



## St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council #15979

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Mission Statement

We, the Knights of Columbus of St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, exist to promote and support spiritual enrichment, fellowship, parish activities, community service and material well being to the community.

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### **Editor's Comments:**

This is the third issue of our council newsletter. Hopefully it is informative and of value to you. And hopefully it helps to get you more involved in the activities of your council. If you have any information to share with your brother Knights, please contact me, Don Buckler (phone: 502-245-1419, email: [donbuckler@aol.com](mailto:donbuckler@aol.com)) or one of the officers (see our website for a list and contact numbers). All suggestions are welcome.

### **Pancake Breakfast:**

On September 16, 2018, The Knights held a pancake breakfast. 129 people enjoyed all the pancakes and sausages they could eat plus coffee, orange juice and milk. Our goal was 200, but we still made over \$900.00. Most of that was from the sale of ads for the placemats. The Council has several chaitable organizations to which to contribute from this event including the Immaculata playground project.

We contracted with ChrisCakes to put this on for us. They pretty much furnished everything, and put on quite a show. Participants were given a plate as their ticket. The ChrisCakes guy flipped the pancakes toward your plate and you had to catch them. Obviously a few were missed and fell on the floor. He would ask you to move back and still hit your plate most of the time. One fellow moved back about thirty feet and still caught the pancake. It was all you can eat pancakes and sausages. Also, the pancakes and sausages were very good.

The boy scouts will continue their annual pancake breakfast on December 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will do it each quarter the rest of the year. Our next pancake breakfast will tenatively be in February, 2019.

### **Grand Knight's Message:**

Brother Knights,

We have started our Fraternal year strong and our recruitment is in-line with our council goals of achieving Star-Council. If you haven't been able to attend a meeting lately, please come out and see all the good works of charity that we are involved In. Just a reminder we have condensed our meetings down to one night a month, every third Thursday of the month. Our Officers meeting that is open to ALL members starts at 6:00 p.m. and the General Business Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and always concludes by 8:00 p.m. with a social afterwards.

Some new initiatives include a Charitable Donations Committee that is made up of three appointed Brother Knights who collectively decide on how your annual dues money and donated funds are spent. This newly formed committee's chair person is Brother Andy Pennington, and serving as committee members are Brother Deacon Derrick Barnes and Brother Jack Klawitter.

Their goals for the two-year term is to diversify our charitable donations portfolio, along with supporting Our councils' goals.

Our number one Council goal for the next two fraternal years is to fund the \$70,000.00 playground at Immaculata Classical Academy. We have raised \$20,000.00 towards this goal and are motivated to achieve this goal in the next two years! If you or someone you know is interested in helping us raise money or give to this great cause, please reach out to Deputy Grand Knight Kalen Finefrock at 502-489-7030.

We have been very busy with Respect for Life initiatives led by Brother Mike Ryan, helping Habitat for Humanity build a home for a refugee family from Ethiopia, to include hosting our first pancake breakfast with Chris' Cakes that was a hit for all of the children in attendance including our very own Deacon Barnes who caught most of the high-flying cakes.

For all those who are unable to attend our meetings, please visit us at our website to view upcoming activities on our calendar. Our next business meeting is 10/18/18 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you as we will be recruiting members to join a committee to start the planning of our first annual golf scramble that we will host in 2019. We are looking for those who like to play, those who can help us market the event, those with or without experience and those who would like to play a more behind the scenes role. Regardless, we promise this will be a low commitment of mostly conversing by e-mail and will take less than 24-hours of your time during the next Fraternal year!

If you know someone that would make a great Knight or have a son away at college or in the military we have an on-line membership option now called e-membership. Go to [www.knights.net](http://www.knights.net) for more information and sign-up! Be sure the interested party lists Council # 15979 as his desired council. The membership dues are only \$30 a year.

If you're not involved in your council, find some way to contribute. There is something for you, just let us know your interests! I always think of Proverbs 27:17, Iron sharpens Iron, and Men sharpens Men! This is what we are about gentlemen, becoming better catholic men, fathers, grandfathers, mentors and coaches for the next generation! Come out and support your council!!

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Koenig, WGK

**Knights of the Month:**

**July, 2018**  
**SK Mike Saylor**

**August, 2018**  
**No August M.O.M.**

**September, 2018**  
**SK Bill Buzan**



**Family of the Month, July, 2018: SK Bill & Gerri Moriarity**



**Family of the Month, August, 2018:**



**Family of the Month, September, 2018**



**Joke: Frank Feldman**

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing, you're just like Frank."

The passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's the guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: “There are always a few clouds over everybody.”

Cabbie: “Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won a slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star, and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy.”

Passenger: “Sounds like he was really something special.”

Cabbie: “There’s more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody’s birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change fuses and the whole street blacks out, but Frank Feldman could do everything right.”

Passenger: “Wow, what a guy!”

Cabbie: “he always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong. And his clothes were also immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman.”

Passenger: “How did you meet him?”

Cabbie: “I never actually met Frank. He died and I married his friggin wife.”

### **Congratulations: Kalen Finefrock promoted to Lieutenant Colonel!**

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> StMM Brother Donald C. Wolfe, Colonel, Special Forces administered the Oath to Kalen; our Army’s newest Lieutenant Colonel. Kalen’s wife Jenni proudly pinned on his new LTC Rank. Rev. Jonathan M. Erdman offered the Opening and Closing Prayers. SK Deacon Derrick A. Barnes served as Host for the Event and SK PGK Michael H. Saylor served as the Narrator. Kalen continues in his 30<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Nation.

### **Member Profile: SK Dick Burnes**



Dick Burnes is a native Louisvillian, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Knight, and a graduate of St. Margaret Mary. When he first started playing on the school’s baseball and football teams they were called the Rebels. When the football team needed new uniforms, his Dad, owner of Burns Ford (which later became Bill Collins) agreed to buy them. The Pastor, Fr. Stuart, wouldn’t let Dick Sr. put the dealership’s name on the uniforms, but he let him change the mascot to Ford’s newest model – The Mustang!

Dick went on to graduate from St. X in 1969. While there, he met the love of his life Suzanne when he was performing in a Senior play at Sacred Heart. She was his first date (2/15/68, which he still celebrates every year) and they were married not quite 5 years later.

After St. X, Dick attended Speed School at UofL where he earned a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering. He interned for Du Pont in Rubbertown while a student and took a job with them when he graduated. Instead of taking a job offer at the plant here in town, he asked his new bride to join him in going to "see the world" for 5 or 6 years, intending to move her back home. 34 years and 9 moves later, with a corporate career that took him from Beijing to Bahrain, he finally made good on his promise and brought her back home. Dick and Suzanne live in Owl Creek and are blessed to share their home with their daughter Hilary (born in Wilmington, DE) and their granddaughter Jordan (born in Houston, TX). They enjoy being "the Waltons of the 21<sup>st</sup> century" and Dick will tell everyone that there's nothing better than getting to come home to your grandchild every day, and your grandchildren are your reward for having children!

In a successful attempt to strengthen his spiritual life, Dick decided to surround himself with likeminded Catholic gentlemen and joined the Order over 26 years ago. His second year in, he jumped into the role of Grand Knight of his first Council in Houston, St. Paul the Apostle Council #6234. He also helped form a new council in his then home parish, St. Bernadette Council #10959.

When he was transferred back home, Dick joined Bishop Spading Council #2761, where his father and grandfather had been members. When he was approached by Former District Deputy Ken Rosenbaum, and then Field Agent Bill Moriarity to establish a new council at St. Margaret Mary, he eagerly took on the challenge.

It was made easier by all the contacts he had made through his involvement in the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and a leader in the parish Men's Ministry and Christ Renews His Parish. He was persistent in overcoming the pastor's initial resistance to having a parish-based council, convinced him that he would get a lot of value and manpower by having his own council, and that we would grow much faster as parish-based council than we would if the men had to go to another parish to participate in the works of the Order.

And he was right. Dick used the skill sets that have helped him in his business career in his service as Council 15979's Charter Grand Knight. In our first year under Dick's leadership as Grand Knight we were a 5.5 Star Council, and we were also a Star Council in his second year. He's proud of the job Past Grand Knight Mike Saylor did in keeping that streak alive, and confident that current Grand Knight will maintain it. In our short 4-year history, we've grown to over 90 members and have been a Star Council every year!

When Ken Rosenbaum's health forced him to cut his term as District Deputy short, he recommended Dick as his replacement to incoming State Deputy Gabe Cabral. Dick was happy to accept this new challenge and continue his service to the Order by guiding five Councils. In his first year he was one of only two Star District Deputies and was the only Star District Deputy in Kentucky in his second year. Based on that strong performance, Dick was elected at our 2018 State Convention to serve the Order at the next level by taking a seat on the on our State Council as the Kentucky State Warden!

Dick is a strong believer in the Mission of the Knights of Columbus. He saw the value in surrounding himself with good Catholic gentlemen as the main reason for joining the order, and then became an insurance member, too. Dick strongly believes that we owe it to all Catholic

gentlemen, especially young fathers, to provide them the opportunity to strengthen and protect their families.

Dick is retiring at the end of 2018 and will have plenty to keep him busy as an active member of Council 15979 and as a State Officer but is planning to look for other volunteer opportunities as well (after he sleeps the first month!).

## **Calendar of Events:**

### **October**

Because this newsletter is so late being mailed out, there is no need to list events for October.

### **November**

- 11-1 All Saints' Day
- 11-2 All Souls' Day
- 11-3 Christmas Card and Ornament sale at StMM Holiday Boutique.
- 11-7 Eucharistic Adoration
- 11-11 Mulligans Living Kidney Donation (MLKD)
- 11-14 Eucharistic Adoration
- 11-15 [Officer's Meeting followed by Council Business Meeting](#)
- 11-21 Eucharistic Adoration
- 11-22 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11-28 KofC Admission (First) Degree Hosted by #15979 (StMM Council)
- 11-28 Eucharistic Adoration

### **December**

- 12-2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12-5 Eucharistic Adoration
- 12-9 Mulligans Living Kidney Donation (MLKD)
- 12-12 Eucharistic Adoration
- 12-12 6:30 PM Poster Contest Judging Keep Christ in Christmas" 2018
- 12-13 [Officer's Meeting followed by Council Business Meeting](#)
- 12-16 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Certificate & Award Presentation 2018
- 12-19 Eucharistic Adoration
- 12-25 Christmas Day
- 12-25 Eucharistic Adoration

### **Joke: Texas Cowboy**

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat soon after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is an Airborne Ranger, the other is a Navy Seal, both serving overseas somewhere. When we all left home in Texas, we promised

that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I drink one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar and always drinks the same way. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars took notice and fell silent. When he comes back for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I want to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everything's just fine." he explains, "It's just my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected my brothers though."

**Member Birthdays:**

**October**

10-06 Greg Wilson  
10-07 Tim Allen  
10-08 David Hurd Sr.  
10-09 Michael Ryan  
10-12 Brian Knop  
10-13 Michael Dotson II  
10-21 Michael Baumer  
10-21 Joe Guy Hagan  
10-24 Richard Burns Jr.  
10-25 Gilbeert Becht

**November**

11-01 Henry Spalding  
11-08 Matthew Schepers  
11-09 Keith Senn  
11-13 Bernie Gregorowicz  
11-18 Donald Buckler  
11-25 William Burnham  
11-27 Deacon Charles Bent

**December**

12-12 Michell Mitchell  
12-12 Timothy Rogers  
12-15 Richard Tobe  
12-18 David Coll  
12-20 Dwayne Craft  
12-25 Christian Di Mercurio  
12-28 Fr. Robert Barnell  
12-28 Deacon Derrick Barnes