

Council Officers

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August 2012

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Remember, if working outside in the heat to drink plenty of fluids. The council was saddened by the loss of our Brother, Worthy Sir Knight Daniel Kubitsky. I personally did not know Dan, unfortunately that's my loss. Keep Dan and his family in your prayers, as well as all our brother knights and families that are experiencing sickness.

Coming up in August is our annual K of C family picnic to be held at the council home on August 12th at 1PM. Country ribs, chicken breast, hot dogs, corn on the cob and fruit will be served. The cost is \$5 per member or \$10 per family plus a covered dish. We do need a good count of knights and family members planning to attend. Please call Ron Harella at 696-3295 if you plan to be there. What about cake, you ask? You're right! We will also be celebrating the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael McGivney's Birthday. He was born August 12, 1852. Any suggestions of games for the kids would be greatly appreciated.

In diocese news-Wednesday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, a holy day of obligation.

Have a nice summer and if you haven't been to a meeting lately, please come and join us.
Fraternally Yours

Ron

Chaplain's Message

“Mary's Destiny Must Be Ours”

Brother Knights:

The month of August is actually a month that contains an octave (8 day) celebration in honor of Mary, the Mother of God. It begins with the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15th and concludes with the memorial celebration of her queenship on August 22nd. In this Marian octave, the Church would have us prayerfully reflect on the fruits of a life that mirrors that of Mary, our mother.

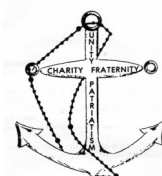
As we know, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Although the feast of the Queenship of Mary is not as solemn as that of the Assumption, it is nonetheless significant. In both of these observances, we the faithful are called to reflect prayerfully on Mary's destiny that resulted from her life of fidelity to the will of God.

As followers of Christ, we know how weary the journey can become. Our life of fidelity to Christ and his

Church is constantly being challenged by all of the distractions of the world and Satan. Prayerful reflection on the faith-filled life of Mary can and should serve to renew us in faith, love, and above all, hope. In her being assumed body and soul into the heavenly kingdom and her being crowned queen of heaven and earth, we see the effects of a life of fidelity to the will of God.

During this month especially, in the light of these two great celebrations, let us pay honor to Mary our Mother, asking her to help us by her grace and powerful intercession to enter into the same realm of eternal union with our lord and savior as did she. Let us see her being taken up into the glory of God as our own. May all of us be a part of the glory that now belongs to Mary, assumed into heaven, queen of heaven and earth, star of the sea.

*Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*





Happy Birthday

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| MRV Joseph V. Adamec | 8/13 |
| Paul M. Andrews | 8/12 |
| Robert R. Baker | 8/8 |
| John E. Brown, Jr. | 8/2 |
| John A. Despot | 8/1 |
| Carmin F. Fedesco | 8/29 |
| James D. Folcarelli | 8/20 |
| Mark Frew | 8/27 |
| Dr. Paul J. Gallagher | 8/13 |
| Robert F. George | 8/9 |
| Richard C. Gildea | 8/23 |
| William M. Hiergeist | 8/11 |
| Stephan Janosik | 8/23 |
| James G. Letcher | 8/27 |
| James A. Lytle | 8/7 |
| Rev. Michael J. McGivney | 8/12 |
| Arthur Ollinger, Jr. | 8/1 |
| Frank V. Roscia | 8/9 |
| Robert J. Spinazzola | 8/5 |
| Robert M. Spinazzola | 8/16 |
| John F. Sullivan | 8/1 |
| Michael Syroid | 8/9 |
| Kenneth W. Wyland | 8/14 |



July Council Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Ron Harella Communications:

- A thanks you from St. Leonard's home for the donation of chicken and rolls from the Hand in Hand BBQ.
- A thank you from Terry Damon on our contribution of our Hand in Hand profits to the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia
- The Race at St. Patrick's was a success with 300 participants. Thanks from Msgr. Little
- Request for an ad in the Davidsville, PA K of C booklet....Brother Dennis McGeehan motion for full page of

\$100....motion carried.

- Many awards were presented for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees.
- Our Council received a regional Gold Star award for 2011 from the ARC of Blair County. We will receive the same award in 2012 due to our recent success.

Chaplains Report:

Father Legarski discussed the role of the CCoF Bishops and their role in positions involving politics and the Church. He reminded us that the Clergy is responsible for our Spiritual wellbeing and the Laity is responsible for the wellbeing of our Country when it comes to Politicians and Politics.

Unfinished Business:

- Bishop Mark will hold mass at the Curve ballpark later this month at 3 pm, you must have a game ticket to attend.
- The K of C night at the Altoona Curve will be held at 6pm July 29. Tickets for the game are \$7 and we'll all be in one section. The GK with the most in attendance will throw out the first pitch.
- Seminarian Ticket winners : Gary Ellis and Clarence Becker

Old Business:

- Recorder Mike Metzgar asked that all members provide an email address that can be used for communication between meetings and to announce special events or Council needs. Send emails addresses to: mikemetzgar@atlanticbb.net

Comments

- The Grand Knight: 2nd reading for Adam Hughes from St. Patrick's in Newry by Mike Hughes
- Brother Dan Kubitzky will be viewed at the Sorge Funeral Home.
- Our Council was well represented at the Men's Catholic Conference
- Thanks to those that attended the Altoona Relay for Life
- The officers attended the training

which has a focus on Member recruiting

- Bob Palombi made a \$50 donation to the Hand in Hand Dinner
- The First Degree ceremony can now be read by the team...please volunteer to be a member of the Degree team.
- There are 2 applicants for the First Degree
- New changes in the meeting format allow the Chaplains summation to occur at any time during the meeting at the discretion of the GK and Chaplain.
- The third degree as underdone major changes which cannot be discussed in the company of those that have not received the degree.
- Altoona Council will have 1st and 2nd Degree on September 16 and a 3rd Degree in October.
- Brother Bernie Mikesic is out of the hospital but is now in Cedar Crest Nursing Home in Bellefonte for the foreseeable future. Please keep him in your prayers.
- If we support a seminarian for \$500 Supreme Council will rebate \$100 to the council information again
 - A question was asked by Brother Dan Casey of the council and more directly to Father Legarski: The decision on the Healthcare Bill by Chief Justice Roberts was not clear to him. Why didn't the local clergy respond and make comments. Father Legarski, after a lengthy discussion, said that the Catholic Conference of Bishops will make those types of announcements and provide guidance for local clergy to use in their churches.
- An audit needs to be done by July 31 by the Trustees.



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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

In 1882, when Father McGivney began our organization, his primary concern was the care of widows and orphans. Even though 130 years have passed, we should never forget his mission. Last month we talked about widow benefit. This month it's a benefit that most don't think about.

As you can imagine, we get lots of correspondence at the Supreme Council Office, but every now and then a letter or email stands out from the rest. That is what happened when the widow of a member wrote us.

While the name of the person writing has been changed to protect her privacy, the letter appears nearly word for word. This is what she said:

Dear Supreme Knight,

When my husband became a Knight, we were introduced to our insurance agent, Mike Walther. We could sense right away that he thought of his career as more of a 'ministry' than a sales position. Little did I know then how much his sense of ministry would mean to me.

During our meetings, we weren't easy to persuade. Never willing to give up, Mike worked to show us that we had a need, and he was able to help us understand the value of being protected with life insurance.

My husband died suddenly last fall. His death was a shock to everyone. Although from a medical standpoint it shouldn't have happened, I guess God felt his work on Earth was done. Mike was there for me imme-

diately. He was at the wake and the funeral, and then stayed by my side and helped with whatever I needed. He cried for my husband just like I did

I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.

Beverly Buchanan

One life lost. One life continues. One chance to help. A strong shoulder there when she needs it the most.

The choice of what happens after we're gone is ours. When your life here ends, do you want someone you know and trust to be there to help your wife, to console her, and, yes, to cry with her? Knights of Columbus agents will do that. The man, and the organization, will be there for her. That's a comfort that you can't get anywhere else.

I'm at 724-719-2324 or

ScottAgencyMail@KOFC.ORG

Call me – let's talk.

Ken Scott



Thoughts and Prayers

Bernie Mikesic has experienced some set backs in his recovery from the stroke he suffered. It now looks like he has developed dementia and may have to eventually be confined to a home.

Jim Lytle and Tom King are still recuperating.

Keep praying for all of our brothers and family members who are sick.



Degree News

There will be a First and Second Degree held at the Altoona Council on September 16th at 2:00 pm. Anyone that is interested should contact Lou Endress for details.

Plans are also in the works for a Third Degree. The tentative date is October 14th. This has not been finalized



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, August 5, 7:00pm
Thursday, September 6, 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 19, Make Ham and Cheese Sandwich's

Wednesday, July 20, Deliver Ham and Cheese Sandwich's

Sunday, July 8, Family Faith Day at the Altoona Curve Game

Sunday, July 29, 6:00pm, Knights night at the Altoona Curve Game

Sunday, August 12, 1:00 PM Annual Family Picnic, K of C Hall

Sunday, September 16, 2:00pm, First and Second Degree Altoona Council

Sunday October 14th, Tentative Third Degree.

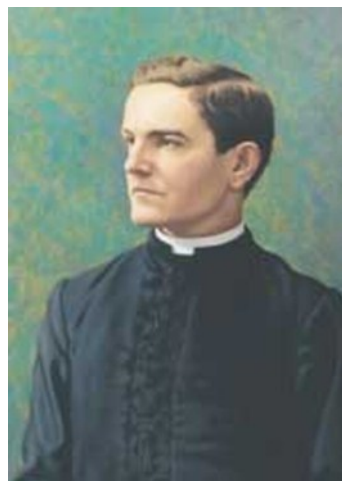
Father Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus

On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith. These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. They were Knights of Columbus.

Father Michael J. McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, when he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Father McGivney's holiness, devotion to priestly ministry and work to protect family life

provide a powerful spiritual influence for Knights, their family members and a growing number of other Catholics.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God."



Prayer for the Canonization

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

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