



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Brother Knights,



“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” [2 Timothy 4:6-8](#)

Greetings Brother Knights,

Legacy. Such a strong word, often used when describing those who have come before us, and left an impact on world history. Perhaps the most influential legacy in world history is that of our lord, Jesus Christ! Many followers have since followed the faith and legacy of Jesus, his teachings and legacy shaping much of the culture of the western world for both Christians and non-Christians alike. Others maybe join religious orders, political parties, and other groups because of the legacy their founder or previous members. Catholic men have an opportunity to be part of an amazing legacy, that of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, by joining the Knights of Columbus.

By joining the Knights, Catholic men not follow in the legacy of Fr. McGivney, but in the legacy of Sargent Shriver, who founded the Special Olympics. They follow in the legacy of Bob Newhart and Mike Ditka, who started the Tootsie Roll campaign to raise funds for those with special needs. They follow in the legacy of Fr. William P. O'Reilley, our council namesake who transformed our home parish from a small town parish into a first-ring major suburban parish adding a Catholic School. They follow in the legacy of those of us who are Knights now, donating 60 coats to local kids in needs, over \$10,000/year to our local church and charities, and volunteered over 5200 hours last year. Now that is a legacy I am proud to be a part of, and would think any Catholic man would want to be a part of!

Many Catholic men will tell you that they are too busy to be a part of this legacy. Tell them about the 24-hour Knight. 24 hours a year and they are an active Knight, and it could be done as simply as this:

- 8 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, *Columbia* magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council Web sites.
- 2 hours a year working at a Fish Fry
- 2 hours a year selling Booya
- 2 hours a year volunteering at the council's annual Tootsie Roll drive for people with intellectual disabilities.
- 2 hours a year attending, with his family, our Living Rosary
- 2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of his choosing, such as our Free-Throw competition.
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting. (If it's a well-run interesting meeting he might even come back for a second.)
- 4 hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as our Christmas Party and Annual Picnic!

24 hours a year, and they become part of such an incredible legacy. Why wouldn't they want to be a part of this?

Let's continue to fight the good fight, finish the race strong, keep the faith, and recruit our fellow Catholic men to be a part of our legacy, and win Star Council this year!

Vivat Jesus!
- Jeff

2014-2015 Officers

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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

- Major Degrees Saturday October 24th. 1st Degree 9am, 2nd Degree 10:15am, and 3rd Degree at 11:30 am, all at St. Peter's.
- Mass for the Deceased, honoring our deceased brothers, Saturday 10/31 4pm. The mass will be conducted entirely by Brother Knights, including the celebrant, our Chaplain Fr. Deziel. Come honor our deceased brothers this All Saints Day.
- Turkey Bingo coming up Saturday November 21st. Contact Walter Polchowne at [651-222-3880](tel:651-222-3880) for more information
- Mark your Calendars now for the Christmas Party, Saturday December 5th

RESOLUTION COATS FOR KIDS FUNDING 2015/2016

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: Many K of C Councils nationwide participate in the Coats for Kids program and give away about 60,000 coats annually and over 200,000 coats since program inception,

Whereas: KofC Council # 4967 has participated in the Coats for Kids Program since the 2011/2012 season distributing about 168 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 6 cases (72 coats) of coats for the 2015/2016 season,

Therefore:

Be it Resolved that an expenditure of up to \$1500.00 be approved by the General Membership of the council for the purchase of 6 cases of coats at \$220 per case including shipping charges.