



Knights of Columbus
VALPARAISO COUNCIL # 738
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Council Newsletter

July/August 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July			
<u>NO MEETINGS IN JULY</u>			
August:			
7 th (Sunday)	Social Meeting – Council Picnic	6:00 PM	2902 Prentiss Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385 Paul Tougaw's House
16 th (Tues)	Important Council Business Meeting	7:30 PM	Tiny Tim's - Lower Level (Handicapped Accessible)

COUNCIL #738 OFFICERS FOR 2016-17:

2016–2017 Officers – Valparaiso Council 738:

Grand Knight	Paul W. Tougaw	Financial Secretary	Joseph B. Boyce
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael P. Finley	Treasurer	Walter L. Martin
Recording Secretary	Robert H. Groff	Chancellor	Mark T. Phillips
Warden	Marvin L. McGinley	Advocate	David J. Brandewie
Inside Guard	Ron L. Biggs	Trustee 1 Year	Hubert E. Hoffman
Outside Guard	Leonard J. Jozwiak	Trustee 2 Years	Edward Kolar Jr.
Lecturer	Dennis A. Bardon	Trustee 3 Years	Ralph D. Neff
Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Pawlowski	District 6 Deputy	John Wolsiefer

Fund Raisers: The Tootsie Roll Drive held in May, 2016 grossed \$4,429.00. The Council members voted to pay the costs of materials with Council funds. This allowed Council #738 to donate \$1,476.00, \$1,476.00, and \$1,477.00 to The Share Foundation, Chasing Dreams Inc., and St. Agnes Center, respectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Annual Knights of Columbus Picnic on August 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Our Knights of Columbus annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2016, at the Tougaw's residence. The food will be served at 6:00 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breasts, brats, baked beans, and drinks will be provided. Members are requested to bring their favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert. Please RSVP Paul or Ruby at (219) 476-0116 or ptougaw@frontier.com by Wednesday, August 3, 2016, so we may get an accurate count for food and drinks. Come and have a good time. The Olympics will be available on the big screen for anyone interested. Our address is **2902 Prentiss Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385**



Extremely important Business Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the basement of Tiny Tim's at 7:30 PM.

For the last few months, we have been searching for a solution to allow the Knights of Columbus Council #738 to continue to maintain our presence and fulfill our missions of charity, unity, and fellowship while remaining fiscally sound. In the past, we have

depended upon the surplus in our investment fund to pay for several charitable donations. The recent unrest in the stock market and significant donations has caused this fund to become unavailable. The initial investment was set up to allow us to use any excess over \$245,000.00 to support council programs. Presently, the investment fund has reached this limit and is not available. In the past, we have donated all of the proceeds from our fund raisers to specific needy sources (building funds, charities for people with special needs, Gibault School, and the needs of our parish). The only source of income for the Council has been the collection of dues which is not sufficient to fund the programs we have supported in the past without help from the Investment fund.

After much discussion and research, we have created a Resolution to amend the management of the funds generated from the sale of the Columbian Club property. The Investment Committee feels this resolution is an excellent compromise that seeks to maintain the principal in the investment by providing a procedure that protects against unwise withdrawals by giving the Investment Board greater latitude in working with the investment while providing access to needed funds to support council programs.

We need your vote on this Resolution. The Resolution will be voted on during the Business Meeting on August 16, 2016. **If at all possible, please attend and cast your vote on this very important Resolution.** We would like to have the approval of the majority of our membership. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please help by sending your Proxy vote in one of three ways. First, please fill in the form below and mail it to Paul W. Tougaw, Grand Knight, 2902 Prentiss Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385. Second, give the form to one of the officers for 2016-17 listed above. Third, please send your vote by including the following sentences in an e-mail to ptougaw@frontier.com. **“I support the charitable donations that Council #738 has made in the past and with this message appoint the Grand Knight, Paul Tougaw, as my proxy and to act in my stead and to have power I would have as a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #738. This proxy will be in effect for the August 16, 2016 meeting of said Knights of Columbus Council #738 and will expire after said date.”** Without your support for the resolution, we will be very limited in the charitable donations we can make this year. Please cast your vote in support of this resolution. If you have any questions, please call Paul Tougaw at (219) 476-0116.

PROXY

I hereby appoint Grand Knight Paul Tougaw to vote as my proxy and to act in my stead and to have power that I would have as a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #738.

This proxy will be in effect for the August 16, 2016 meeting of said Knights of Columbus Council #738 and will expire after said date.

This proxy revokes any proxy heretofore given.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Mailing address: Paul W. Tougaw, Grand Knight, 2902 Prentiss Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385.
My E-mail address is ptougaw@frontier.com. Phone number is (219) 476-0116.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF THE COLUMBIAN CLUB PROPERTY

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus Council #738 has invested \$245,000.00 from the sale of property held by the Columbian Club Corporation into a permanent fund only to use the interest generated to support council programs, and

Whereas: The fund has created a lasting legacy in honor of all Knights who have served this council and is managed by an Investment Board comprised of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and three Trustees, and

Whereas: The economic conditions in recent years have not always generated a positive return to fund worthy council programs, and

Whereas: Charity is a founding principle of the Knights of Columbus and supporting our church and community has been a hallmark of our organization since its founding.

Thereby, Let it be Resolved: That the Investment Board be given greater latitude in choosing conservative investment vehicles that may generate asset value in addition to interest, and

Let it further be Resolved: That in underperforming years, the Knights of Columbus Council #738 can make withdraws not exceeding \$5,000.00 of the principle within a 6 month period from the investment fund to support important council programs. Any withdraw of principal will be granted after approval by the Investment Board and announcement in two consecutive business meetings including an approved motion in the second business meeting, and

Let it further be Resolved: That every effort should be made to minimize withdrawals of the principle to maintain the lasting legacy in honor of past Knights and provide a strong foundation for future Knights of Council #738.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 738 AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 4, 2012

We have tried to make our meetings more appealing and productive by introducing speakers, games, and fellowship in our social meetings. This has worked well as our attendance has increased with two meetings having more than 40 guests. This year we will reduce the number of meetings to allow members to have some time for other activities. We have been trying to keep our meetings to between 60 to 90 minutes. This has allowed members to leave before 9:00 PM if necessary. **The following amendment and appropriate calendar will be voted upon at the August 16, 2016 Business Meeting.**

LIST OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND ADMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF VALPARAISO COUNCIL #738 Valparaiso, IN as adopted December 4, 2012

Article IV – Meetings

Present By-Law:

Section 1. The Council's monthly business meeting shall be held at a date, time and location established by the Council. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings.

Meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday shall be a regular business meeting. The third Tuesday on odd months shall be a First Degree except July. The third Tuesday on even months shall be a social meeting.

Proposed Modification of Council By-Laws

Section 1. The Council's monthly business meeting shall be held at a date, time and location established by the Council. **EIGHT** members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings.

Meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday as follows.

- **The first Tuesday on even months shall be a social meeting.**
- **The third Tuesday on even months shall be a regular business meeting.**
- **The third Tuesday on odd months (except July) shall be a First Degree followed by a brief business meeting as required to conduct council business.**
- **There will be no meetings in July.**

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

As we begin a new year with new leadership in our Council, I find it worthwhile to recall our past year and the progress in support of our Church, families, and community. It has been a year of challenge and success in many areas. We are faced with losing several members who have gone to their spiritual rewards, increasing age of our membership, competition from other obligations in our lives (family, work, etc.), and communication. We have addressed these obstacles by encouraging existing members to attend meetings/activities, publishing regular newsletters, utilizing shorter meetings, extending invitations to wives and guests to Social Meetings designed to be enjoyable, and recruiting new members. Although the results are not overwhelming, there have been increases in attendance and participation. We are faced with a resolution that will allow us to continue to support charitable programs in a manner appropriate to their need. Hopefully, there will be enough support that it will be approved by a majority.

We will be discussing activities and services that can be considered with our present man power. We need to extend ourselves to other ways of practicing the three pillars of our Order of charity, unity, and fellowship. Our membership needs us to provide the charity, unity, and fraternity to deal with challenges in our daily lives. We need to encourage those who suffer from illness, pain, troubles, and/or depression. Prayer and charity are our tools. Unity and fellowship are our gifts to provide support to our brothers and their families. Please make a commitment to bring kindness into someone's life each day. Alone we are vulnerable, together we are a force of love and kindness. The troubles facing this world are frightening and threatening. We must be pillars of faith, hope, and charity to all or much of what we believe/need will be lost.

We have a moral obligation to encourage all members to become more active and to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus. As Pope Francis has stated "Now we take up this journey . . . A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust." God bless you all.

Knights of Columbus Council 738 Proposed Meetings for 2016-17

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Sunday	Aug. 7, 2016	6:00 PM	Council #738 Picnic –Tougaw’s Residence
Tuesday	Aug. 16, 2016	7:30 PM	Important Business Meeting***
Tuesday	Sept. 20, 2016	7:30 PM	First Degree/Business Meeting TBD
Tuesday	Oct. 4, 2016	7:30 PM	Social Meeting – Speaker
Tuesday	Oct. 18, 2016	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tuesday	Nov. 15, 2016	7:30 PM	First Degree/Business Meeting TBD
Tuesday	Dec. 6, 2016	6:30 PM	Social Meeting - Merry Christmas Party
Tuesday	Dec. 20, 2016	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tuesday	Jan. 17, 2017	7:30 PM	First Degree/Business Meeting TBD
Tuesday	Feb. 7, 2017	7:30 PM	Social Meeting - Speaker/Wine & Cheese
Tuesday	Feb. 21, 2017	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tuesday	March 15, 2017	7:30 PM	First Degree/Business Meeting TBD
Tuesday	April 4, 2017	7:30 PM	Social Meeting – TBD
Tuesday	April 18, 2017	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tuesday	May 17, 2017	7:30 PM	First Degree/Business Meeting TBD
Tuesday	June 6, 2017	7:30 PM	Social Meeting – TBD
Tuesday	June 20, 2017	7:30 PM	Business Meeting

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