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KC Newsletter
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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." **Psalm 119:105**

Hello Brother Knights,

We have passed our first busy period of the Fraternal Year and the cold of winter has come upon us. I am thankful for the wonderful autumn season and all of you who helped make our events successful. Many of you assisted with the School Marathon, Fall Festival, or the very successful Fall Booya! I am very thankful for the beautiful Mass for the Deceased we had on October 19th. Every role in the mass, including the president of the Mass, Fr. Deziel, was a Brother Knight. As I reflect on what I am thankful for, I also have been reflecting on the future of our council and the direction we are going. I have looked at our Event Calendar and the chairmen listed, and at our Officer and Director Team roster. Many of the names listed have been there have doing the same roles for several years. I have deep gratitude and appreciation for these individuals who have dedicated themselves to making our council great. At the same time, I realize these men will not want to be doing these things forever (or until they move on to the Heavenly Fr. McGivney Council).

Before I move on, I would like to have some good plans in place for the future and some new blood in place with fresh ideas for our events and the future of our council. We have over 200 members in our council, and I know we have talented men out there who can contribute and lead our council for generations to come. I ask that some of you, especially our newer or younger members, discern ways to become more involved in the leadership of our council. We have 24 events each Fraternal Year. Each of those events needs a chairperson to lead the event, recruit volunteers, manage its budget, and submit the final event report. Some of these events may take some time to coordinate; and some may be rather straight-forward and simple. Most of all though, while there is work involved, chairing events is fun. It is a fun way to get to know your Brother Knights better, it is a fun way to give back to the community, and it is a fun way to influence change in the way our events are conducted. Leading events is a way to leave your mark on our council by working maybe just a few hours a week for the few weeks.

We will also begin seeking nominations for two key officer roles in the next few months, so we can conduct officer elections this spring. We will be looking for nominations for Deputy Grand Knight. The DGK backs up the Grand Knight and stands in for him in his absence. When the GK is present, the DGK works closely with the GK to learn about leading the council and preparation for becoming Grand Knight themselves. The DGK also has a hand in assisting with the overall programs and events. This year, I have also tasked our DGK, Tom Carlson, with putting together nominations for our council for State Awards this year.

We will also be looking for nominations for Chancellor. This year, our Chancellor role is vacant. The Chancellor is the third highest leadership post in our council. The role of the Chancellor is to stand in for the Grand Knight if both the GK and DGK are unavailable. This rarely happens, and in this council the Chancellor is expected to shadow and learn from the GK and DGK as they will be expected to move into those roles in the next two to three years. It is always helpful for the Chancellor to chair an event to two to further develop their leadership skills.

We are blessed to be part of such a great council; however I want it to stay this way. I know many of you do too. I ask that some of you reflect on this message and prayerfully discern if you think you can step up and leave your legacy on the history of this great council. The opportunity is there!

If you do discern and want to lead, or have questions while you discern, feel free to reach out to me!

Vivat Jesus!

- Jeff

2014-2015 Officers

Chaplain Fr. Deziel

Grand Knight - Jeff
Schmidt 368-1699

Deputy Grand
Knight-Tom
Carlson 770-5991

Recorder-Joe
Morrisette 770-5203

Advocate-Jim Hurt
777-5829

Inside Guard-Mark
Maurer 777-2617

Outside Guard-Ray
Stolz 777-5042

Lecturer-Vacant

Trustee Yr 3-Terry
Thelen 245-0030

Trustee Yr 2-Dennis
Reber 777-2383

Trustee Yr 1-Mark
Slaikeu 777-5187

Warden-Ben Rauen
777-9176

Financial Sec-John
Lawless 779-0917

Treasurer-Mike
Stahlmann 770-
9148

Insurance Agent-
Dale Robinson
757-4400

District Deputy-
Mike Schilling 738-
2636

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.

Congratulations to PGK Denny Reber and his wife Kay, who on November 7th celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary!!!!



Taking Your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

If you have reached the age of 70½ the IRS requires you to begin taking a certain amount of money from your IRAs. If you are retired, this also includes employer sponsored retirement plans such as a 401(k) and 403(b), however you may delay RMDs from these employer sponsored plans if you are still working. 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 still be required to take a distribution by Dec. 31st for the current year, which results in a double tax bill.

Let me know if you need assistance in determining the amount of RMD you must take and when to take it. I will be 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 Knights of Columbus annuity. A KC annuity offers guaranteed growth without a requirement for later distribution! 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. You may name anyone as your beneficiary, including your spouse, children, relatives, or your church, and there are no RMD requirements! And, your KC annuity bypasses probate! In the meantime, your money will continue to grow tax-deferred until you want to take it out!

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,

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Calendar of Events

Turkey Bingo is Saturday, Nov. 22, and we can use your help. Turkey Bingo is a long-standing council tradition and always a good time. Contact Terry Thelen at 651-245-0030 if you would like to help

Our Christmas Party is right around the corner. Saturday, December 6th in Fellowship Hall at 5:00. This is one of two events per year where we celebrate ourselves, and don't ask for volunteers. Bring your family and kids. Santa will be there and there will be food, beverages, and fun for all!

Calling all Santas! Our parish and community children are looking forward to those calls from Santa the weekend of 12/13-14. Contact Eric Ekstand at [651-274-7775](tel:651-274-7775) if you have the spirit of Santa in you!

Breakfast with Santa - Sunday 12/14. Santa has penciled St. Peter's on his busy December calendar for breakfast right here with our families and parish children! Want to help with this fun event, contact Mark Slaikeu at [651-777-5187](tel:651-777-5187).

State Raffle Tickets will be available soon! \$5 buys you a chance to win \$10,000. They make a great stocking stuffer. Contact Jeff Schmidt at [651-368-1699](tel:651-368-1699) to purchase.



**RESOLUTION
COATS FOR KIDS FUNDING
2014/2015**

Whereas: Many families with young children continue to struggle in these challenging economic times and,

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council established the Coats for Kids Program in 2009 and,

Whereas: 918 KofC Councils purchased and distributed 51,924 coats in the 2013/2014 winter season and 167,000 coats since program inception

Whereas: KofC Council # 4967 has participated in the Coats for Kids Program since the 2010/2011 season distributing coats to both St Peter's School children but to the public schools as well and,

Whereas: Council # 4967's Charity Committee recommends continuation of participation in the program at a level of 5 cases of coats for the 2014/2015 season,

Therefore:

Be it Resolved that an expenditure of \$1100 be approved by the General Membership of the council for the purchase of 5 cases of coats at \$220 per case including shipping charges.

**RESOLUTION
2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Whereas the Church of St Peter is beginning a 3rd capital campaign to reduce or eliminate the remaining debt from construction of the new church and

Whereas the Church of St Peter has provided a home for Knights of Columbus Council 4967 since it founding and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus Council 4967 has participated in the past 2 capital campaigns and

Whereas the goal for the campaign is 3 million dollars with the hope of raising 4.5 million.

Whereas Council 4967 has contributed \$1000.00 per year for each year of the campaign in the past.

Therefore be it resolved that Knights of Columbus Council 4967 will participate in this 2015 Rejoice and Give Thanks capital campaign in the amount of \$5000.00 to be paid in 5 payments of \$1000.00 annually for the next 5 years beginning in early 2015.