



The Marvin J. Ziegler Outstanding Young Catholic Man Scholarship (Established 2018)

Marvin Ziegler was an Honorary Life Member of Knights of Columbus Council 3034 when he passed from this life on earth to claim his eternal reward during the summer of 2018. Marvin became a Knight in the early 1960's. He served as Deputy Grand Knight of Council 3034 in 1978 and then for a full term as Grand Knight beginning in 1979. He held every leadership position within the Council except the position of the Guards and served as District Deputy along his journey.

Marvin was a leader that pioneered many new initiatives. Marvin instigated formation of the Marian 4th Degree Assembly 2118 in 1987; this effort involved establishing 19 new 4th degree members from Russell at that time. Marvin was passionate about recruiting new members to the Knights of Columbus and recognized nationally for his recruitment of new members to the organization.

When asked what was most important in life to him, Marvin, speaking on behalf of both Helga and him, explained that service to Family and Church were the two most important things to them in their life and that the Knights of Columbus was a very important part of fulfilling those passions.

Although not able to physically participate in his later years of life, Marvin served as Lecturer to the council to the day of his physical death. He contributed lessons to the periodic council mailings and served as an advisor and person to visit for the younger men seeking council.

One of Marvin's most poignant lessons which he learned as a young man and passed along to others, "Two Seas of the Holy Lands", spoke to Marvin's zest for giving and serving. With the memorial funds gifted to Council 3034 by Marvin's family, the men of the Council kickstarted this scholarship in 2018-19 along with a commitment to sustain it in memory of Marvin as long as possible.

Scholarship \$1,000 Award and Qualification:

This scholarship will be awarded to a Russell Junior-Senior High School Senior Young Catholic Man who is a registered member of St. Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell, Kansas or St. Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church in Gorham, Kansas.

The scholarship applicant must be a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Degree member¹ of Russell Knights of Columbus Council 3034, be an active participant in parish life, and in pursuit of a post-secondary education at an accredited seminary, vocational-technical school, junior college, or a four-year university.

This is a nonrenewable scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 that will be disbursed in August or after following proof of enrollment. Recipient will be announced at the SMQOA Senior recognition and scholarship reception traditionally held in May. The criteria for selection will be verification of 1st degree membership in Council 3034 and submission of a 250-word essay or less answering the question of How do you intend to grow as a Young Man, becoming more like the Sea of Galilee in Marvin's lesson, "Two Seas of the Holy Lands"? which is included with this scholarship packet.

¹ If eligible, scholarship applicants must be a member of Council 3034 at the time of scholarship application; if not eligible for membership at the time of the scholarship application, then the award recipient must become a member of Council 3034 prior to disbursement of the scholarship award.

Two Seas of the Holy Lands

By Marvin Ziegler, Lector

The Sea of Galilee is beautiful. It has blue water and is full of fauna and flora. Life Exists. Trees line its banks where children splash and play. The Jordan River makes this sea, flowing from the sunny hills; life is happy and vibrant around this sea.

Through the Sea of Galilee, the cool rolling waters of the Jordan River continue to flow south into the Dead Sea. Here there are no fish swimming, no birds flying above, no families sunning near the shoreline. No man or animal will drink the water here. Life does not exist at the Dead Sea, and no one wants to be there.

One might ask: What makes this enormous difference between these neighboring seas? Could I be the Jordan River? No. The same flowing waters empty into both bodies. It is also not the soil, not the people, not the geography. **So, what is the difference?**

The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into, another drop flows out. The Sea of Galilee gives equally as it receives, but the Dead Sea keeps the Jordan; it has no outlet. Every drop it gets, it keeps. It does not share, it stockpiles its incoming waters; the only escape for water from the Dead Sea is evaporation, leaving behind the salty, lifeless sea and shoreline.

Our lives and actions are the same. It makes no difference what we do in life, if we do not allow goodness and information and action to pass through us it dies. Regardless of our occupation or standing in life we have a choice to give and allow what we receive to flow through us, or not. When we choose to give, we all flourish.

Remember this lesson brothers and choose today to allow God's goodness to flow through you.

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Scholarship Application Form Due April 10th

Council 3034 Member No. _____

If not eligible for membership at the time of application, then please provide your date of eligibility (Date of 18th Birthday): _____.

In addition to completing this brief form, please attach a 250-word essay or less answering the question of How do you intend to grow as a Young Man, becoming more like the Sea of Galilee in Marvin's lesson, "Two Seas of the Holy Lands"?

Please, submit this brief application form along with the required essay in a sealed envelope to the St. Mary Queen of Angels church office on or before the April 10th deadline. Please address the envelope as follows:

Knights of Columbus Council 3034

Marvin J. Ziegler Outstanding Young Catholic Man Scholarship Application

Applicant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date of Application: _____