



Father William P. O'Reilley Council #4967

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Brother Knights,



Isaiah 43:18 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old."

Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a blessed Christmas season and are excited to move into 2016, a year that is certain to bring us change, hopefully positive change.

As we have passed the mid-year point of our Fraternal Year, it is a good time to gauge where we are in achieving Star Council. A reminder that Star Council is our yearly objective to meet as a council, and we have come up short over the past few years. We have a recruiting goal of 18, and have only recruited 3 so far this year. We have quite a bit of ground to make up, and having served as your Grand Knight the past two years, I would like our council to achieve it before the torch is passed to a new Grand Knight. Please seek out your Catholic male friends and family over 18 that would benefit from being a part of our fraternal family and ask them to join! There is nothing to lose and a whole lot to gain!!! Just look at the past few newsletters to see what the great benefits of our council are!

As for the position of Grand Knight of this council, after much discernment, I have decided I will not accept any nomination for a fourth term as Grand Knight. I feel that it would be best for this council and myself if a new Grand Knight steps in for the new Fraternal Year beginning July 1st. Our council will benefit from new ideas, a different style of leadership, and developing a solid leadership bench for years to come. After all, diversity in leadership is what makes a council a good council, having the same leaders in place year after year makes councils stagnant and does not promote new ideas and growth.

For me, it is time to apply my leadership talents in other capacities in the community, and also to spend more time with my family. I have a few months yet to tell you how much I have been honored to be your Grand Knight this past few years and what the highlights for me have been.

Lastly for this month, I will honestly share that the least favorite part of my job as Grand Knight is making sure your \$30 dues are paid each year. We have a good retention team in place that I share this burden with, however none of us joined the Knights or became leaders in the council to be bill collectors. Unfortunately, over the past two years we have seen over 25% of dues not come in on time (due by January 31), and then our retention team has to go to work in calling, emailing, pulling those who have not paid aside when they see them, or even visiting those who have not paid in person, to collect dues. This is not a pleasant job and it is one of the few things, maybe the only thing, which keeps me up at night being Grand Knight.

I ask that you please help minimize the work of our retention team this year by having your dues in by January 31st or let me know if you are unable to pay with any questions asked. I personally would very much appreciate it, and I know my fellow officers of the council will also.

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.

2015-2016 Officers

Chaplain Fr. Deziel

Grand Knight - Jeff
Schmidt 368-1699

Chancellor-Walter
Polchowne 222-
3880

Recorder-Joe
Morrisette 770-5203

Advocate-Jim Hurt
777-5829

Inside Guard-John
Zakroczymski

Outside Guard-Ray
Stolz 777-5042

Lecturer-Ken Jones

Trustee Yr 3-Terry
Thelen 245-0030

Trustee Yr 2-Dennis
Reber 777-2383

Trustee Yr 1-Mark
Slaikou 777-5187

Warden-Mark
Mauer 777-2617

Financial Sec-John
Lawless 779-0917

Treasurer-Mike
Stahlmann 770-
9148

Insurance Agent-
Dale Robinson
757-4400

District Deputy-
Mike Schilling 738-
2636



Calendar of Events

We are hosting a Taco dinner fundraiser for our Parish seminarian Tim Gawarecki on Saturday January 9th from 5pm-7pm in the School Cafeteria. Come and enjoy the Tacos: 8\$ for adults, 4\$ for kids 6-12, and free for those under six years old. All the proceeds will be given to Tim to help defray his cost for attending the Seminary.

Don't miss our next General Business meeting as we will have Jay Haapala Associate State Director – Community Outreach for AARP deliver a presentation on preventing and protecting ourselves from cyber fraud. The meeting will be held on Monday January 18th; Business meeting 6pm, presentation on protecting ourselves from cyber fraud at 7pm.

Notice

Get Exclusive Catholic Web Programming via formed.org

Many of you may recall Brother Andy Wagenbach coming to our November General Membership Meeting and presenting on a new initiative purchased by the Church of St. Peter called formed.org. This website provides a variety of Catholic and faith-based content, videos, movies, etc. Our council has also been invited to take part in utilizing this new tool to further our faith.

To access, go to formed.org and use the code: GFV8VP.

Once you do this, you will be prompted to create a user id and password unique to you!

For those of you with SmartTV's, you can also access via the web browser on your TV. This is a great way to watch the videos. I broke by Black Friday boycott and purchased one of these TV's recently, so I know first hand.

Please take advantage of this wonderful offering through our parish!

It's What We Do As Knights that Counts!

Josephs Coats 12
Brothers of Peace 12
Ramsey Co. Family Services 12
CCW Appellation Christmas Project 12
Church giving tree 10
Salvation Army 8
School district 622 30



We meet with all the school social workers at one time give them the coats; they determine which kid from what school needs a coat. It really works great. This year we ordered 72, twelve more than last year. Our Insurance Agent Dale Robertson gave us 2 more cases of 12 each so we were able to give to other places. A total of 96 coats from our council this year went a long way. Coats are purchased with money made from our Breakfast With Santa so thanks for supporting this cause.

This information and much work behind our Coats for Kids effort was given by Mark Slaikeu and Denny Reber pictured above with school social workers.



Knights of Columbus

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Fish Fry

Friday, February 12, 2016

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

St. Peter Catholic School Cafeteria

2620 North Margaret St, North St. Paul, MN



All You Care to Eat!

Deep Fried & Baked Fish

Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, and Vegetables

Bread Sticks, Potatoes, and Apple Sauce

Coffee and Milk is included

Additional Beverages Also Available

Adults \$10.00 - Seniors \$8.00 - Kids (12 and under) \$3.00

Carry Out Orders to Go Available!

**Mark your calendar for these important future KC
event dates:**

Friday Lenten Fish Fries: February 26, March 11 & March
18

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ham Bingo: Saturday, March 19, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Spring Booya: Sunday, May 1, 2016

Pick-up available after each Sunday morning Mass