

# Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council #3738

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I looked up "Lent" on the USCCB website and this is what they said: "During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by **giving alms**, and to practice self-control through **fasting**. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this **reflection**. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446)." I think that sums it up.

And now that Lent is here, lots of things to get involved with. Fish Frys are underway. If you are not working a shift, please come out to support the event.

[40 Days For Life](#) started their campaign on 75<sup>th</sup> St. in Downers Grove. Please sign up for an hour or two of peaceful, prayer Vigil.

At the time of this writing, there are 2 opportunities for Honor Guard. Bishop Pates is Celebrating 11:00 Mass at Holy Trinity on March 8<sup>th</sup>. And Confirmation at Holy Trinity March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, as a personal note, I've been helping Bill Schelli and family with their new wrestling company. "Rocket Pro Wrestling" has an event once a month, from fall through spring. The events are held at St. Joseph Park in Joliet. Next show is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:00 PM, show starts at 6:00. Fun time can be had by all.

Have a Prayerful & Joyous Lent

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

*Dave Ortman*, Grand Knight

## 2019-2020 Officers of St. John Council 3738

<b>Grand Knight</b>	Dave Ortman
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Brad Alexander
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
<b>Chaplain's Assistant</b>	Dea. Tom Jagielo
<b>Chancellor</b>	Steve Conklin
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Frank Rossi
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Sobotka
<b>Recorder</b>	Cliff Devitt
<b>Advocate</b>	Ed Mokry
<b>Warden</b>	Mike Fumagalli
<b>Inside Guards</b>	Rich Carroll
	Rob Kaiser
	Mike Wallrich
<b>Outside Guards</b>	Randy Norman
	Tony Pietryla
	Jim Anzelone
<b>Guard Emeritus</b>	Steve Dancik
	Jim Murawski
<b>Trustees</b>	Tony Polito (1 yr)
	Joe Moffa (2 yr)
	Chris Simon (3 yr)
<b>Lecturer</b>	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz
<b>Council P.R. Director</b>	Cliff Grammich, Jr.

## Weekly Bingo

Bingo at the **Elmhurst Elks Lodge** (*Location - 711 W. St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst, Illinois*)

Join a Team! Help needed!  
Become an alternate!

\*Help needed for the 2nd & 3rd Weeks—please step up!

## Meeting Dates

**Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
**Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM  
**4th Degree:** *contact Tony Polito*  
**Ladies Auxiliary:** *T.B.D.*

## Program Personnel Assignments for '19 - '20

**Chaplain** – Fr. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.  
**Chaplain's Assistant** – Deacon Tom Jagielo  
**Lecturer** – Konrad Miskowicz-Retz

**Program Director** – Frank Rossi (FS)  
**Church Director** – Randy Norman  
**Community Director** – Hank Anzelone  
**Life Director** – Dave Skrzypczynski Sr.  
**Family Director** – Rob Kaiser  
**Fourth Degree Club Director** – Tony Polito  
**Membership Director** – Ray Wachowski  
**Public Relations Director** – Cliff Grammich, Jr.  
**Vocations Chairman** – Jim Anzelone

## Knight and Family of the Month

Congratulations to Tomas Kratka—our Knight of the Month for December—and Marty Volk—our Knight of the Month for January!

Since recently joining our council, Tomas has stepped up in a variety of activities, including our pancake breakfast in December. Marty is a regular volunteer at many of our events, including our Fish Fry and our Cruisin' Nights Grill, and is treasurer of the 25 Club, which manages our hall.

## Knights Newsdesk

Check our [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) for some great stories from around the Order, including:

Knights Mourn Passing of Virgil C. Dechant:  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/knights-mourn-passing-virgil-dechant.html>

Pope Francis Praises Knights of Columbus: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/addresses/pope-praises-knights.html>

## *Council News ~ Events*

† Our next St. John Council 3738 meeting will be **Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:30 PM** at the Hall. We will have a 1st Degree if we have recruits. Please direct prospects to our Membership Chair, Ray Wachowski ([ray.wachowski@gmail.com](mailto:ray.wachowski@gmail.com))

† **Fish Frys** continue every Friday during Lent until April 10. These are award-winning events with \$12 All-You-Can-Eat entrées from 5-8pm at the Hall that support our council. Join us on Fridays and spread the word.

† **Men's Prayer Nights** at Holy Trinity Parish will continue every first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Holy Trinity School Library. The next session will be held on Thursday, March 5. Join men of the Parish to pray and reflect as a group together. As a council, we will be supporting these events, so attend if you can!

† **Save the Date:** Poker Event on Sunday, April 26 at Bridgeview Community Center

† **Essay Contest:** Current 8th-12th grade students are invited to participate in the annual Essay Contest sponsored by St. John Council. This year's theme is: How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action? Essays should be completed and submitted to the Holy Trinity School Office by Monday, April 6th (attn: Chris Simon, KofC Essay Contest) or mail essays with entry forms to the Knights of Columbus Hall (25 N. Cass Ave, Westmont.) Winners will be contacted and invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall for the April Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30pm to be recognized and receive the scholarship prizes. Pick up an entry form at the Holy Trinity School Office or at this link. Please spread the word and invite kids/grandkids/other youth in your life to participate! (For More Info: [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay) Questions? Email Chris Simon at: [christopher.simon34@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.simon34@gmail.com).)

† Next year's **Nominating Committee** for Council Officer were named: PGKs, Frank Picha, Joe Moffa, & Hank Anzelone. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact one of them.

† **40 Days for Life**—February 26 to April 5. Sign up at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

† Corporate Communion: Sunday, March 29 at 9am Mass at Holy Trinity. Meal at hall to follow.

† **Upcoming Honor Guard Opportunities:** Sunday, March 8—11am Mass at Holy Trinity for Mass with Diocese of Joliet Apostolic Administrator Bishop Richard Pates. Wednesday, March 11—Confirmation at Holy Trinity at 7pm

### *For the Good of the Order . . . [As of 2/20/19]*

**You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals:** Robert Aikens, Sr. (friend of Joe Moffa), Gigi Batryn (grandniece of Hank Anzelone), Michael & Nancy Bodine, Gene Brenner (FS of St. James Council #9806), Thomas Broniecki, Billie Chorney, Len Chudzik (uncle of Andrew Lewandowski), Angela Coleman (sister of PGK Joe Moffa), Bishop Daniel Conlon (Diocese of Joliet), Donna Dahistrom, Karen Dietschweier and Russell (friends of Steve Dancik), Nathan Davison, Shaun Dougherty (brother of Tom), Jerry Fleishfresser (Chancellor of St. James Council #9806), James Ganta (friend of FDD Steve Gawron), Leona Gibas (mother-in-law of Rob Kaiser) Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Mark Gowgiel (son of Tom and Sue), Megan Guinup (daughter of Jim Goralewski), Eric Hoehler, Paul Isherwood (FVSM, Fourth Degree), Bishop Robert Kurtz, C.R., Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Irene LaProcido (wife of Joe Moffa's cousin), Joe Moffa, Diana Maggio (daughter of Hank Anzelone), Todd Matocha (father of son-in-law of Carlton Jones), Vince and Chris Mosquera, Elise Mitchell (sister of Jay Mitchell), Jim Murawski, Charles Picha (son of Frank), Tony Pietryla, Craig and Matthew Reckard, Jeanette & Walter Repak, Pete Serafin (former Field Agent), David Skrzypczynski Jr., Joe Spada (Field Agent), Fr. David Turner O.S.B. & Steve Turner (Jim's brothers), Melissa Turner (Jim's wife), Tom Weiland (GK Mayslake Council 4053), Ed Wojciechowki, Fr. Marion Wroblewski, C.R.

**And, please pray for the repose of the souls of:** Nicholas T. Almeida (brother of SK James), Dan Blum (friend of FDD Steve Gawron), Charles "Bill" Friedrich (Mayslake Council), Lawrence R. Huene, Rudy Rodriguez (brother of Fr. David Rodriguez, O.F.M.), George Simon (grandfather of Chris Simon), Lucille D. Vece (mother-in-law of Bill Fumagalli)



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***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

**March 2020**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b> Bingo in Elmhurst	<b>2</b> +Deacon Bill Casey Funeral	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Men's Prayer Night	<b>6</b> Fish Fry	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Honor Guard—Mass with Bishop Pates at Holy Trinity  Bingo in Elmhurst	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Monthly Meeting	<b>11</b> Confirmation at Holy Trinity—Honor Guard	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Fish Fry	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Bingo in Elmhurst	<b>16</b> St. Joseph's Day	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fish Fry	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Bingo in Elmhurst	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Officer's Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Fish Fry	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Founder's Day  Corporate Communion  Bingo in Elmhurst	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Fish Fry	<b>4</b>