

Knights of Columbus Council 13959 Monthly Newsletter



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Brothers,

In January's newsletter I gave a "State of the Council" report regarding our council's financial status as it relates to our charitable giving and our non-monetary contributions, namely the hours volunteered by our members.

This month I'm going to report briefly on the Supreme Council's financial status and charitable contributions. Just so you know, any statistics report by Supreme are attributed directly to all of the individual councils' efforts.

For example, as reported by Supreme, the Knights donated a record amount of \$177 million to charitable causes in 2017. In addition, over 75 million hours of volunteer hours of volunteer service was provided by the Knights during the same period. How does Supreme arrive at these figures? These totals are tabulated from the grass roots of our order, the individual councils. Each council must track all cash donations and volunteer hours and complete a detailed report to Supreme. This process is mandated to ensure that the status of the Knights is recognized by the IRS as a legitimate charitable organization. Supreme gets the honor of reporting the figures but be assured the work is done down here in the trenches in the council's planning and executing our charitable efforts.

The other significant factor reported by Supreme is the order's insurance program that is offered to its members. Last year \$8.54 billion worth of insurance was purchased by the members. This was an increase over the year before. Currently the Knights have more than \$105 billion worth of life insurance in place - a \$50 billion increase in the last decade. The Knights' insurance program continues to earn A. M. Best's and Standard and Poor's highest ratings. Remember, our order was founded on Father McGivney's plan to shield Catholic families from financial disaster by an exclusive insurance program and has grown to be the foundation of protection for millions of brothers and

their families. If you're not an insurance member, it would be wise to look into the program.

BISHOP'S PROJECT NEWS

I am pleased to report that the under the leadership of our new Bishop's Project Chairman, Carl Schonhardt. The St. Teresa of Avila Council exceeded our goal for the 12th straight year. Thanks to the men who took the time to stand (and sometimes sit) at Kuhn's Market and Sam's Club We were able to contribute to this cause that ministers to the physically challenged children and young adults. To date our council has raised over \$86,000 for this program.

THIS YEARS SPRING TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE SCHEDULE:
3/24-Kuhn's 4/14-Sam's 4/28-Kuhn's 5/5-Sam's 5/19 Sam's

IMPORTANT - NEW LOCATION FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thanks to Council Relocation Committee Chairman, John Vasalani and his committee, Mrs. John Vasalani and Frank Weidler, Our next meeting (social) will be held in our new location in the upper school building, room 6. Members will enter in the side entrance on the Lindley Lane side of the building. Meeting date - February 26,

This very swift transition couldn't have taken place without the effort of our newest member, Brother Michael Stobba who expedited the move and members of the maintenance crew who did the heavy lifting.

Fraternally,
Frank G. Peduto GK

March Meeting Schedule

Our March Schedule will be a Business meeting on Monday, March 12 and the Social meeting on Monday, March 26.

February Birthdays

February 1 – Dan Jankowski
February 4 – Rev. Mark Thomas
February 4 – Julius Wailand
February 6 – James Brown
February 8 – Dubravko Cataric
February 19 – John Schmidt
February 22 – Leo Freismuth
February 24 – Dan Ostronic
February 26 – Lou Carracciolo
February 26 – Joe Hayes