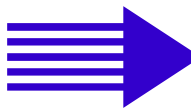


**Grand Knight's Report, continued**

Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, postulator for the canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney, speaks soundly in his article, "Christian Manhood," in our July 2006 *Columbia* magazine: "In Father McGivney, we have a comprehensive vision of Christian manhood and program to help men grow to full maturity." He identifies this as a "pressing need." Eloquently he states, "Manly qualities like self-respect and self-confidence become the seedbed for many virtues such as fidelity, truthfulness, a sense of duty, honor and the capacity to love both fiercely and tenderly." Father O'Donnell also aptly states in June *Knight Line*, "The Future of the Order depends on our ability to impart the vision of Father McGivney and his spirituality to the next generation of Knights...we have to have the heart and determination to take the Order to the next level."

A trumpet calls for an ever new vision, worthy Knights—Serve God and inspire others to serve God./Iturba Percefull, Grand Knight



**Ladies Auxiliary: On the Move**

The Ladies Auxiliary, whose new chosen name is "Columbian Ladies," will meet again on the second Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m., the meeting to coincide with the council meeting. **Carol Ecklund** has resigned her position as secretary due to her husband Stretch's illness. Please keep them in your prayers. A Columbian Lady is needed to fill this position. Anyone interested in, or called, to serve in this position, please come forward.

The Knights have graciously offered their Christmas Card sale to us. This is a lucrative opportunity to work with a wonderful product.

Iturba and I are hosting at our home a "Pot Luck Cocktail Party" on Saturday, September 16 a 6:30 P.M. following the 5 p.m. mass. This party is to honor **Past Grand Knight Robert Kness** and to brainstorm ideas for recruitment and development of programs like the Squires and Columbian Girls Circles. Please come. Bring a finger food to share; and if you like a special cocktail, please bring along the ingredients. Knights, bring your wives, sisters, cousins, etc. and, ladies, bring your Catholic lady friends. We have changed our membership requirements to include any practicing Catholic lady 18 years or older who wishes to promote Knights of Columbus. **Please bring photos of recent events involving Knights and/or the Ladies Auxiliary for possible use in a new Knights of Columbus brochure to be used primarily for enlistment of new members./Mamie Ruble-Percefull, President of the Columbian Ladies**

**Evening Prayer**

Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. In W.W. II, an advisor to Winston Churchill organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, (8 p.m. Central Time) stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for peace in the world. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Together, we CAN make a difference! [Borrowed from an Internet source]



**From Our Chaplain**

A number of the Knights of Columbus have been participating in the Great Adventure Bible study. The response to the study has been great, starting with the number of people. The group has consistently had 150 people. There is an obvious desire to know more of God's word. It also seems that people have not only come but have actually learned something.

Reading the Old Testament can be an intimidating prospect. The names alone scare many people away. But sifting through the names, we come across behavior and events that are nothing less than shocking. It can be hard to keep it all in perspective given the sense of morality we are accustomed to. To imagine the shedding of blood as part of God's plan does not sit well with us. It is no wonder that many people see the God of the Old Testament in terms of fire and brimstone.

And yet that image does not capture the whole picture. It must be remembered that it was God who chose his people, and his one motivation was to share his life, to offer the life of heaven. Everything captured in the Scriptures reveals the faithfulness of God to us, to his people that he loves dearly. Understanding the Old Testament helps us realize how much everything changed because of Jesus. He is often described as a radical teacher and he was. The idea of God as a Father would have been hard to believe. The idea that Jesus was God would have been nearly impossible for a people who couldn't even speak the name of God, much less look upon his face.

The Scriptures are the word of God, speaking to us every time we take it up to read. While the stories of the Old Testament can be hard to comprehend, they are no less inspired than the New Testament. To fully appreciate the New, we need to understand the Old. In the end there is no substitute for reading the Bible. St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." For those Knights in the Bible study, I hope this will be the beginning of much time with the Word of God. For all members may we be more committed to what God has to say to us through the New and the Old Testaments./  
**In Christ, Fr. Erik**



**Fourth Degree Assembly to Meet**

The Fourth Degree Assembly, after missing two meetings and the Installation of Officers ceremony at Sacred Heart Church in the Village, will meet at the **Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 p.m. on August 17.** A former Faithful Navigator, **Cass Bukauskas** has agreed to serve once again in that office. Some offices remain unfilled. The Fourth Degree Assembly has played a vital role in local Knights of Columbus, especially in a ceremonial capacity for major church functions appropriate for an Honor Guard. Let's once again get our Assembly on firm footing. Please, all members of the Assembly, be present for the August 17 meeting. **We will forego the usual 6:30 dinner on this occasion but hope once again to establish it as a regular practice soon. Of course whether that happens will depend upon volunteers to provide meals.**

A recent communication from **District Master Phil Hahn** to all Arkansas Assemblies includes timely encouragement for our Assembly: **"Begin the year with a 'can-do' attitude."** The communication also reports 98 new Sir Knights for the 2005-06 year, just 68 percent of its goal of 157. Finally, the Hot Springs Assembly is one of seven in the state that have not submitted their "Report of Officers." We hope that following our August 17 meeting, this deficiency can be corrected.

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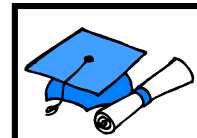
**August Birthdays**

- 8 John Rima
- 10 Dominic Vu
- 16 Jim Hogue
- 16 James Womack
- 21 Forest Wells
- 25 Larry Nieman
- 30 Bernard Etkorn
- 30 Jim Stann
- 31 John Macchietto

**August Calendar**

- 3 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m. (rosary recited at 6:30 p.m.)
- 10 Ladies Auxiliary, K. C. Hall, 7:30 (See article, p. 2)
- 17 Fourth Degree Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.

**Pray for our Sick**  
Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Joe Van Hout, Mary Turek, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Otto Wiedower, Stretch Ecklund, George and Sue Marshall, Wanda Eckhardt, Margaret Dierks, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Al Reis, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencil**



**Stephanie Elders Receives Bauer-Massanelli Scholarship**

Stephanie Elders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elder, received the \$1000 Father Ralph Bauer-Gus Massanelli Scholarship awarded by Knights of Columbus Council 6419. The award was presented by **Grand Knight Iturba Percefull** at the close of the St. John's 5 p.m. mass on July 29.

Stephanie recently graduated from Lake Hamilton High School with a 4.-plus grade point. She will soon enter Henderson State University with plans to major in English.

Congratulations to Stephanie and to her parents. Stephanie's father Jim is our council recorder.

**You Know You're in Arkansas in July when....**

- The birds have to use pot-holders to pull worms out of the ground
- The trees are whistling for the dogs
- The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron!
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- You can make sun tea instantly.