



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

November 2018 Newsletter

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## Grand Knights Report:

Brother Knights,

Wow, it's already November and we had our first measurable snowfall in October! It will hopefully be a while before our next snowfall.

Looking at the calendar, I realize that November is a month of thanksgiving as there are many holidays and activities to keep us busy this month. We had All Saints Day and All Souls Day to begin the month and we are now in the middle of National Vocations Week. Please continue to pray for vocations, as well as for our priests and religious, throughout the year. We honor our military veterans on Veterans Day on November 11, but since that falls on Sunday this year, the official day of observance is November 12. We thank all our veterans for their service!

On November 22, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a time we generally gather with friends and family and give thanks for our many blessings. I pray that all who have travel plans will have a safe journey to strengthen the bond of family and friendship.

As you are probably aware, the Adopt A Family program that the parish has been involved in for several years is going to be handled differently this year. On the weekend of November 10-11, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection and the proceeds will be used for several refugee families who lost their homes when the city determined that the apartments they were living in had numerous code violations which rendered the buildings unsafe and unfit for occupancy. Please be generous.

The next pancake breakfast season will be Sunday November 11. If you have time to help in preparing, serving, or clean-up, please join us (click here – [signupgenious](#) to volunteer).

To date 2,653 volunteer hours have been posted to the council's website. Looking at the council volunteer hour report, I know there are a lot of hours that have not yet been posted. PLEASE POST YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS. If you are having difficulty accessing that part of the website, please contact me, Steve Simonsen, or Jason Castor. We will set aside a few minutes at each council meeting to answer any questions you have and explore some of the tools available on the website.

Hope to see you November 13 for the next general meeting!

Vivat Jesu!

*Jim Spurgin*

Grand Knight

## **Calendar:**

|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |
|---------|--|-------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 'Nov    | Officer Meeting                        | 10    | Jim Spurgin    | '7:15 AM           | GPC             |
|         | Pancake Breakfast                      | 11    | Steve Simonsen | '7:30, 9 and 10:30 | DR              |
|         |  |       |                | Masses             |                 |
|         | Communion Service                      | 13    | Deacon Jerry   | '7:00 PM           | DMC             |
|         | General Meeting                        | 13    | Jim Spurgin    | '7:30 PM           | GPC             |
|         | Blood Drive                            | 17    | Jason Castor   | '7:30 AM - Noon    | DR              |
|         | Major Degree                           | 18    | Steve Williams | 11:00 AM           | St Pat's Gretna |
|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |
|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |
|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |
| 'Dec    | Bow Tie Sunday                         | 2     |                | '9:00 AM           | SSM             |
|         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification | 2     | Hank Hardy     | '1PM – 5PM         | GPC             |
|         | Adoration Hour                         | 3     | Bob Irwin      | 7:00 PM            | GPC             |
|         | Officer Meeting                        | 8     | Jim Spurgin    | '7:15 AM           | GPC             |
|         | Pancake Breakfast                      | 9     | Steve Simonsen | '7:30, 9 and 10:30 | DR              |
|         |  |       |                | Masses             |                 |
|         | St Nicholas                            | 8 & 9 |                | All Masses         | Gathering Space |
|         | Communion Service                      | 11    | Deacon Jerry   | '7:00 PM           | DMC             |
|         | General Meeting                        | 11    | Jim Spurgin    | '7:30 PM           | GPC             |
|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |
| 'Jan 19 | Officer Meeting                        | 5     | Jim Spurgin    | '7:15 AM           | GPC             |
|         | Bow Tie Sunday                         | 6     |                | '9:00 AM           | SSM             |
|         | Communion Service                      | 8     | Deacon Jerry   | '7:00 PM           | DMC             |
|         | General Meeting                        | 8     | Jim Spurgin    | '7:30 PM           | GPC             |
|         | Pancake Breakfast                      | 13    | Steve Simonsen | '7:30, 9 and 10:30 | DR              |
|         |  |       |                | Masses             |                 |
|         |  |       |                |                    |                 |

Please notify Bob Finger with any activities at [bob.finger.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:bob.finger.kofc@gmail.com)

## **Vocations**

**Please note the following Vocations-related activities:**

- Holy Hour for Vocations – Thursday evenings, 8 to 9 PM, Daily Mass Chapel

**Please remember to pray daily for the following intentions:**

- An increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially additional vocations from our parish.
- The priests, deacons and religious of our Archdiocese, remembering especially those who are ill and those who have retired.
- Our young men and women, that Our Lord would continue to bless and guide them as they discern their religious vocations.
- Our men who are in the formation process to become ordained permanent deacons, that the Holy Spirit will guide them on their journey.

## **Food Pantry Needs**

Please see the list of items below and if you can assist, bring an item or two with you to our upcoming council meeting. Of course you can always drop items off at the parish center at another time if that is more convenient for you.

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Beef Ravioli      | White and Brown Boxed Rice |
| Box Mash Potatoes | Rice-A-Roni                |
| Mac and Cheese    | Grape Jelly                |
| Pancake Mix       | Pancake Syrup              |

Thank you for supporting the pantry.

## **Insurance**

Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.

What is it?

**An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.**

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Who needs it?

**There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it.**

**Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement.**

**But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.**

**Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.**

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How does it work?

**Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.**

**Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.**

**Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guarantees.**

**First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.**

**Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.**

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What options do I have?

### **Payment Type**

**There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities:**

**Single Premium Annuity – You make a single, lump-sum payment that accrues interest until you elect to begin withdrawals.**

**Flexible Premium Annuity – Premium payments can be made on a regular or irregular basis. We encourage Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) with the frequency of payments determined by you. In**

addition, you have the option to choose your payment schedule.

**Single Premium Immediate Annuity** – Purchased with a single payment, it begins to pay out immediately.

### **Plan Types**

**In the United States, the Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:**

**Non-Qualified Annuity**

**Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity**

**Roth Individual Retirement Annuity**

**The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.**

**Knights and their families in Canada have two retirement annuity options:**

**Registered Retirement Savings Plan**

**Tax-Free Savings Account**

**A special hybrid life insurance and retirement annuity product – a Registered Retirement Savings Plan Single Premium Whole Life insurance policy – is also available in Canada.**

**Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our retirement annuities, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.**



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