

Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council # 3738

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March 2017 Newsletter

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

First I want to congratulate our newest Sir Knights—Deacon Tony Leonard, Tony Pietryla, Keith Sellers and Dave Skrzypczynski— who made their Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree, at the Exemplification on February 18. Also, congratulations to our Knight of the Month for January—Mike Wallrich— and our Family of the Month for January—Tony and Sharon Polito.

In March, the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. It's the forty days before Easter. In the early days, people used Lent as a time of fasting and repentance. Ash Wednesday usually begins with Mass and the placing of ashes on our foreheads where we should recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. We should use the Lenten Season as a time to recognize life as a precious gift from God, and turn our lives towards God. We can make Lenten resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. Lent is a great time to "repent"— to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day period in changing our lifestyle and letting God change our heart. It should be a time devoted to fasting, service and prayer.

In March, our Lenten Fish Frys begin. I strongly encourage you to support the fish frys and volunteer to help out at the frys and our weekly bingo. Also, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago will be held on March 11. This is a great time for our Sir Knights to be a visible arm of the Patriotic Degree by participating in the Parade.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Maffa - **Grand Knight**

"There is no limit to how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." "It is natural to love them that love us, but it is supernatural to love them that hate us." Anonymous

2016-2017 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 Jim Ryan Mike Wallrich
Outside Guards	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
Guard Emeritus	Steve Dancik
Trustees	Bill Fumagalli (1 yr) Hank Anzelone (2 yr) Al Repak (3 yr)

Weekly Bingo

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

Join a Team!! Help needed
3rd week!!

No Bingo March 5th, 2017

Meeting Dates

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

Program Personnel Assignments for 2016 - 2017

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 Co-Directors – Tom Dougherty & 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 2017 message to the Order is entitled . . .

THE FUTURE OF THE FAITH

To see this important message, please go to

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20170201.html

Chaplain's Message - Council Assistant Chaplain Deacon Tom Jagielo

Brother Knights ~ A reflection for Lent: Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom and the dry, wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.



Council News ~ Events

† Congratulations to our newest **Fourth Degree Sir Knights** for our council: Deacon Tony Lenard, Tony Pietryla, Keith Sellers and Dave Skrzypczynski. They made their Patriotic Degree on Saturday, February 18 with well over 100 others in Lisle. Commend them when you get the chance.

† **40 Days for Life** begins on Ash Wednesday March 1. Go to <https://40daysforlife.com/> to sign up.

† The Knights of Columbus **Annual Fish Fry** will begin on **Friday, March 3** and will last every Friday thru **April 14th**. Bring your families & friends to the Hall for a delicious variety of fish dishes. Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ****We were voted the best fish fry in DuPage County in 2016 by the public, so check it out if you haven't & spread the word!****



† **Men's Faith Movie Night** at Holy Trinity's Holy Family Hall on Wednesday March 8th from 7 pm to about 8:30 pm. This is open to all men. Following the movie, Dave Skrzypczynski will introduce the Knights of Columbus as Catholic gentlemen witnessing their Faith. Brad Alexander will then follow up with a small recruitment appeal. Feel free to attend and encourage other men you know to join you.



† Our Assembly has secured a bus to take those participating in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11**. Meeting at St. James the Apostle at 9:30, bus departs at 10. Contact Frank for more details (frossifd@aol.com). Additionally, Fr. Rafal has requested an Honor Guard for **Confirmation on Monday, March 20** at Holy Trinity. Mass begins at **7:00pm (report at 6:30pm)**.

† Our **next St. John Council 3738 meeting** will take place on **March 14 @ 7:30 PM**, at the Hall.

† As we welcome our **4 new Sir Knights**, 4th Degree Club President is scheduling a **WELCOME with a 4th Degree Sir Knights Dinner** at our Hall. All Sir Knights are welcome and any other Knight considering moving to 4th Degree in the future. Aside from our Welcome and Fellowship we will plan our mother's Day dinner. This is tentatively scheduled for **March 22**.

† Our Next **Poker Event** is **March 24**, a very easy volunteer opportunity. Contact Dave Ortman for more information and to sign up dave_ortman@sbcglobal.net

for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: Carla Bada (niece of Hank Anzelone), Michael Bodine, John Benton (father-in-law of Cliff Grammich Jr.), Dan and Billie Chorney, Jacques Christiaens (friend of Joe Moffa), Angela Coleman (sister of Joe Moffa), Bob Gleason, survivors of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Victoria Isherwood (daughter of Paul, Vice Supreme Master—Knights of Columbus 4th Degree), Frank Joachim, Margarete Jones (mother of Carlton), Maxine Wilson (mother-in-law of Carlton J.) the Kaiser family, Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Rich Lehman (staff member of District Master, Northern District of Illinois, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree), Jeanette Repak (Al's stepmother), Steve Turner (Jim's brother), Tom Wolinski (brother of Frank), Fr. Marion Wroblewski, C.R. (Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity)

And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: John Bonavolanto, Richard Chodor (brother-in-law of Jerry Kolpa), Margaret Dougherty (grandmother of Tom), Brett Spearing (friend of Rich Carroll), Robert H. Ward (father of Michael W.), Joseph Fumagalli (uncle of Bill, Mike and Tony), Charlotte Sisson (aunt of Patricia Repak)

[as of 2/17/17]



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 Fat Tuesday	1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 1st Fish Fry	4
5	6	7	8 Men's Faith Movie Night	9	10 Fish Fry	11 St. Patrick's Day Parade- Chicago
12 Bingo in Elmhurst	13	14 Council Meeting	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry	18
19 Founder's Day Bingo in Elmhurst	20 Confirmation at Holy Trinity	21	22 4th Degree Meeting + Dinner (tentative)	23	24 Fish Fry Poker Event	25
26 Bingo in Elmhurst	27	28	29 Officers' Meeting	30	31 Fish Fry	