

# *Knights of Columbus*

**St. John's Council #3738**

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October 2019 Newsletter

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## *GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE*

Brother Knights,

October is another busy month for our council. We have the Columbus Day Parade in downtown Chicago on October 14th, where the Honor Guard will be led by our own Frank Rossi. October 11th is our Reverse Raffle and I encourage you to support this fundraiser by purchasing a ticket and helping us sell hopefully 175 tickets.

We are currently in the fall campaign of 40 Days For Life. Join me and other Knights, in a prayerful, peaceful, vigil. Sign up at [40daysforlife.org/downersgrove](http://40daysforlife.org/downersgrove)

October is also the Month of the Rosary and I encourage you to pray the rosary at least once a week with your family. I want to personally thank everyone who helped with the ID Drive selling Tootsie Rolls in the Churches and on the street corners last month. Special thanks to Cliff Grammich, Jr. and his family for all their hard work organizing and running this event each year. I am also appreciative of those knights who served as an Honor Guard for Westmont's 911 Ceremony. Thank you, too, to everyone who has helped at our bingo on Sundays.

October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and the patron saint of ecologists and merchants. He heard God's call one day while praying at the ancient church at San Damiano and went on to become one of the most venerated Catholic saints. It is said that he designed the first nativity set and was the first man ever to be recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ. I'll close with this Franciscan Blessing that seems very appropriate right now with all that is going on in our world. "May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen."

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 2019 - 2020

**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

## Supreme Chaplain's Message

[http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_chaplain/2019-09-lori-chaplain.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2019-09-lori-chaplain.html)

## Supreme Knight's Message

[http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme\\_knight/fromthesk\\_20190901.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20190901.html)



Cliff Grammich (pictured above at right) once again did a fantastic job organizing or the annual ID Drive. Well done, Cliff!



Left: Our Grand Knight, Dave Ortman accepted a contribution to the Knights of Columbus at the appreciation event held by Rotary Club of Downers Grove for volunteers at this summer's Rotary GroveFest. GroveFest volunteers earn money for their local nonprofit organizations. Thank you, Rotary, for this opportunity!

## Council News ~ Events

† Thanks to all that helped with the ID Drive during the month of September! Stay tuned to future newsletters and correspondences about how much was raised for the 2019 drive!

† Ladies Bunco will be on Friday, October 4 at 7pm at the Hall. \$6 to play, cash bar and prizes. Bring friends, appetizers to share and donations of toiletries for the People's Resource Center.

† Our next St. John Council 3738 meeting will be **Tuesday, October 8 @ 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

† ***Bingo could use a captain for the 2nd week and additional help on the 3rd week!*** Our budgeted totals for Bingo are ***not*** being met—but you can help! Step up, fill a slot, advertise and spread the word! Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser for the council!

† **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, October 3. 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!

† **Reverse Raffle** takes place on Friday, October 11. Be selling/buying any tickets you picked up from Randy Norman as they will sell out (typically before the evening actually occurs.) Questions? Contact Randy at [ran25@comcast.net](mailto:ran25@comcast.net)

† **Council Retreat:** St. John Council 3738 will be holding a one day retreat on Saturday, October 19, from 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Please arrive early because we want to start on time. The retreat is being held at Mayslake Village, 1801 35th Street, Oak Brook, IL. A boxed lunch is available that day for \$10.00. Please see the sheet in email blasts with boxed lunch offerings to make your choice meal. Participants are asked to bear the cost of the boxed lunch and should include their payment for the boxed lunch when registering for the retreat. The retreat is being conducted by Friar Brian Walker, OP, a Dominican priest born and educated in Chicago and resides at St. Pius V Priory in Chicago. Fr. Brian has given retreats and has spent extensive time preaching all over the country on how we can better our lives and develop our relationships with all of God's people. Mass will be available that day at 5:00 PM at Mayslake Village for anyone wishing to stay and attend. The code to get in any of the entrances is #6363.

† **Save the Date:** November 23 - Great Lakes Men's Conference

† **Vocation Raffle Books** due back in November. See Jim Anzelone for books or to turn in your completed books.

### *For the Good of the Order . . . [As of 09/20/19]*

**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), John Boccuzzi (friend of Craig Reckard), Michael & Nancy Bodine, Gene Brenner (FS of St. James Council #9806), Billie Chorney, Angela Coleman (sister of PGK Joe Moffa), Donna Dahistrom and Russell (friends of Steve Dancik), Bill Doerfler (Past State Deputy), Jerry Fleishfresser (Chancellor of St. James Council #9806), Robert Fuggiti (staff of District Master), Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Mark Gowgiel (son of Tom and Sue), Megan Guinup (daughter of Jim Goralewski), Mick Herbst, Eric Hoehler, Paul Isherwood (FVSM, Fourth Degree), Bishop Robert Kurtz, C.R., Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Mark and Carrie Link (Knight/owners of Uncle Bub's BBQ), Diana Maggio (daughter of Hank Anzelone), Todd Matocha (father of son-in-law of Carlton Jones), Joe Moffa, Kathy Moffa (sister-in-law of Joe Moffa), Chris Mosquera (son of Vincent), Jim Murawski, Charles Picha, Sharyn Polito (wife of Tony), Jeanette & Walter Repak, Archbishop J. Peter Sartain (Archbishop Emeritus of Seattle/Former Bishop of Joliet), 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), Cliff Wilembrecht (brother-in-law of Hank Anzelone), Ed Wojciechowki, Fr. Marion Wroblewski CR, Survivors of 9/11 attacks

**And, please pray for the repose of the souls of:** David Beck (nephew of Jim Turner), Frank Cale (Chair, Veterans Committee, Dooley Assembly), Bob Gleason (SK/Former Community Director), Andrew Goldbranson (son of the late PDGK Eric), Christy Lilja (friend of Cliff Devitt), Anne L. Miller (long-time HT parishioner/sacristan), L. Bernardino Monsalud (brother of Knight Brigido Monsalud of St. James Council), Al White (friend of Hank Anzelone), Alice Wilembrecht (mother-in-law of PGK Hank Anzelone), Victims of 9/11 attacks



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October 2019**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
29 Bingo in Elmhurst	30	1	2	3 Men's Prayer Night	4 Ladies' Bunco	5
6 Bingo in Elmhurst	7	8 Monthly Meeting	9	10	11 Reverse Raffle	12
13 Bingo in Elmhurst	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19 Council Retreat at Mayslake
20 Bingo in Elmhurst	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Bingo in Elmhurst	28	29	30 Officers' Meeting	31 All Hallows Eve	1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day