Saint Patrick was born about 385 in Scotland. His parents, Calpornius and Conchessa, were Catholic Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies. This might even make Saint Patrick an Italian.

At the age of fourteen, raiders captured Patrick and took him as a slave to Ireland, a land of Druids and pagans. Patrick learned the Irish language and customs.

While a slave, Patrick's faith in God grew and he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was raised, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

When Patrick was twenty, he had a dream in which God told him to leave Ireland by going to the coast. He escaped and found a boat that took him back to Britain and his family.

Later Patrick dreamed that Irish were calling, "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

Patrick studied, became a priest, and, later, a bishop. In 433, he went to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick preached the Gospel throughout Ireland, converted thousands, and began building churches.

Patrick is famous for using the shamrock (a three-leaf clover) to explain the Trinity.

Patrick preached for 40 years and died on March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Patrick's feast day is March 17 and he is the patron saint of Ireland.

This was taken from a Yahoo search, published about 5 yrs. ago. Happy St. Patty's Day

