

Grand Knight's article, continued

expires. Notwithstanding the wisdom and merit of such a statement, it may not take into account the bruising effect of ill manners, grace denied. /Iturba Percefull, Grand Knight



Bi-Parish Picnic Planned for April 27

The upcoming Bi-Parish Picnic will be a cooperative effort of St. Mary's Church, St. John's Church, and the Knights of Columbus. While the churches will fund the activity, Knights of Columbus will do the leg work—from securing and cooking the food and arranging for drinks to planning games for both children and adults and then cleaning up at the end. The date is noon on April 27, and the site is ARC-Isle on Lake Hamilton off Highway 7 South. Let's hope and pray for both a good day and a good turn-out!



Fourth Degree—Footnotes

The Fourth Degree Assembly met at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the evening of Tuesday, March 18, foregoing its usual third Thursday meeting because of Holy Thursday services at St. John's and St. Mary's. The meeting was preceded by a return of **Joe Giompoletti's** fish dinner (crappie, no less!) that included hush puppies, French fries, cole slaw, and Blue Bell ice cream. Wow! Those members who didn't show up missed a very special dinner. Delicious! Thanks to Joe for treating us to such a fine dinner. **Our next meeting will be a social, including wives, at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, at Ryan's Restaurant.**

The main order of business at the March meeting was the election of the following officers to serve the Assembly for 2008-09: **Newton White**, Faithful Navigator, **Father T. J. Hart**, Faithful Friar; **Robert Rowe**, Faithful Comptroller; **Louis Kosarek**, Faithful Admiral; **William Wavering**, Faithful Captain; **Larry Heisserer**, Faithful Purser; **Steve Gallimore**, Faithful Pilot; **Bruce Crane**, Faithful Scribe; **George Sanders**, Trustee, 1 Year; **Tony Torres**, Trustee, 2 years; and **Mike Tucker**, Trustee, 3 years. A joint installation with Hot Springs Village Council will be in June.

Louis Kosarek has agreed to chair an upcoming fundraiser. The Assembly will conduct a sale of tickets for a several-state raffle sponsored by a Springfield, Illinois council. The local council participated in this raffle for several years but has not for the past three years. Now the Fourth Degree Assembly will take this on as a fundraiser. Books of fifteen tickets will go for \$15. Our Assembly will keep \$10 from each book sale and return \$5.00 per book to the Illinois council. Details, including prize offerings, are forthcoming.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is set for 12:30 p.m. in Jacksonville on April 12. For further details call me at 262-3282./**Newton White**, Faithful Navigator

K. C. Founder Declared Venerable

Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, moved a step closer to sainthood March 15, when **Pope Benedict XVI** declared him "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney will be the first American priest to receive this distinction.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "All of us who are members of Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder. The strength of Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."



From Our Chaplain

I was grateful for a phone call I received from our Grand Knight a couple of weeks ago. He was asking for the name of a seminarian that could be supported by our local council. I spoke with the vocation director of the diocese, and he told me that there is one remaining seminarian not receiving support from any Church organizations. If all goes as planned, this young man will experience the generous support of the Knights of Columbus as many before him (as did your chaplain and pastor).

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the work of the Knights with vocations. April 13th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and that fits well into efforts of the Knights for many years. Currently the Knights have a campaign to promote vocations called "Keep the Faith Alive."

In an effort to guide the Church on April 13, Pope Benedict has written a short document on vocations, and I would like to share a portion of it with you: "Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated. Christian communities that live the missionary dimension of the mystery of the Church in a profound way will never be inward looking. Mission, as a witness of divine love, becomes particularly effective when it is shared in a community, 'so that the world may believe' (cf. Jn 17:21)."

It seems to me that these lines speak well to the work of the Knights for vocations. For young men in parishes it is vital to see other men committed to their faith and willing to use their time well for service and the work of the Church. Your example as Knights can have an impact beyond what is readily seen. Your support of vocations is much needed in the Church today. The direct financial support of seminarians is greatly appreciated, but your work in helping create a faith community where young men can hear God's call is equally important. May God continue to "Keep the Faith Alive" by our efforts and our prayer./**In Christ, Fr. Erik**

Local Station to Broadcast

Weekly Catholic Answers Program

The popular radio program *Catholic Answers* will broadcast every Sunday between 10 and 11 a.m. over KZNG at 1340 AM beginning April 6. The program is an informative talk show, call-in format, which many coming into the Church have found helpful in developing their faith. St. Stephen's Charitable Fund, a local organization which supports development projects around the world, sponsors the program. Sponsorships and donations are encouraged for support of the program and possibly to expand programming hours. If you are able to help, please contact **Steve Hotho** at 624-0720 or **Dick Antoine** at 622-7347.

Notes from Your K of C Insurance Field Agent

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put in place a plan that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this cannot

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April Birthdays

- 1 Jim Reiter
- 2 Bart Newman
- 12 Donald Sass
- 14 Joe Petruk
- 16 Ken Kukuk
- 22 Leon Coulombe
- 27 Louis Baksa
- 29 David Meeks

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Ray Kukuk, Gil Gibbons, Val Poe, Bev Priest, Ken Schmitz, Sharon Maxwell, Sandy Kortenber, John Harris, Louis Turala, Joe Salemi, Catherine Smart, Mary Anne Honeycutt, Stretch Ecklund, Sue Marshall, Ann Lee, Mary Ellen Kagel, Emily Kostka, and Emil Wencel**

April Calendar

- 3 Officers Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10 Council Meeting, K. C. Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 11-12 Charity Furniture/Rummage Sale, K. C. Hall, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m.
- 17 Fourth Degree Social Meeting, Ryan's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. (see Fourth Degree article, p. 2)
- 27 Bi-Parish Picnic, ARC-Isle, Noon (see article, p. 2)

Knights Incorporated to Conduct Annual Meeting

Immediately following the May 8 council meeting, Hot Springs Knights Incorporated will conduct its annual meeting. Treasurer Gil Gibbons will present a complete financial report. Following will be an election of officers for 2008-09 and then a discussion of any other business that may be presented. Please try to be present.

Field Agent's Notes, Continued

happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that for many of them tomorrow has become next week, next month, or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to ring.

I'm at 501-204-9486. Call me. Let's talk.

Randy Schnoebelen
Field Agent

A Brother Knight helping protect you and your loved ones.