



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Brother Knights,



“Serve one another with the gifts you have received.”

[1 Peter 4:8-11](#)

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you well. I encourage you to take a step back, reflect on what you have in your life, and be thankful for it. Give thanks to God for what is meaningful in your lives, being a part of this great fraternity, and great community! Cherish your loved ones for as long as you can and appreciate every day you have with them. This is the season to reflect on God's gifts to us and be thankful!

I also encourage you to show your thanks by reflecting on your involvement with the Knights, and if you haven't been as involved in recent times as you once were, consider becoming more involved again. You don't need to be a part of everything we do, but consider coming to a few monthly General Membership meetings. Brother Andy Wagenbach will be at the meeting November 16th to discuss ways to promote discipleship in our broader community. At the December 21st meeting, our Lecturer Ken Jones will resume his talks on the life and legacy of Fr. McGivney. In January, we will have a speaker from AARP come and discuss cybercrime and ways to protect ourselves from it. This meeting will be opened up to the parish and neighboring councils. The fellowship we have after our meetings with Pizza and Beer are my favorite reasons to come to the meetings. It is a great way to keep up with what our fellow brothers are doing in their lives.

We are about to enter the Christmas Season, and we will have our Annual Christmas Party on December 5th and our Annual Pancake Breakfast December 13th. I encourage you to take part in these wonderful traditions alive and well in our council!

In last month's newsletter, it was mentioned your involvement can be what you make of it, and the 24-hours-a-year marketing campaign the Knights are promoting to recruit new members was covered. It does not even need to be 24-hours, you could only come to 12 meetings a year, 12 hours/year, and your involvement would be meaningful! You could come to 5 meetings, and work 1 or 2 Fish Fries, and that would be 7 hours/year. By doing this at least you would not be sitting on the membership card you pay \$30/year dues to carry.

This is a fantastic fraternity that touches and changes lives. If you haven't participated in an event or come to a meeting recently, I encourage you to come and see the great things we are doing for yourself!

I hope to see you soon!

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.

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Calendar of Events

- Turkey Bingo Saturday November 21st, after 4pm mass in the School Cafeteria
- Christmas Party 5pm Saturday December 5th, Fr. Zac Fellowship Hall
- Calls from Santa the weekend of December 12/13 and/or 19/20
- Breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 13th 8am-Noon O'Reilly Hall. Come watch Mark Slaikeu spin Pancakes in the air like the Pancake Man can.
- Dinner for Seminarian Saturday January 9th
- Mark your calendars now: Monday January 18th, General Membership Meeting moving to 6pm so brief business can be discussed. Meeting will last 30 minutes. Speaker from AARP is coming to discuss ways to protect you from Cybercrime at 7pm. This will be open to the public. More information to come.

RESOLUTION Honorary Life Distinction 2015/2016

Whereas, Priests are awarded the Honorary Life distinction upon receiving the First Degree of the Order; and

Whereas, permanent Deacons are not awarded this same distinction while Deacons are recognized by the Order as belonging to religious communities; and

Whereas, the original intent of awarding honorary life to priests was to compensate for the meager salaries common to the priesthood; and

Whereas, permanent deacons are employed full time in other than a religious vocation with supposedly higher compensation; and

Whereas, permanent deacons are only eligible for the honorary and honorary life distinctions upon satisfying the normal age/years of service requirements;

Now therefore be it resolved that permanent deacons are awarded free membership upon receiving the First Degree of the Order,

Further be it resolved that the membership of North St Paul Council 4967 hereby compensates permanent deacons for full dues coverage only while an active member of council 4967 and/or until they are eligible for honorary/honorary life distinctions.

Advocate Jim Hurt

P.S. To be made a permanent part of Council 4967 minutes



Retirement Plan Distributions and Annuities

When you reach 70½ the IRS requires you to begin taking a certain amount of money from your IRAs and 401Ks. This is called a required minimum distribution (RMD). Current IRS rules require distributions to be made by December 31st but allow you to wait until April 1st following the year you turn 70½ to take your first RMD. However, note that if you wait until April 1st to take your initial RMD for the previous year, you will be required to take two distributions that year and may result in a higher tax bill. While you are still working you may delay RMDs from employer sponsored plans.

The good news is that Knights of Columbus IRA holders are automatically reminded each year of their RMD amount. We make it easy. If you own an IRA or 401k with a different company, however, I am still able to assist you in determining the amount of RMD you must take from that company's account and when to take it. I am happy to help.

Many people ask me what they should do with their RMD monies once they take them out. Of course, you may simply spend the money, but please consider placing the money into a regular Knights of Columbus annuity. A regular KC annuity offers guaranteed growth without a requirement for later distribution! That's right, you can leave the money in

there for life if you like. You will find that our annuities are very attractive when comparing them with other places to put your money, such as CDs or bank accounts. And, there are no RMD requirements!

Beneficiaries are an important consideration on a regular annuity. You may name anyone as your beneficiary including your spouse, children, relatives, or your church. And, your KC annuity bypasses costly probate! In the meantime, interest will continue to accrue tax-deferred until you take your money out, or until death.

Call or email me today if you need help with your RMDs or to determine if a Knights of Columbus annuity is right for you. As always, you will never be pressured into buying anything. I give you my word.

God bless,

Dale Robinson, FIC

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