



**KNIGHTS
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From the Grand Knight Wally Embrey Brothers,



Brothers, it has been a successful year, and although our recruiting efforts have been good with 10 new recruits, we still fell just short of our goal of 11. I have already seen our target for next year and it is 12, so I hope all the "candidates" you have in mind will be led to a Form 100 and we can make them new Knights. There has been some changes with respect to our officers and I look forward to serving with those new officers in place. For those who faithfully served, a thank you for your dedication and commitment to service; I do appreciate all you have done. I hope to have a budget to the council by AUG meeting and I am sure we will have some lively discussion. I would ask you to remember that CHARITY should be our focus. UNITY and FRATERNITY are important and are the "human glue" that keeps us together as a family and fraternity of Catholic Christian men. Our new website is up and running and I pray that each of you has used it and will consider it a recruiting tool for new candidates, show them the site, talk to them about our members and about making a commitment. All too often I hear, and I have said, I don't have the time...yet I

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find the timeas they will too. I don't ask Brothers to be at everything but I do ask you to be involved, pick an area and sign up and help with our acts of Charity. You little bit does help and we need more members to ensure we replace some of our older members that for health reasons are unable to remain active. I am looking for a great year, please join your fellow Knights and let's make this our year to shine! Yours in Christ, Wally Embrey GK 1003.

Family of the Month



The "Family of the Month" for the month of June is Sir Knight Col. E.L. and Lady Sharon Harper. Col. Harper has been active in recruiting for the Council and he Council and parish social activities

Knight of the Month



The "Knight of the Month" for the month of May is Sir Knight Brian Hensley. Brian is a dedicated and

dependable member of Council 1003, who is always ready to support Council events, Initiations, and parish functions. Thank you Brian for all you do.

New Knights



Council 1003 is pleased to welcome four new Knights. **Bros. Johnny Fazio, Gary Thomas, Craig Mills** were exemplified into the First Degree of the Order at a ceremony on June 23rd. **Bro. Lewis Plourd** was exemplified at ceremony on June 18th. We also welcome Bro. Lewis C. Gajewsky who has transferred into Council 1003, and welcome back into our ranks Brother August Campanini.

Fourth Degree News

Dedication of Memorial for Sir Knight Deacon Timothy P. O'Neil.



On July 3rd Color Corp of the Monsignor Francis O'Brien Assembly took part in the dedication of a Flag Pole to honor the memory of our departed brother Sir Knight Deacon Timothy P. O'Neil at St. Mary of the Cenacle

Catholic Church in New Boston. Thank you to Sir Knights Bob Armstrong, Col. E.L. Harper, John Eckstein, Wally Embrey, Jim Vaughn, Ricky Solice Larry Benzmilller III, Deacon Larry Benzmilller Jr. Deacon Craig Lashford, and Fr. Mike Snyder. Also thanks to the American Legion Post of New Boston for their participation.

Monthly Social



This month's social featured a feast of boneless pork ribs prepared by master grillor Bro. Mike McInturff. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event successful..

State Council News

Pro Football is back in Texas!!!

Yes, we have gone back to using the Pro teams for our Football Sweepstakes Program. I asked the question, and most of the District Deputies and Grand Knights I talked to wanted the Pros back. The NFL has started its season with the draft and putting the teams together. We need to do the same. We KICKED OFF this season by beginning the distribution of the tickets at the State Convention last month. Those Grand Knights and delegates that took their tickets should start now to put YOUR team together to handle the sale within

your councils.

Last Year's Awards – At the convention, we recognized the councils that sold the most tickets, earned the most profit and the top Diocesan and District Deputies. However, we should not forget the councils that participated for the first time as well as those that may not have sold the most, but made efforts to increase their sales from the prior year. To these councils, we thank you whole heartedly! The GOAL, of course, is to get all councils active in this extremely important fund raiser! **The Good News** – Going back to the Pro teams means we have a longer selling season. Tickets are due back to us October 14. You might want to mark your calendars to start gathering up the stubs and left over tickets around October 1st.

RULES OF THE GAME –

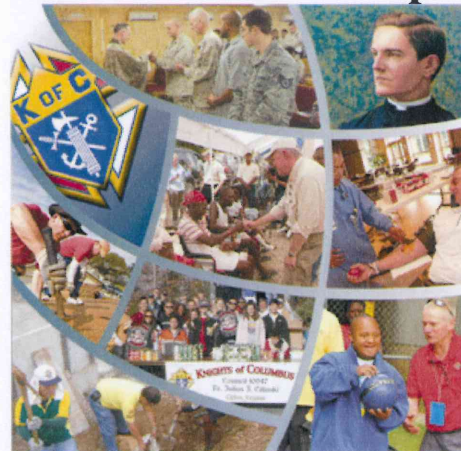
You buy tickets. You sell tickets to everyone you

meet at any opportunity! You send the sold ticket stubs unsold tickets and money in to "Football Central," aka me, Dennis Stark, 5513 Oak Top Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034. You go to Greenbeesavingsclub.com, register your ticket and begin saving money! Purchase greatly discounted restaurant coupons and enjoy dining while saving money. Yes, it works. (Look for tips in an upcoming article.) The State Council benefits from funds raised by your sold tickets. Your Council benefits by a per capita savings of \$1 per ticket sold. AND, we won't have to raise the per capita rate for everyone, causing dues to go up! The game cards start October 27 and includes the last 10 games of the regular season. All you have to do then

is watch and have fun tallying your team's scores. You may be a winner again!

BOTTOM LINE – The 2013-2014 budget passed by the delegates at the convention placed our GOAL LINE at the 16,000 ticket yard line. Please help us get the ball over the line this year. Participation in the 2013 Football Sweepstakes makes us all winners!

News From Supreme



Knights of Columbus sets new record for charitable contributions

More than \$167 million and 70 million hours donated to charity in 2012

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record for charitable donations and service hours in 2012.

The Knights financial contribution for the year grew by more than \$9.4 million to \$167,549,817.

Contributions increased for the 13th consecutive year. The number of volunteer service hours also rose by nearly 64,000 hours from the 2011 total to 70,113,207 hours. At an average value

of \$22.14 per service hour as estimated by Independent Sector, the value of the Knights' service hours last year exceeded \$1.55 billion.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated \$1.475 billion to charity and provided more than 673 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

Notable beneficiaries during the past year included Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, victims of natural disasters, local food banks, the economically disadvantaged and physically and intellectually disabled persons. Scholarships and educational support, as well as a variety of church and community projects were also prominent among the many initiatives sponsored by local K of C councils. The survey found that there were more than 420,000 K of C blood donations during 2012. The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating back to 1937.

"Throughout its 131 years, the Knights of Columbus has always practiced charity as its first principle," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "With so many people enduring great hardship, the Knights of Columbus is happy to help provide solutions to real people's problems through this great outpouring of charity by our members over the past year."

Editors Note: Over the next few months we will be reprinting excerpts from "Parish Priest" the biography of Venerable Michael J. McGivney (by historians David Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster) leading up to the anniversaries of his birth and death in August



With the bishop's intercession, the Hartford Diocese formally "adopted" McGivney as a student granting him what amounted to a full scholarship, a concept that was little known at the time. Bishop McFarland, however was not in favor of McGivney's return to St. Marie College in Montreal. The bishop had changed his mind about sending Irish-Americans from Connecticut to Montreal for their training. French Canadian parishioners, as he discovered, were not fooled in the least; they only insisted more vehemently on having native french speaking priests either from Quebec or Europe. Moreover Bishop McFarland was not quite so generous with diocesan funds that he would that hew would sponsor McGivney to become a Jesuit, one who might well disappear into another community. Since Bishop McFarland was on friendly terms with the president of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, he made arrangements for McGivney to slide seamlessly into studies there, without losing credit for the year he had

put in with the Jesuits in Montreal. On September 14, 1873, still in mourning for his father, Michael McGivney found himself settling once more into the sanctuary of his religious studies. St. Mary's Seminary was operated by the Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice, an order founded in France in the 17th century. The Sulpicians were never well known except within the Catholic hierarchy, because their dominant mission had been to educate priests, specifically in the interest of helping bishops fulfill diocesan needs. When McGivney arrived in Baltimore to begin his studies with the Sulpician faculty at St. Mary's he had not entirely given up on his ambition to become a Jesuit scholar sometime in the future. He had after all, regarded his previous schools as temporary stops. In the beginning he didn't make a complete commitment to St. Mary's either. Yet according to Father Joseph Daly, the Sulpicians offered just what McGivney needed:

"To them, he unfolded his mind anew and them finding in him an ideal vocation diverted him entirely from the thought of joining the Jesuits. The arena of stirring toilers rather than that of placid thinkers was the sphere best adapted to qualities and energies such as were his, they argued; and so while praising scholarship as a possession of great value, they taught him to regard it as merely a subsidiary quality in a priest — humanity and not the humanities, should engage henceforth his most devoted study, sympathy for human woes was a property more intrinsic than knowledge; to store up knowledge was good, they admitted: but to save souls was incomparably better." James Cardinal Gibbons who had attended St. Mary's College a generation

before McGivney expressed the appeal of the teaching at his alma mater very simply. He wrote "(I) shall never regret that I placed myself in the care of the Sulpicians who are eminent in learning, but even more eminent in piety" McGivney, who was twenty-one when he arrived at St. Mary's in 1873, remained there for four years. Overall his education stretched through nine years, over a patchwork of four schools (and two countries). In McGivney's case however, nothing had fallen through the cracks—quite the opposite. Father Jean-Paul Gelinis observed in a 1961 profile of McGivney. "Having received higher education and training under the diocesan priests of Sainte Hyacinth Seminary in Quebec, the Vincentians of the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels in Niagara Falls, the Jesuits of Sainte-Marie College in Montreal, and under Sulpicians at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, having the benefit of American and French culture added to his Irish background, the silent, determined and pious Michael Joseph McGivney was well prepared to be ordained a priest."

Upcoming Events

July 14th – 4th Degree Installation of Officers – Marshall, Texas

July 27th – Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Council Officers

August 4th – Back-To-School Breakfast

August 12th – 1st Degree Initiation prior to regular business meeting.

Recruiting

Council 1003 is always looking for new members. If you know of a Catholic man over the age of 18 who would be interested in joining the Knights Of Columbus they can contact:

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