

# Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council # 3738

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April 2017 Newsletter

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

In April, Christians throughout the world celebrate Holy Week and Easter to mark the most significant event in human history: the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Holy Week, April 9-15, begins with Palm Sunday where we celebrate the Passion of our Lord. It should be a week of meditation and spiritual activities that embrace our feelings of devotion and love for our Savior and Lord. As Christians, Holy Week should help us to renew our commitment to living on a higher level, the one Jesus challenged us to live on.

The cross, historically an instrument of torture that was used by the Greeks and Romans to prolong the death of anyone deemed guilty of crimes against the state, should be recognized as a symbol of God's love for us. Since Jesus was not guilty of such crimes, the cross should have a higher meaning for us — one that should hold hope for humanity. The cross should be a symbol of God's forgiveness for our sins against him.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of our Knights and their families a very blessed and happy Easter.

I also want to take this time to thank those Knights who served in the Honor Guard for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Confirmation at Holy Trinity in March, who worked our fish fries, bingo and poker event, participated in the Forty Days for Life, helped with the District Free Throw Contest or who helped with the Men's Faith Movie Night at Holy Trinity. Please continue to work on recruiting new members for our Council. Remember recruitment is the responsibility of all of our members. And finally, congratulations to our Knight of the Month for March, Chris Simon; and our Family of the Month, the Alexander Family.



Vivat Jesus,

*Joe Moffa*, Grand Knight



## 2016-2017 Officers of St. John Council 3738

<b>Grand Knight</b>	Joseph Moffa
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Dave Ortman
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
<b>Chaplain's Assistant</b>	Dea. Tom Jagielo
<b>Chancellor</b>	Brad Alexander
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Frank Rossi
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Sobotka
<b>Recorder</b>	Tom Dougherty
<b>Advocate</b>	Steve Conklin
<b>Warden</b>	Ed Mokry
<b>Inside Guards</b>	Rich Carroll Mike Fumagalli Jim Ryan Mike Wallrich
<b>Outside Guards</b>	Konrad Miskowicz-Retz Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
<b>Guard Emeritus</b>	Steve Dancik
<b>Trustees</b>	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!!  
Become an alternate!!

## 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 March 2017 message to the Order is entitled . . .

**GRACE AND SOLIDARITY**

*To see this important message, please go to*

[http://kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme\\_knight/fromthesk\\_20170301.html](http://kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20170301.html)

## *Chaplain's Message* - Council Assistant Chaplain Deacon Tom Jagielo

Dear Brother Knights ~ A simple Easter message we can live each day of our life:

"He is risen" That through Him we may recover faith: in ourselves, in our world, in our God.

"He is risen" That in Him we may rekindle hope: for the abandoned, for the despairing, for the dreamless.

"He is risen" That with Him we may restore love: to those from whom we have kept it to those who are most near us, to those we will never meet.

"He is risen."

This prayer is attributed to The Christophers Organization.



## Council News ~ Events

† New **Fourth Degree Sir Knights** for our council Deacon Tony Leonard and Tony Pietryla receive their 4th Degree Certificates at last month's business meeting (pictured above with GK Joe Moffa and FS/Master Frank Rossi.)

† Thanks to the Honor Guard for Holy Trinity Confirmation had **16** Sir Knights in regalia. It caught the Bishop's eye as he commented to how impressed he was with our turn-out. THANKS to those Knights stepping up.

† **40 Days for Life** continues through Lent. Go to <https://40daysforlife.com/> to sign up.

† The Knights of Columbus **Annual Fish Fry** will last every Friday in Lent thru **April 14th**. Bring your families and 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 by the public, so check it out if you haven't!\*\***



† Our **next St. John Council 3738 meeting** will take place on **April 11 @ 7:30 PM**, at the Hall. Be active in recruitment before Easter and contact Brad Alexander with prospective Knights or direct them to him.

† Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest 2017: All Catholic students in **grades 8-12** are invited to participate in this year's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest sponsored by St. John Council. This year's theme for the essay contest is: *The Importance of Religious Freedom*. Essays should be typed and should be between 500 -750 words. Please contact Chris Simon at [christopher.simon34@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.simon34@gmail.com) for more information, the prompt or to get an entry form. **Spread the word!** Encourage kids, grandkids, family, friends!

† On Wednesday, May 31st, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **White Sox outing supporting Special Olympics Illinois**. On this night, we invite all K of C members, their family, and friends the opportunity to purchase specially priced tickets to the White Sox game against the Boston Red Sox at 7:10 PM. Let Cliff know if you are interested [c.grammich@comcast.net](mailto:c.grammich@comcast.net)

## for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: Michael Bodine, John Benton (father-in-law of C Grammich Jr.), Dan and Billie Chorney, Jacques Christiaens (friend of Joe Moffa), Angela Coleman (sister of Joe M), Bob Gleason, survivors of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Victoria Isherwood (daughter of Paul, Vice Supreme Master), 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, Jeanette Repak (Al's stepmother), Steve Turner (Jim's brother), Tom Wolinski (brother of Frank), Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R., Colleen Alexander (wife of Brad), Jim Ganta (friend of DD Steve Gawron), Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Kathleen Moffa, Barbara Norman (mother of Randy), Fr. Charles Payne O.F.M., Robert Pietrzak (brother of Jim Goralewski), Laura Smith (sister of Linda Anzelone), Roseanne Widrechner (friend of Randy N.)  
And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: John Bonavolanto, 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), John Tolbert, Greg Groszek (Field Agent—Robert Connelly Council 5918) [as of 3/16/17]



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*CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**April 2017**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					31 Fish Fry	1
2 Bingo in Elmhurst	3	4	5	6	7 Fish Fry	8
9 Palm Sunday Bingo in Elmhurst	10	11 Council Meeting	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday Fish Fry	15 Holy Saturday
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 Bingo in Elmhurst	24/31	25	26 Officers' Meeting	27	28 Essays due for Essay Contest	29