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*Thank You
for Your Service*



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Message from Bill O’Toole

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”

I love what Degree of Honor represents. We help those in need, provide financial security and enhance their quality of life. What a powerful combination!

This issue of *Honor* highlights some of the initiatives, events and benefits that make us unique.

Engaging in patriotic activities is one of the many pillars of Degree of Honor. To honor the service and sacrifice of our members who served in the military, we want to hear your stories. Learn more about our plan to pay tribute to our brave military men and women on the back cover of this issue.

Acknowledging our members for their hard work in the community and their educational endeavors is also important. Through our Honors Program and Volunteer of the Year awards, we recognize members for their commitment to the community and furthering their education. Learn more about these recognition efforts on page 3.

We want to see you more! Consider bringing a guest to one of our affordable, family-fun activities. If you have an idea for a member event in your area, please see more details on page 5.

As always, thank you for being a member. I hope you have a Happy Easter ... Spring is almost here!

Fraternally,

William R. O’Toole
President & CEO

About the cover

Impact team members in Arizona quilted more than 300 blankets for children in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Member Recognition

Honors Program

Calling all members ages 5-18! Would you like to receive a \$25 gift card? Tell us in 150 words or more about your achievements or service to your family, faith, school or community and we'll award you a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

To learn more about the Honors Program, visit degreeofhonor.com/your-benefits



Volunteers of the Year

Degree of Honor Volunteers of the Year exemplify commitment to community and caring for others. We select one adult and one youth volunteer annually, and recognize each of them with a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice and a feature in this magazine. Application deadline is August 1.

To apply or nominate someone you admire, visit degreeofhonor.com/membership

*Recipe
Corner*

Easter Egg Cookie Dough Truffles

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup butter room temperature (see note)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 bag of each color candy melts: pink, blue, purple and white

INSTRUCTIONS

1. With a large mixer, cream the butter and brown sugar in a bowl for two minutes or until light and fluffy.
2. With the mixer still running, add vanilla and slowly add flour and can of sweetened condensed milk.
3. Once fully mixed, stir in chocolate chips.
4. Form the dough into one-inch balls and then shape into eggs. Place on wax paper lined pan and cover loosely with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.
5. The next morning, melt the candy melts according to the directions on the bag. Keeping the truffles in the refrigerator, and removing only three or four at a time, dip them in the melted candy one at a time with a fork. Gently tap off any excess chocolate and let dry on wax paper.

NOTE

The butter should be soft but not melted. To achieve room temperature butter quickly, cut up the butter in one-inch pieces and leave on the counter for a half hour.





Member Events!



Milwaukee Brewers

Friday, June 21 – 7:10 p.m.

Milwaukee, Wis.
vs. Cincinnati Reds
\$22

Great seats in the Loge Infield
Box Level!

Deadline: May 14

Noah's Ark Waterpark

Wednesday, June 26

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
\$25 admission includes
meal voucher
A \$47 value!

Deadline: May 24

Timber Rattlers Game

Saturday, August 3 – 6:35 p.m.

Appleton, Wis.
vs. Peoria Chiefs
\$14 includes ticket and
\$10 concession voucher
Up to 35% savings!
Deadline: July 1



Wisconsin State Fair

Wednesday, August 7

West Allis, Wis.

\$6 includes cream puff
and drink

Up to \$13.75 savings!

Children 5 and under free!
Ticket good for the entire fair.

Food and drink available

August 7 only.

Deadline: June 30

Minnesota Twins

Sunday, August 11 – 1:10 p.m.

Minneapolis, Minn.
vs. Cleveland Indians
\$22 includes ticket and
\$5 concession voucher
Deadline: June 30



We need your help!

We would like to see you more! Do you have an idea for a member event in your area? Share with us some affordable, family-friendly activities that you think would make a great Degree of Honor event.

Please submit your ideas to vickivlach@degreeofhonor.com

To register or learn more about these events, visit degreeofhonor.com/member-events or call 414-278-6573.



Family Fun

New Retreat Benefit

We're happy to announce a brand new benefit available to Degree of Honor financial members! As a Christian organization, we support the spiritual growth of our members. Retreats can be times of discovery, prayer and development. Degree of Honor financial members are now eligible to apply for up to \$100 annually toward the cost of a Christian retreat. For further details, and to take advantage of this NEW benefit, visit degreeofhonor.com/retreat

Transform Your Financial Life with a 20/20 Plan

Spring is a time of transformation as we reflect on our life and re-evaluate our priorities. When you take the time to do this, you might realize that your financial priorities have changed. Making sure you're able to pay bills and save for retirement, all while protecting your family if something happened to you, should be on your Spring cleaning list every year. This may seem daunting, but don't worry! We've got a plan that can help check this task off your to-do list.

With Degree of Honor's 20/20 Life Insurance Plan, your coverage adapts with your changing financial needs as you move towards retirement.

Here's What It Does

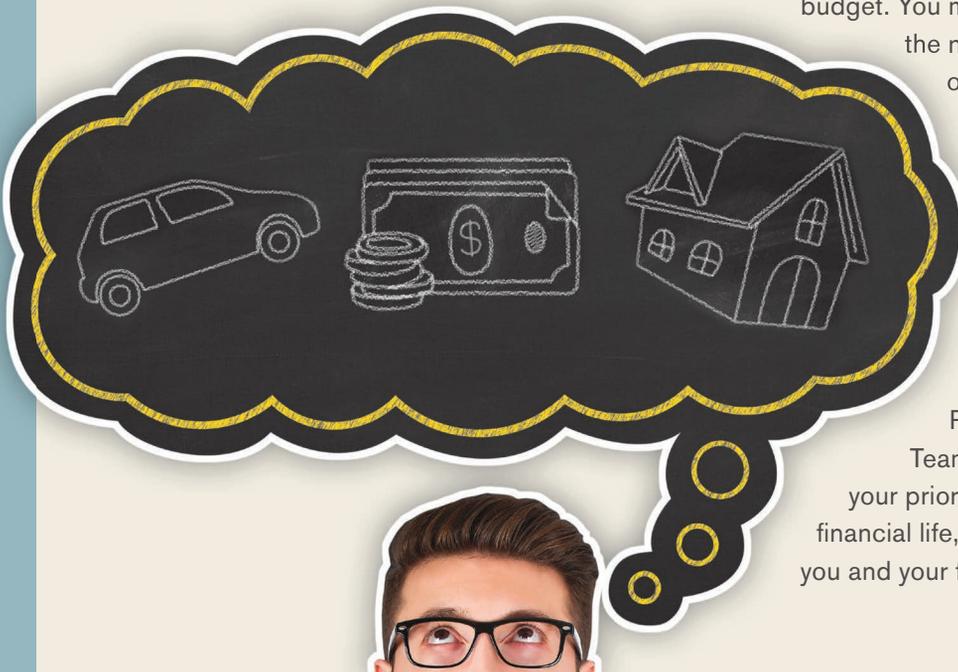
- Provides permanent coverage that lasts your entire lifetime
- Provides temporary coverage to protect you and your family during your most critical years
- Builds cash value that you can use for other things

The best part is that you pay one, unchanging premium annually for 20 years and then you are done. After 20 years, you pay no more premiums and you own your permanent insurance for the rest of your life. In essence, it allows you affordable coverage today while you are also paying your mortgage, healthcare costs, tuition, etc., and permanent coverage for the rest of your life!

Here's How It Works

Under the guidance of your Insurance Solutions Team, you purchase a 20-Pay Whole Life Insurance Plan that fits your needs and your budget. You make the same payment each year for the next 20 years, building cash value over time, ensuring you have coverage throughout your entire lifetime. Then, couple this plan with a 20-Year Term Life Insurance Plan, with payments that never increase, to provide additional coverage for you and your family during your most critical years.

Remember, your Insurance Solutions Team is always there to help re-evaluate your priorities. Once you transform your financial life, you can enjoy Spring knowing that you and your family are better protected!

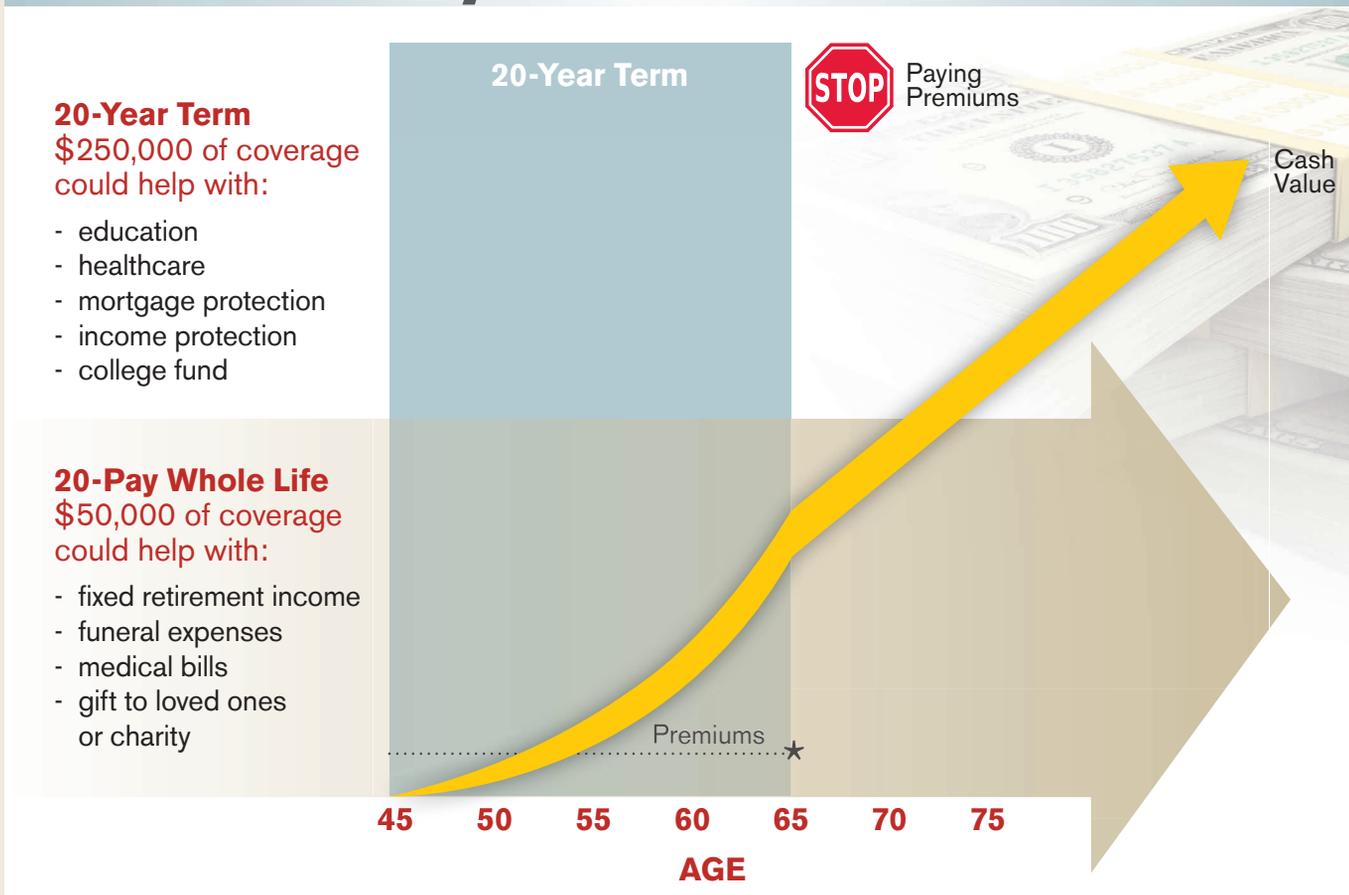


Example

Meet Charlie, a 45-year old father, with a loving wife and two teenage daughters. Charlie is diligently planning for retirement and wants to ensure that he and his wife enjoy financial security throughout the rest of their lives. However, burdened with plenty of expenses like their current mortgage payments, healthcare costs and upcoming college tuition, Charlie realizes he still needs a cost-effective alternative to help him provide for his family today.

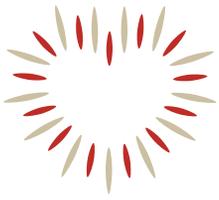
With a 20/20 Plan, Charlie can enjoy the best of both worlds: have the coverage he needs today, at a price he can afford and end with permanent insurance that costs him nothing after 20 years. At the same time, when Charlie no longer has a mortgage and his daughters have graduated, he can retire at age 65. At that time, his 20-Year Term Life Insurance Plan will expire, leaving him with enough Whole Life Insurance to last his lifetime – without having to make another payment!

A 20/20 Plan Timeline



For more information, please call your Insurance Solutions Team at 1-800-947-5812, option 3.

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Thank You For Your Service

For many years, Degree of Honor has been celebrating patriotism and honoring those who defend our freedom. From volunteering to providing financial support for veterans, we demonstrate love for our country and support those who protect it.

We would like to personally thank all members who have served or are currently serving our great nation. To honor their service and sacrifice, we want to share their stories of courage, bravery and patriotism. Please submit stories and photos along with contact information including name, address, email, years of service and military branch at degreeofhonor.com/militarystories. Also visit this site to read other members' stories.

These stories will help to honor members who serve our country and will be spotlighted in a future edition of *Honor*.



Delegates and their family members serving in the armed forces at our 2018 Convention.

*To those who have served in the past,
to those in uniform serving today
and to their families, we honor
and thank you.*