



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

Hello Brother Knights,

If the above biblical quote sounds familiar, it should. You have maybe seen it at famous sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, World Series, and others. Many sports fans use this quote to try to inspire miracles for their favorite teams. Sometimes it works, often times it does not.

I mention this today however, because you could say it was Olympic sports that brought me to become a Knight. That's right, Olympic sports brought me, your Grand Knight, to become a member of the Knights of Columbus!

You are probably thinking at this point, I need my head checked! I would not blame you if you did. However, allow me to bring to back to the summer of 1991. That summer, Minneapolis and St. Paul hosted the International Special Olympic Games! I was between my freshman and sophomore years at Hill-Murray. My youngest brother, Matthew, was six years old. Matt has Down Syndrome, and my family took extra special attention to these games. We went and watched several of the competitions, and I came to know the Special Olympics first hand. I learned that Sargent Shriver, husband to Eunice Kennedy Shriver, co-founded the Special Olympics. I also learned that Mr. Shriver was a Knight, and the Knights played a big role in funding the Special Olympics. I knew then, at this early age, this was a special organization. What I did not know then, is that in two years I could be one of these Knights. It took a decade and a half before Frank Schultz would recruit me to become a Knight, along with some finding myself along the way. I will save the rest of the story for a later article, or meeting topic!



Matt with nephew Zach

The facts are this, my brother would go on to compete in Special Olympics Track and Field, would make it to state competitions at the University of Minnesota. He would take up Bowling, and would compete in state bowling competitions. Along the way, I would see these men called Knights!

Sadly, heart issues stopped Matt from being a Special Olympian, and changed his life forever. But it was the moments he was well, and



Matt with brothers on Graduation Day.

could compete, that I saw joy in his eyes. Matt watched one of his brothers play hockey for Hill-Murray, play baseball for the University of Minnesota, and I could see he wanted that type of competition for himself. He got it through the Special Olympics, he has memories, and he has medals! If not for the Knights of Columbus, he may not have had this chance!

Frank did not have a tough sell when he asked me to become a Knight, because I had seen what the Knights had done for people like my brother! You will see my boys and I work Tootsie Rolls, and you will see me get my boys involved, because they know what great things this fraternity has done for their

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uncle! While Matt may not be able to participate anymore, what Special Olympics did for him when he could will never be forgotten! While one brother has a State High School Hockey Tournament medal, and a Big Ten Baseball Championship ring, the Special Olympic medals Matt has mean just the same!

This all brings me back to this, how could you not want to be a Knight! For my family, I thank this fraternity for what it did for Matt!

Vivat Jesus!

- 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.



Calendar of Events

Fish Fries – We have two more Fish Fries on Friday March 20th and 27th. Call Frank Schultz at [651-770-0749](tel:651-770-0749) to volunteer or come down and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Our Spring Degree will be held on Sat. March 14 at St. Peter starting at 8:00 a.m. Come early for donuts and coffee, tell them John sent you.

General Membership meeting on Monday March 16 starting at 6:45 with a rosary followed by the 7 p.m. meeting. Pizza, pop and beer after as a little incentive to make the meeting!

Ham Bingo will be Saturday, 3/28. See Justin Beissel at [612-747-1863](tel:612-747-1863) for info.

Spring Booya will be the weekend of 4/19, contact Paul Otte at [651-773-5075](tel:651-773-5075) for details



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WHAT LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

All of us will leave something behind when God calls us home: our legacy. Your legacy is how you will be remembered. Will you be remembered as being a burden? Or, will you be remembered for careful planning?

I carry a letter in my briefcase that I received many years ago from a widow who wrote asking what the Knights of Columbus could do to help her financially, as her husband had used up all their retirement money in a nursing home. Unfortunately, they had no long term care insurance and she and her children paid a high price, both emotionally and financially.

I also carry a letter from a brother Knight who appreciated my assistance in making sure he and his wife were financially secure in their senior years. I helped make sure they could afford to grow old together without being a burden to each other, while leaving a legacy for their children. It took just a little bit of planning.

To protect their assets from spend down, I recommended a long term care insurance program that fit nicely into their budget. This strategy helps them to avoid becoming a burden to

each other and their children, while allowing them to live their senior years in dignity and comfort.

I then showed them how they can utilize a single premium whole life policy to leave behind a solid legacy that will benefit their children and grandchildren. This policy provides a leveraged, tax free gift to their loved ones, while guaranteeing the growth of their single deposit at a competitive rate of return. They really liked the fact that they still have access to their cash deposit for their own needs if desired.

Each of us has a choice as to whether we will leave behind a burden or a legacy for those we love. Please do yourself and your family a favor and invite me into your home to show you how the Knights of Columbus can help. You have nothing to lose but a little of your time, and as always you will never be pressured to buy anything. I promise.

God bless,

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Prayer of St. Patrick:

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

