



CENTRAL POINT, OR.  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL  
 NO. 11258  
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**Business Meeting Tuesday,  
 July 2nd**

Please plan to attend our monthly meeting, Tuesday July 2nd beginning with 6:00 PM Mass, followed by a pizza dinner. Our monthly business meeting will begin as usual at 7:00 PM and feature a presentation on the Church Build program of Habitat for Humanity.

**OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020**

The following officers were elected on June 4th for the coming year:

- Grand Knight* Thom Gilsdorf
- Deputy Gr.Knight* Ed Dinius
- Chancellor* Rudy Wertepny
- Recorder* John Garner
- Treasurer* Michael Henry
- Advocate* Martial Henault
- Warden* Frank H. White
- Outside Guard* Dave Dorman
- Inside Guard* Tom Cook
- One Year Trustee* Doug Smith
- Two Year Trustee* Ron DeAvilla
- Three Year Trustee* Ralph Browning
- Chaplain* Father Fredy Bonilla
- Lecturer* Larry Mullaly



*The Grand Knights jewel of office features the mariner's anchor, a symbol of Columbus.*



**KNIGHTS AND LADIES  
 SUMMER DESSERT SOCIAL  
 TUESDAY JULY 16**

*Join us on Tuesday July 16th for a fun-filled travel adventure show on the rivers of France presented by Jerry and Val Pendzick. The dessert social will take place in the parish center and begin at 6:30pm. Knights and Ladies are invited to joint us for this European get-away.*

**INSTALLATION SOCIAL**

Please celebrate with the new and returning officers of our council who will receive their jewels of office at the installation ceremony to be held at a Council dessert social this Sunday June 30 at the Parish Center. All knights and their families are invited to attend. this event that begins at 6:30pm. The installation ceremony in which officers are reminded of the importance of their particular office, will be conducted by District Deputy Joseph Schaecher. Please bring a dessert tok share.

**Calendar of Events**

- Sun. June 30, Parish Picnic
- Sun. June 30, Installation of Officers
- Tues. July 2, Business Meeting
- Thurs. July 4, Fourth of July Booth
- Tues. July 16, Summertime Social
- Thurs. July 18, 4th Degree Meeting
- Sat., July 20, 4th Degree Exemplification.
- Tues. July 30, Officers' Meeting

**CELEBRATING THE FOURTH OF JULY**

The Council sponsors a refreshment booth at the Fourth of July Celebration at Pfaff Park in Central Point. If you can contribute two or three hours to help please contact Ralph Browning at 541-261-0866.

**Prayer Requests**

Please remember in your prayers Carl Wieland, Frank White, George Zentgraf, Ed Daniels, John Plunkett, Gary Staats., Larry Mullaly, Carolyn Duman, Jim LeRoy, and Ralph Browning. Anyone who knows of other brother knights or family members in need are asked to contact Chancellor Rudy Wertepny at 541-727-7153.



## We Celebrate

### BIRTHDAYS

**Knights:** Steve Childs, Matt Sekreta, Richard Cano, Don Nadeau, Kevin Fecteau, Hank Rademacher, Dr. Joe Sekreta, Frank H. White, Matt Axness, Chris Hutter, Roger Allemand.

**Wives:** Frances Ford, Pam Masters

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

David and Frances Ford, Dianne & Dennis Mihocko, Gary & Lavina Miller, Bill and Kay Morse, Hazel & Doug Smith, Liz & Matt Axness.

*Please let the editor know if your anniversary has been overlooked. We are trying to improve the accuracy of this information and have only limited information of wives' birthdays and wedding anniversaries.*

### PATTERNS OF FAITH:

#### Old St. Pat's

by Larry Mullaly

Perched along the edge of Interstate 90 in downtown Chicago is St. Patrick's Church. It is the oldest public building in the city, and one of the few structures that survived the great fire of 1871. That "Old St. Pat's," as it is affectionately known, exists at all is surprising. In the late 1960s old brick tenement districts were leveled and a massive traffic corridor cut through the area. A last-minute public outcry saved the old church from the wrecking ball.

Alice and I had spotted the tawny brick structure with its two mismatched bell towers from our hotel room and had walked several blocks only to find it locked. A few days later, we tried a second time and entered through a side door. We found ourselves in a breath-taking interior rendered in pastel

Celtic designs of entwined bands, lines, dragons and long-tailed birds, marble and stained glass. A Confirmation Mass was underway, celebrated by a young bishop, several parish priests, a Church full of well-dressed families with well-dressed middle school children accompanied by a musical ensemble of a soprano, tenor, violin and flute players. Clearly it was a parish fully alive. How this transformation came about is a remarkable story of rebirth.

A decade after its reprieve from demolition, the future of Old St. Pat's remained bleak. Sitting amidst shuttered factories and flop houses, the church had only four registered parishioners. Then in 1983 a new pastor, Fr. Jack Wall, was assigned to the parish. He brought with him the dream of creating what he described as "a church for the marketplace." The classical lines of Church life in Chicago had always been linear, an orderly, hierarchical approach to faith. But in the Celtic art of the old church he discovered a different paradigm: Curves and twists in which

the elements of faith, nature, and daily life were intertwined. He envisioned a Church that was Catholic to the core but particularly attuned to the needs of young adults, ages 21 to 35. It would be a multi-faceted church with an interplay of elements that made it humanly and religiously attractive. As a social venue in a busy and often impersonal environment, it needed to be a place of "radical hospitality." More importantly, however, the church needed to address deeper existential questions: "What is my life worth? And what is my life work? And how does work fit into my life." It would address the needs of the young to be grounded in something tangible that went beyond the immediate moment. "Being the oldest church structure had a symbolic force of saying these are our roots and here's what it takes to become a new expression of Catholic community," Wall explained. The result was a blending of elements to provide a fresh approach to faith, an energized liturgy, an emphasis on service, and confidence in young adults. They passionately believed Fr. Wall's



*Old St. Patrick's Church: The oldest church in the city, once served as the centerpoint for a thriving Irish community. Today it sits among downtown high rises.*

mantra: “Bring good people together and watch what happens.”

Tapping into the enthusiasms of young professionals and students of nearby University of Illinois Chicago, Wall’s efforts met surprising success. Fortified by vibrant music and folksy preaching, the Sunday services began to attract a following. Within two years Old St. Patrick’s Sunday attendance had risen to 2,000; membership increased to over 1,000 households. Other changes followed. In 1985, the parish inaugurated what it dubbed the “World’s Largest Block Party.” Three years later, a school was opened, the first new Catholic grade school in the archdiocese in more than 25 years. In the spirit of the “crossroads” parish, the school, that first opened on a floor of a nearby office building was open to all faiths, and 40% of its students received tuition assistance. In the 1990s the parish, began a multi-million-dollar reconstruction and restoration project. Old Saint Patrick’s Church is regarded today as not only the oldest but one the most beautiful places of worship in Chicago.

Fr. Jack Wall retired as pastor in 2007, but Old St. Pat’s continues to thrive. The parish now offers six Sunday and two daily Masses with Saturdays reserved for weddings, often two or three a weekend. A typical bulletin shows a community involving all age groups.



*Young candidates receive Confirmation at Old St. Pat's. The church underwent a multimillion dollar reconstruction and restoration project in the 1990s.*

A Family Ministry program sponsored Mother’s and Sons Bowling Evening; a men’s group hosted a Beer Tasting and Trivia Night. Encore, a program for those over 50, was holding a day of recollection by the parish guest theologian

entitled “Life on the Brink: Holding the Center in the Whirlwind.” Bible Studies for Young Women were being offered on Sunday afternoons. In all, over 40 ministries were listed.

Today this inner-city church has a national following. Current membership is more than 3,000 households and 5000 associate members. Old St. Pat’s members and friends participate annually in church inspired programs that include job training and service to poorer communities in Chicago, Africa and South America. St. Pat’s annual Block Party, a fund raiser for Church outreach ministries, is a fixture in the city’s life and hosts 10,000 participants a year.

*Fr. Jack Wall. The Chicago-born priest served as pastor of Old St. Pat’s for 24 years. In the Celtic art of the old church he discovered the paradigm for a community in which the elements of faith, nature, and daily life were intertwined.:*