

Knights of Columbus Council #3134

Sleepy Eye & Leavenworth



March Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, March 9th, 2020

- **Rosary For Brothers In Distress: 7:00 p.m. at Leavenworth, Church of the Japanese Martyrs**
- **7:30 p.m. Meeting in church social room**
- Call to order & opening prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance & roll call
- Minutes and communications
- Chaplain's Report
- **Old Business**
 - Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Gary Kuebler Feb. 23rd
 - Other
- Bills & Treasurer's Report
- **New Business**
 - Cadillac Dinner April 14th
 - Fish Fry March 20th
 - Bishop meet and greet March 22nd Sunday breakfast
 - KC 1st-3rd degree ceremony March 28th
 - KC Auction April 5th
 - Priest Appreciation Dinner-Willmar
 - Other
- District Deputy/KC Insurance Agent remarks
- Good of the Order, Knights in distress
- Next Meeting-Monday, April 13th at St. Mary's Church Social Room
- Officers meeting date (Saturday April 4th or March 28th)
- Adjournment & closing prayer

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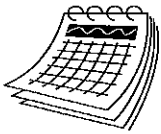


Brother Knights,

How is your Lenten journey going so far? My Lenten seasons have changed in the last 10 years. Yes, I still fast as I have since I was young, but I yearn for more of a spiritual connection with God now. Lent may be a time to not only break some bad habits, but also to start some good ones. Today's Catholic needs more daily quiet time to pray. That time to be still, reflect, and/or pray can do one thing extremely well and that's refocus our priorities. Are we living for ourselves today, or are we living for God? I always thought that is what daily mass has done for me, refocused me each week. However, I also felt I could fall in the trap of putting in my one hour for God and then going back to my secular ways for the other 167 hours. Daily prayer, not just during Lent, can combat that issue. It has been pretty telling to myself where my deficiencies lie when I have actually struggled to say daily Rosary during lent! That's saying a lot when I know saying rosary by myself only takes me 18 minutes, with someone else or with our council 22-23 minutes. Refocus this Lent and be the best Catholic version we can be.

God Bless,

Ryan Braulick
Grand Knight, Sleepy Eye Knights of Columbus Council #3134



Upcoming Calendar Events:

1. 3/8/20 KC Regional Free Throw Contest-New Ulm
2. 3/9/20 KC March meeting at Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
3. 3/20/20 KC Fish Fry
4. 3/21/20 St. Mary's Dinner Theatre
5. 3/22/20 Bishop Meet and Greet KC Breakfast
6. 3/25/20 Men's Group at the Sleepy Eye Care Center
7. 3/28/20 KC's 1st-3rd Degree Ceremony in St. Mary's Church Social Room
8. 4/5/20 KC Auction at S.E. Arena
9. 4/5/20 Palm Sunday
10. 4/12/20 Easter Sunday
11. 4/13/20 KC April meeting at St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye

REMINDER!

As you receive the membership dues and state raffle tickets in the mail, please make one check covering both to the Sleepy Eye KC's. Thank you.

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A Message from our KC Insurance Agent:

Fr. McGivney and Life Insurance

I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. Luckily, he was able to return and finish his studies. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization.

Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Partner with you to choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.



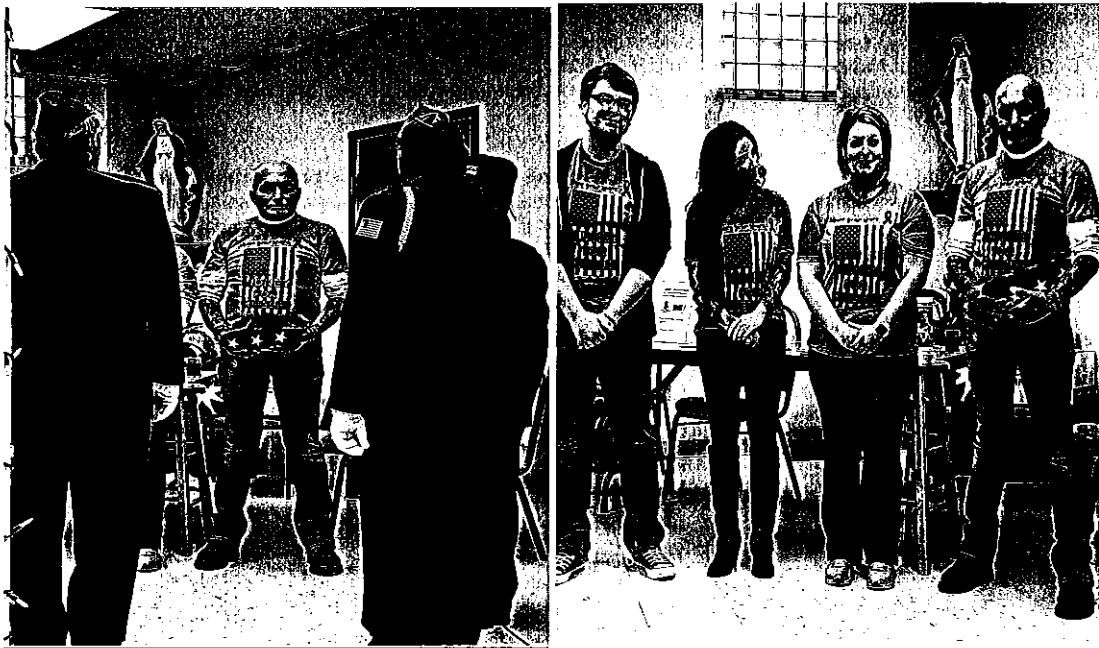
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KC Pancake Benefit for Gary Kuebler on February 23rd. Thank you to all of the KC's involved. Thank you to the American Legion and VFW for sponsoring the silent auction!



Knights in Distress: Please extend your condolences and prayers to the family of Robert Mickelson, Robert passed away on February 21st.