

Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council # 3738

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March 2018 Newsletter

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

First I want to congratulate our newest Sir Knights—Tom Broniecki, Daniel Davison, Nathan Davison, and Robert Kaiser—who made their Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, at the Exemplification on February 17. Also, congratulations to our Knight of the Month for January—Frank Picha, our Family of the Month for January—Bill and Mike Fumagalli, and our newest Honorary Life Member—Jerome “Jerry” Kolpa.

In March, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week. Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland. He was born in what is today England, Scotland or Wales. At age 16 he was enslaved by Irish raiders, transported to Ireland and held captive there for six years. Patrick later fled to England, received religious training there and later returned to Ireland as a missionary. Legend has it that Patrick stood on an Irish hillside and delivered a sermon there that drove the serpents into the sea. Ireland, however, has never had snakes. Scholars believe that snake story is an allegory for St. Patrick's eradication of pagan ideology. Until the 1700's, St. Patrick's Day was a Roman Catholic feast only celebrated in Ireland.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday where we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday to share the Last Supper with His apostles. He was crucified at Calvary on Friday, outside the gates of Jerusalem, buried the same day, and arose three days later on Easter Sunday.

Our Lenten Fish Frys are in full swing. I strongly encourage you to support the fish frys and volunteer to help out at the frys, our poker events and our weekly bingo. Finally, I want to wish all of our members and their families a very prayerful Holy Week and a very Happy Easter.



(Left to right—Membership Director Brad Alexander, Bob Kaiser, Tom Broniecki, Grand Knight Joe Moffa, Nathan Davison, Daniel Davison)

Joe Moffa, Grand Knight

“Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not to envy, to follow but not to imitate, to praise but not to flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.” ~ Anonymous

2017-2018 Officers of St. John Council 3738

Grand Knight	Joseph Moffa
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Ortman
Chaplain	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant	Dea. Tom Jagielo
Chancellor	Brad Alexander
Financial Secretary	Frank Rossi
Treasurer	Greg Sobotka
Recorder	Tom Dougherty
Advocate	Steve Conklin
Warden	Ed Mokry
Inside Guards	Rich Carroll Mike Fumagalli Rob Kaiser Mike Wallrich
Outside Guards	Randy Norman Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
Guard Emeritus	Steve Dancik
Trustees	Hank Anzelone (1 yr) Al Repak (2 yr) Tony Polito (3 yr)

Weekly Bingo

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

Join a Team!! Help needed!!
Become an alternate!!

Captain needed for 3rd week—please step up!!

Meeting Dates

- Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM
- 4th Degree:** *contact Tony Polito*

Program Personnel Assignments for 2017 - 2018

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

Program Director – Dave Ortman (D.G.K.)
Church Director – Randy Norman
Community Director – Mike Wallrich
Culture of Life Director – Dave Skrzypczynski
Family Director – Rob Kaiser
Fourth Degree Club Co-Directors – Tony Polito & Steve Conklin
Membership Director – Brad Alexander
Public Relations Director – Cliff Grammich, Jr.
Vocations Chairman – Jim Anzelone
Youth Director – Chris Simon

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's February 2018 message to the Order is entitled . . .

SOMETHING MORE

To see this important message, please go to:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20180201.html

Chaplain's Message - Council Assistant Chaplain Deacon Tom Jagielo

A Message for Lent and Beyond

Jesus says to take up your cross and follow Him. In the cross we will find the fullness of love and mercy. In the cross we will also find our true self – a beloved child of God.



Council News ~ Events

† Pictured: Our Family of the Month for January—Bill and Mike Fumagalli, our newest Honorary Life Member—Jerry Kolpa and Knight of the Month for January—Frank Picha

† **FISH FRYS** continue every **Friday** in Lent. Join us!

† Our next St. John Council 3738 meeting will be **Tuesday, March 13 @ 7:30 PM** at the Hall. We will have a 1st Degree if there are recruits—contact Brad at BAlexander@SanchezDH.com or direct candidates his way.

† **POKER** begins **Sunday March 4th, 2018** at **Toyota Park**. Contact Dave Ortman to volunteer (dave_ortman@sbcglobal.net)

† **40 Days For Life**—sign up to pray for the unborn locally at: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/downers-grove/>

† **Bingo** is still in need of a captain for the 3rd week and additional help other weeks—help out if you can!

† **Save the Date** - the next Cougars game outing will be **Saturday, August 11th**



for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: David Beck (nephew of Jim Turner), Nancy Bodine, Gene Brenner (FS of St. James Council #9806), Billie Chorney, Clara and Jacques Christaens (friends of Joe Moffa), Donna and Russell (friends of Steve Dancik), Grace Enzbigilis (daughter of Al Jr.), Megan Guinup (daughter of Jim Goralewski), Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Mark Gowgiel, survivors of the Parkland, FL shootings; Eric Hoehler, Marek Gwozdz (brother-in-law of Tony Pietryla), Paul Isherwood (Vice Supreme Master, Fourth Degree), Margarete Jones and Maxine Wilson (mother and mother-in-law of Carlton Jones), the Kaiser family, Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Georgina Kouba (aunt of Rick Vath), Chris Mosquera (son of Vincent), Konrad Miskowicz-Retz, Jim Murawski, Barbara Norman (mother of Randy), Charles Picha, Jeff Pike (friend of Dave Ortman), Gene Poulin, Joseph Raymond, (cousin of GK Joe), Al, Jeanette and Walter Repak, Pete Serafin (former KofC Insurance Agent), Linda Sobotka, Linda Stites (wife of IL State Deputy Ted Stites), Fr. David Turner, O.S.B. (Jim's brother), Alice Wilembrecht (mother-in-law of Hank Anzelone), Ed Wojciechowki, Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.

And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: Paul Bauer (Commander, 18th Chicago Police District, Knight of St. Michael the Archangel Council 12173), Rita Ciotola (HT parishioner, wife of Nick), Parkland, FL February 2018 Shooting Victims, Fr. Ronald Hart, Msgr. Gregory Ketchum (former Chaplain, Newman Center at UIUC) Mary Lou Penninger (mother of Roger), Helene Mayer (friend of Gail and Konrad Miskowicz-Retz), Dorothea Vath (aunt of Rick) and Diane Main + Sandra Smith (long-time Westmont Park District Commissioners)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2 Fish Fry	3
4 Bingo in Elmhurst Poker	5	6	7	8	9 Fish Fry	10
11 Bingo in Elmhurst	12	13 Monthly Meeting	14	15	16 Fish Fry	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 Bingo in Elmhurst	19	20	21	22	23 Fish Fry	24
25 Palm Sunday Bingo in Elmhurst	26	27	28 Officers' Meeting	29 Holy Thursday Founder's Day	30 Good Friday Fish Fry	31 Holy Saturday