

The KNIGHTLINE

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March 2019

Grand Knight Letter



Pause & Reflect!

Spring is a time for renewal. With spring, nature begins its renewal process, its rebirth of sorts. In spring we celebrate the return of life with the blossoming of new flowers & buds on the trees, & the return of the sweet songs of the birds. We are also at a time of the Church calendar where we are looking for the comfort from an event that happened over 2000 years ago. The season is a time of renewal as we focus on the resurrection & the hope of eternal life. Let us take the time enjoy the season and to renew and celebrate our faith.

Council Happenings

The **19th Annual Race for Life** was held on Sunday, Feb. 17th, &, from all measures, was a huge success! While all the numbers are not yet in, it is expected that the fundraiser for Little Chloe will raise in excess of \$20,000. I cannot thank all those participating in this event enough – particularly chairmen PGK Lou McGraw & PCCP Rich Russo & their team. Special thanks to Jeanmarie DeBiase, Roni Pavelko & all the ladies for their countless hours putting the Auction together. What a wonderful demonstration of Charity, Unity & Fraternity on behalf of the council.

The Council held a **wake service** for fallen brother Robert Haemmerle on Fed. 10th. The family was grateful by the support of the council and the 4th degree color corps.

PGK Lou McGraw & his son, brother Danny McGraw participated in the **Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 23rd** raising \$2,000 for the Special Olympics. Well done, Brothers!

On Sunday Feb. 24th, PGK Brian Curran ran the **District Free Throw** contest with winners advancing to the Diocesan Contest.

A reminder that March 6th is **Ash Wednesday**. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we are encouraged to attend mass and receive ashes – as a reminder of our mortality.

March 29th is **Founders Day!** Let us remember Father Michael J. McGivney – founder of The Knights of Columbus.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The world embarrasses me, and I cannot dream that this watch exists and has no watchmaker."
– Voltaire

Erin Go Bragh!

Last month I wrote about Valentine's Day. This month I'll give equal time to our Irish brothers. St. Patrick's Day is a holiday honoring the missionary credited with converting the Irish to Christianity. However, history shows St. Patrick wasn't Irish. Ireland's patron saint was born in Scotland around 373 AD. His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat (he took on Patricus when he became a priest).

Until he was 16, when Irish marauders kidnapped him & sold him into slavery, he considered himself a pagan. During his captivity, he began having religious visions, found strength in his faith & became closer to God. After 6 years he escaped from slavery & went to a monastery to study under St. Germain. While training it became clear that his calling was to convert pagans to Christianity. He wished to return to Ireland to convert pagans that had overrun the country. He became the 2nd bishop to Ireland & almost didn't get the job because he lacked the required scholarship.

It is said that he had an unusually winning personality & was successful at winning converts. This fact upset the Celtic Druids. He was arrested several times, escaping each time. He traveled all over Ireland, creating monasteries, & setting up schools & churches that would aid him in his conversion of the Irish to Christianity. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been observed as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day, but little is substantiated. One such lore is that he gave a sermon that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Perhaps, with the snake being a revered pagan symbol, this is a figurative tale suggesting he drove paganism out of Ireland.

The traditional icon of the day – the shamrock – stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity, using it in his sermons to show how the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. Green is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it is the color of spring, Ireland, and the shamrock.

Once a holy day, St. Patrick's Day has become more of a secular holiday. The custom came to America in 1737 & was first celebrated in Boston. Today, it is a day to wear green & party. As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!"

Fraternally,

Angelo W. Massaro – Grand Knight

Meetings:

Council: 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 P.M.

Officers: Tuesday before 3rd Friday of the Month at 8:30 PM.

Columbian Club: 3rd Friday of the month following K.C.



Columbian Club President Letter

March 2019

Brothers,

March is upon on and that means we are that much closer to telling Winter goodbye and embracing all that Spring will provide. But before we spring forward like we will the clocks (on March 10th), I want to go back to that wonderful Sunday last month when this club, and this community came together for The Race for Life. There are way too many people to thank (If I named them all, this letter would be 10 pages long), and I'm not going to single out only a handful, because it wouldn't be fair to all the others. But just know that ALL of you did a remarkable job in representing what The Knights of Columbus and The Columbian Club are all about, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

With that great event behind us, March offers us all a time to relax, take a deep breath, and enjoy the beginning of springtime at The Club. The biggest event we have planned this month is our annual St. Patrick's Day party on March 16th. PCCP Rich Russo and PGK Lou McGraw will be heading the event (because they haven't really done anything yet this year). We'll have corned beef, potatoes, and Irish soda bread, and pints of Guinness and whiskey to help it go down (but my wife says we're not doing truck bombs). On March 21st the college basketball tournament begins. We will have all the games on so bring your friends and watch the games and enjoy food and drink specials. And on March 28th the two-time World Series Champion New York Mets open the regular season (the 13-time World Series losing New York Yankees also open their season the same day, but who really cares).

March also brings Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and the Easter season. And in those 40 days, we'll all try to give up something, whether it be dessert, or getting angry, or some other vice. And odds are, we'll all fail. Maybe this year we should try doing something different. Maybe we should do something more, instead of giving up something. Volunteer more. Help someone out a little more. Pray a little more. Do more good. Be more thankful. Be a better Knight.

“May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold-
And at the end of all your rainbows may you find a pot of gold”

God Bless,
Michael Bradley CCP

P.S. I want to thank PGK Bill O'Donovan for that idea for the Lenten Season.

Ladies Auxiliary President's Letter

March 2019

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Early Spring – who said that? After two days of snow already this March who knows when it will warm up! However, I can say for certain that the Race for Life was again a HUGE success! Many thanks to everyone who helped out either by being on a committee, lending a hand on set up day, wrapping gifts or cooking the delicious food that day! Rich Russo and Lou McGraw did a great job once again! And a very special THANK YOU to our very own – Ronnie Pavelko, Jean Marie DiBiase and Sanjoe Westrich and ALL the Ladies who helped that day! It's so wonderful when we can all come together to help out those in need.

This month is the St. Patrick's Day party at the Club featuring corned beef & Irish Soda Bread – and DEFINITELY no Car Bombs for Michael! Later this Spring the Ladies will be working on hosting a Bingo Night – a night of fun for all! And we plan to host a few fun “outings” to replace our regular meetings.

The Easter Season is upon us and like both Michael and I told our children, rather than “giving something up” for Lent perhaps let's try to “do something” for others? “Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.” -St. Gregory Nazianzen

Happy St. Patrick's Day - Erin Go Bragh!

Erin Bradley
Ladies Auxiliary President
Council 6201

Council Calendar



MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1</u> CRXD Rosary 8 PM CRXD K of C Social Meeting 8:30 PM	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Fat Tuesday	<u>6</u> Ash Wednesday	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> CRXD KOFC Officers Meeting 8:30 PM	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> CRXD KOFC/CC Business Meeting 8:30 PM	<u>16</u> CRXD St Patrick's Day Party
<u>17</u> St. Patrick's Day	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. PATRICK'S DINNER



SAT. MARCH 16, 2019
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Platters \$10.00: includes corned beef, cabbage and potatoes.

Sandwich \$5.00: includes corned beef and chips

Reuben sandwich \$7.50

Sign up sheet available at the Council.

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Prayer to

Fr. Michael J. McGivney

O great and glorious God, you imbued your holy priest, Father Michael J.

McGivney, with deep priestly

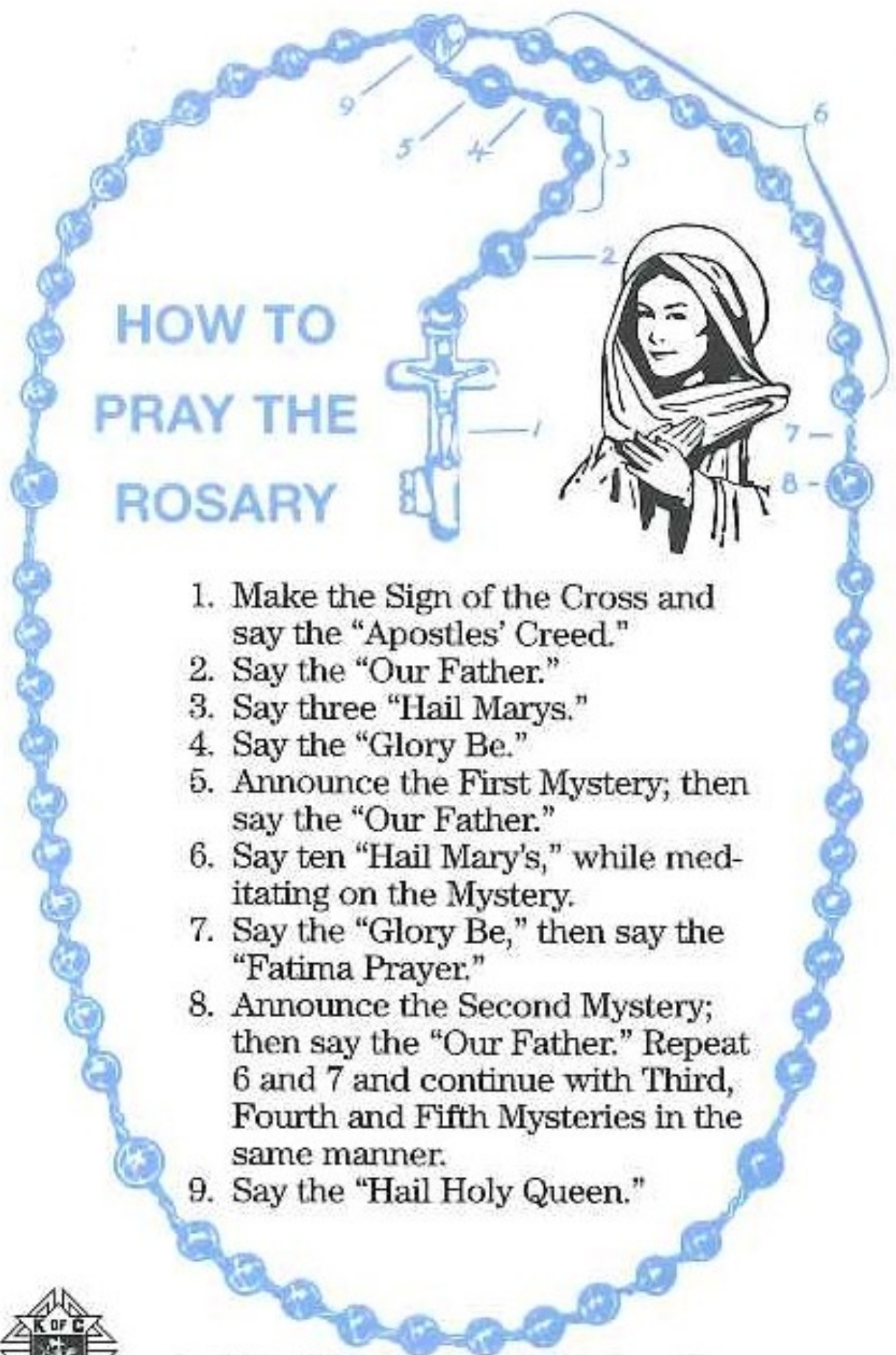
virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day.

Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech you, Heavenly Father, to raise your faithful servant, Michael, to the honors of the altar.

We ask this favor through our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy mother, Mary and our mother.

Amen





HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory Be."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Mary's," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory Be," then say the "Fatima Prayer."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. Say the "Hail Holy Queen."



For These We Pray

Ann Taylor & Family

Chris Hunt

Tom Raulinavich Sr

Andy Minoulli

Robert Haemmerle

Law Enforcement Personnel

Armed Service Personnel



All of our deceased brothers and their families



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