



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Brother Knights,

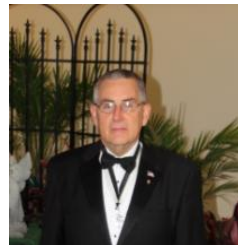


This message will be short as I gave our new Chancellor and hopefully future Grand Knight Walter the opportunity to write to all of you to introduce himself. I do however want to take a few moments to recap recent visits to both our council and St. Peter's parish by the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. These are men who have given up their material lives to devote themselves to communal living doing God and Jesus' work. The Brothers are on the forefront of the fight against abortion, euthanasia, providing refuge for international survivors of torture, working with refugee families, and visiting the sick. These men are amazing, and I want to thank Brother Max for visiting our council meeting last month and Brother Conrad for the wonderful discussion at our picnic August 23rd! I also want to thank them for the work they do, and ask you to keep these men and their work in your prayers. Find out more about the Brothers at <http://brothersofpeace.org/>. Any help you can give them, financially or otherwise, please do! Maybe join them at a Pro-Life Rally! Know I have extended an open invitation to the Brothers to join us for any of our events or meetings!

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff

Greetings Brother Knights! I am Walter M. Polchowne and your Chancellor for fraternal year 2015-2016. This last April I transferred from the Marian Council #3827, in Bloomington Mn. I joined the Knights of Columbus April of 2009 as a Charter Member of the Cathedral of St. Paul Council #14752 and one year later I became a 4th Degree and member of the Monsignor Ravoux Assembly # 529. I live in downtown St. Paul though my parish is St. Olaf in Minneapolis. I have lived in the Twin Cities for thirty years. My daughter Rose lives in Missoula, Montana.



I was born in Jersey City, New Jersey and at the age of six my parents decided it was time to move into the suburbs to raise a family where I was the oldest child of eight with two brothers and five sisters. The area where my parents raised us was in a small town called Highland Mills in a beautiful area called the Hudson Valley in Orange County, New York.

During the year of 1985 I learned of a possible cure for my medical condition, so in December I moved to Twin Cities. Once here with the help of talented doctors at the University of Minnesota and many prayers my condition has improved and I am able to live a better life.

Brother Knights I look forward working with you and hope that this Fraternal Year will be a fruitful one; one that includes an increasing membership with a spirit of commitment and participation.

Viva Jesus!

Walter

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.

2014-2015 Officers

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Calendar of Events


1st Degree at St. Peter's September 21st, 6:00pm. This is prior to our September General Membership Meeting. Bring a recruit!

Marathon for Non-Public Education: This year's Marathon will be after 4pm Mass on October 3rd, coinciding with the Fall Festival. We will be support the Marathon both financially and by providing crossing guards for the students participating. Please contact Al Worm at [651-777-0910](tel:651-777-0910) to volunteer.

We need many volunteer knights to help with this year's St Peter fall festival bingo on Sunday, October 4th between the hours of 11:30 and 4:00. We have set up two shifts; the first from 11:30 until 1:45 with the second following then winding up at 4:00.



This is always a fun time and definitely not labor intensive. If you have never worked a Knights event this is a great chance for you to have fun, meet brother knights and help raise money for our parish. To join us, pick the shift that works best for you and call Denny Reber at 777-2383 or 587-4398 (c). Thanks for your help!

BOOYA  We will be cooking and selling Booya the weekend of October 11th! Contact Paul Otte at [651-773-5705](tel:651-773-5705) to sign-up to volunteer!



A Story of a Death Claim

Two weeks ago I had to perform one of the most difficult aspects of my job: handle a death claim. I was on the road at 8:15am and rang "Karen's" doorbell at 9.

The middle aged woman who opened the door had a pleasant and welcoming smile. Upon inviting me in, however, Karen started to softly cry. Her husband, "Bob," had died quite suddenly and her life would be forever changed. She confided that she relied on him far more than she realized and simply didn't have the energy to do what was needed or where to even start.

Karen suddenly had a lot on her plate. She had a funeral to deal with, but there was so very much more. She had to notify banks, the mortgage company, Bob's employer pension plan administrators, and the list went on and on. She was clearly overwhelmed. To complicate matters, Karen's children did not live close by so most of the burden was left on her shoulders. Even though she felt helpless she remembered one thing her husband drilled into her: "Call the KC agent if anything ever happens to me. He will help you." So, Karen called me.

Bob was right. The first thing I did was to assist Karen with funeral arrangements. Next, I completed the forms to process Bob's KC life insurance claim. Bob had a sizable KC permanent and term life insurance policies along with an IRA annuity. Interestingly, Bob also had policies with two other companies but neither called Karen or offered to sit down with her like I did. One company mailed Karen the claim forms while the other emailed them to her! I helped her complete those

claims as well. When she asked me what I owed her, I said, "Karen, you owe me nothing. That's why you folks belong to the Knights of Columbus."

As an experienced Knights of Columbus agent I bring added value by promising my services and expertise in any way that is needed. If I cannot do something, then I find somebody who can. Of course, there is never a charge for my services.

"Karen" will be alright (not her real name). I cannot make her feel any less emotional pain, but I did help keep her life from being upended. She will eventually work through her loss and I'm sure that "Bob" (not his real name, either) is smiling in heaven knowing that his wife is in good hands.

If we haven't met, please contact me. Let me be there for your loved ones when tragedy strikes. That is why I work for the Knights of Columbus and one of the reasons you pay membership dues. As always, I promise never to try and "sell" you something you don't need. You have my word.

God bless,

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