



The Messenger

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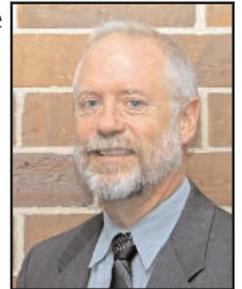
HOLY WEEK



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LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 17 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.



If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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Grand Knight's Message

Here we are on the brink of one of the holiest times of the Liturgical year. As Holy Week approaches, let us reflect on how Jesus sacrificed Himself so that we could be saved. As Catholics, I feel we should attend these wonderful services that our parish provides, even so much as taking part in them. I am so great full that Jesus has watched over myself and my family. I owe him more than I can ever imagine. Let's all reflect on what Jesus has meant in our lives!



Once again, I would like to acknowledge our Council. What a wonderful group of men that are part of my life as Brothers in Christ! We can count on all of these Brothers to make all of our council's endeavors a success. They keep the Light of Christ shining in all of us. Thanks guys!

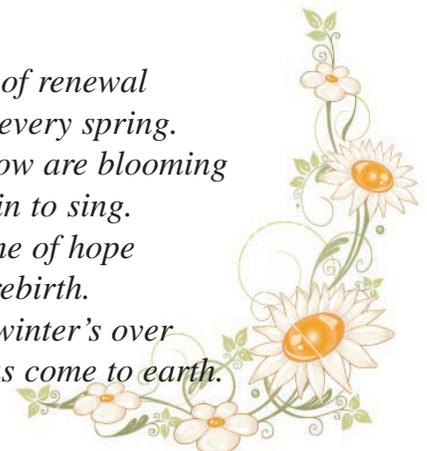
We had two very successful fish fries. 320lbs. of fish served. Hopefully the Norwegian's can replace the cod for next year. I missed the first Friday, but was part of the second. What a well oiled machine we had for both in help in set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Sure, there were some glitches, but for the most part, all went well! Thank you to Dan Falstad, Paul Vandergon, and John Ruffing for their prep work. Sorry if I missed anyone. Dan, what do we do for an encore next year for the fried broccolini? Thanks to all the Knights who helped.

One last, but biggest shout out to our wonderful Women's Auxiliary. What a special group of ladies who are always there for us to call on for help. With the fish fries and future steak-affle dinner, they are tireless in helping us be a success in these endeavors!

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Renewal

*This is a time of renewal
as it happens every spring.
The flowers now are blooming
The birds begin to sing.
Easter is a time of hope
and a day of rebirth.
It shows that winter's over
And spring has come to earth.*



 **Knights of the Month**

April

Jim Schuetz.

Jim is one of our newer knights, (joined a little over a year ago) and has been contributing to our council goals. He has volunteered at our events and most recently worked all shifts at the fish fry. Also, he has put up our online sign-up for KC events which we put to use for our last fish fry. He currently is tweaking it a bit to work smoother.

 **Family of the Month**

April

Andy and Nicole Fischer.

Andy is our Recorder and I don't know how his fingers keep up with all that is said at the meetings. He is our Youth Director, especially working hard during the Free Throw Contest. We will keep Nicole in our prayers as she and Andy battle her health issue. May the Good Lord watch over both of you!

Thanks to all the wonderful people who contributed books and all the buyers who purchased them at the week long book sale. The Ladies KC Auxiliary collected around \$800 dollars which will be given to Cross. Thank you to all that volunteered to put this sale on.



KC Annual Tootsie Roll Drive - April 21, 22, & 23

This campaign, often referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive" is really a "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

The nickname is due to the nature of the fundraiser, in which Knights distribute candy bars, very often specially marked Tootsie Rolls in exchange for donations used to support programs geared to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, in particular and Special Olympics. Financial support and volunteering with Special Olympics is an opportunity for our council to make a direct impact on the quality of life of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and a meaningful contribution within our communities.



Just a few of hours of your time will enable our council to make this drive a success.

Contact John Ruffing at 763 464-3240 to volunteer at a designated location.

April 29th - Annual Raffle & Steak Dinner



Be sure to get your ticket for our annual Raffle and Steak Dinner Gala event. Your \$100 donation will include a wonderful steak dinner for two with all the trimmings, wine and beer tasting and entertainment of the easy listening sounds of CODA.

CODA is a saxophone/keyboard duet consisting of Scott Dorff on soprano, alto, and tenor saxophones, and Malcolm Anderson on piano & keyboard.

CODA has released five recordings and their music has touched the lives of thousands. CODA has been performing for over 16 years. www.codaduo.com

Contact John Ruffing at 763 464-3240 for info and to get your raffle ticket.



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Recruitment weekend went well. We were able to have 4 new men join our ranks: Paul Furrier, Bob Manning, Darin McKee and Scott Pekareh. They completed the first degree also. A special thanks to John Jordan, David Miller, and Franklin Vaca for their oration at the masses.

We had a nice memorial chalice service. I feel the parish was very interested in our 4th degree team that was part of the service as honor guard. It was another way for parishioners to see the KC's in action.

The ongoing sale of raffle tickets continues. Please brother Knights, there is still time to get tickets to sell to make this fund raising a success for our Council. Contact John Ruffing for tickets.

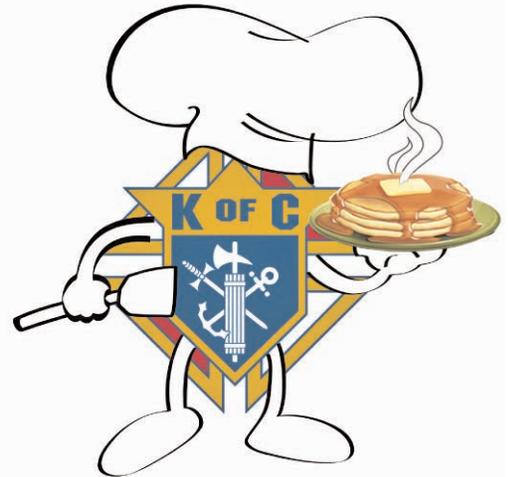
Brothers, please mark down April 21,22,&23 for your help in manning our annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities drive (Tootsie Roll drive) and Special Olympics. Guys, we need you to volunteer a couple of hours to make this a success! Again, you can let John Ruffing know your hours and he will get you to a place of business to pass out tootsie rolls and collect donations.

I have been able to get the Silver Rose for April 23-24. Will probably work on a program for Monday night. I want to include the Parish in this program as well as the Council. It will count as a requirement for Domestic Church. This honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. "The Running of Our Rose" begins in Manitoba, Canada and finally arrives in Monterrey, Mexico on Dec. 12 for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is to express the unity of the Order, reaffirming the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life.



Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 9th

Our final and usually our biggest Pancake Breakfast of the year ...and as usual we will need knights and volunteers to help work all the shifts for this event. Please put this April 9th breakfast on your calendar and call John Ruffing at 763 464-3240 to sign up. Watch for an email with our KC event on-line sign up link.



Knight of the Year

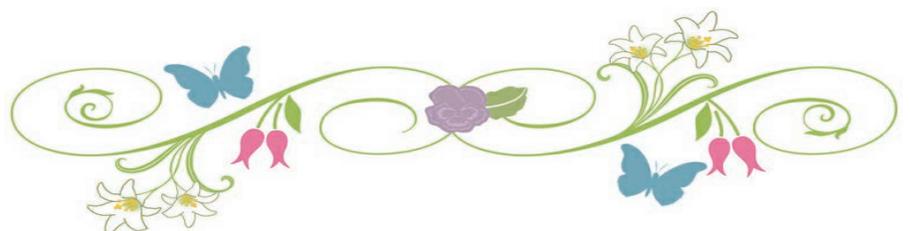
Knight of the Year is Dan Falstad. He has been a "gem" for our Council for years. Dan is tireless in volunteering for anything that we may need help with in our projects to make them successful. He volunteers at Cross. Dan is our hardworking Field Agent-there to help us with any of our insurance needs. He is active in all six of our committees. I can call on him as a fellow Knight and friend if I need to. He is there to always guide me if I need it. Dan is a 4th degree Honor Guard. Dan, thank you for all that you do for our Council!



Family of the Year

Family of the Year is John and Pat Ruffing. These two are tireless when it comes to being part of the Knights, Women's Auxiliary, and Parish! They are integral parts of all of these. John has been our tireless chairman of the Tootsie Roll drive and the Raffle-Steak dinner. Where would our Council be without him there to organize and carry out what is needed for these two projects to be a success! Pat is a valued member of the Women's Auxiliary and a past president of the State Women's Auxiliary. She is an active member at all functions of these organizations. They both work hard to make our Christmas party a success. John and Pat are also Hospitality Ministers at the 8:30 Mass.

Forgot to mention that John has been a Knight for almost 40 years. Wow. He is a 4th degree as well as being in the Honor Guard. Many thanks over for all that both of you do to make St. Joseph the Worker the wonderful Parish that it is!





2017 FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Lenten Fish Dinners. Without your time and labor success would not have been possible.

They come in green and gold, orange and blue. So many colors, what is one to do! The art of decorating these symbols of the Holy Week ranges from casual activity to serious craft. In many cultures, the artistry surrounding the intricate design work and detailing is a matter of national pride.

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2016/2017 KC Calendar

April

- 9 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- 10 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 10 7:30 pm Members Meeting
- 21/22/23 Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive)
- 29 Raffle and Steak Dinner

May

- 9 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 9 7:30 pm Members Meeting

June

- 13 6:30 pm Officer's Planning Meeting
- 13 7:30 pm Members Meeting

 Plan to attend the KC monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Contact Burt at martinson88@comcast.net with any contributions to our KC monthly newsletter.

Pray the Rosary
 The council will pray the Rosary together the first Tuesday of the month.
 May's Rosary is on the 2th
 June's Rosary is on the 6th

KC Council page on parish web site:
<http://www.sjtw.net/sjtw-knights-of-columbus> (under pastoral ministries)

Sympathy Committee
 If you know of a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Don Langsdorf at Donandconnie@earthlink.net.

