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.

NOTICE
In order to reduce cost, this is the last issue that will be sent to all council members by U.S. mail. Unless you request to receive it by U.S. mail it will hereafter be sent by Email. If you wish to continue receiving it Via U.S. mail, please contact DGK Kalen Finefrock (Cell: 502-489-7030, Email: kjfine71@gmail.com)

Editor’s Comment: Members, especially officers and committee members are encouraged to submit information for the good of the Council and/or comments to the editor for inclusion in this newsletter. This newsletter is an excellent way to promote your committee activities. Please contact the editor, Don Buckler, Email: donbuckler@aol.com or phone, Home: 245-1419, Cell: 550-7383. All comments are welcome.

The 5th Annual Family Outing at the Knop family farm was well attended. Many kids caught fish for the first time. SK Noah Yates’ daughter really got hooked (pun intended) on fishing. She caught a lot of fish and probably the biggest large mouth bass of the day. Father Bill assisted by Deacon Derrick said Mass in front of the cabin at 4:00 PM followed by dinner at 5:00 PM.

Brother John Lawler passed away on May 18, 2019. He was profiled in the July – September 2018 (3rd Quarter) newsletter. His lightly edited obituary is reprinted below.

WGK Message: WGK Mike Koenig deferred his message to DGK Kalen Finefrock:

Brother Knights I have been invited by our GK to send you a message. I have been turning this over in my mind daily for the past two weeks trying to find a message that is both relevant and compelling. It has been difficult. With all of the pressures that I face every day something always seems to interrupt my thoughts and I get sidetracked. I am sure this is nothing new to you as you face many of the same issues I do - work, family, etc., etc. All of those pressures also tend to interrupt my spiritual journey as well. I try to pray and read the Daily Readings from USCCB everyday as well, but something always pops up to delay this endeavor.

Perhaps the most important part of my day always seems to get put off, or even missed completely. The main goal of our Brotherhood is spiritual health. It isn’t the charities or the activities or the meetings. As men we are also charged with the spiritual health of our families. We are God’s representative for, and the head of, our families. It is our duty to both
God and our family to ensure that we are seeking God daily so we may be better equipped to lead those God has put under our care.

As the Father goes so go their children. I know this from my own experience. Before I became involved in St. MM I didn’t care to attend church. God wasn’t important. As a result, my children would fight my wife about going to church. After all, if Dad didn’t go then why was it so important? When I went to the Christ Renews His Parish retreat and turned my life around I saw a change in my children as well. Church suddenly became important to them. Since they have been at school they have continued to attend regularly, and have become involved in the activities at the Newman Center at UK. I could not be happier.

Even still, seeking God daily is a struggle. To that end I would like to encourage you to look at some of the opportunities our Parish has for you to help you in your journey. There is, of course a CRHP retreat coming up in September which I would encourage you to attend. If nothing else just to re-center yourself. You don’t have to be in a spiritual rut like I was to get something out of it. There are also Bible studies available through various ministries in our Parish. You could also take some time to attend Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30. Make your spiritual life a point of emphasis for your family’s sake

I want to leave one last word for you to think about. Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely. In all your ways be mindful of him, and He will make your paths straight.

**Election of Officers:**

The new slate of officers was installed after the 5:00 PM Mass on June 22, 2019 with dinner following at Mimi’s Café. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Grand Knight: SK Mike Koenig  
Deputy Grand Knight: SK Kalen Finefrock  
Chancellor: SK Dennis Scanga  
Recorder: SK William Moriarity  
Treasurer: SK Charles Baumbusch  
Advocate: SK Mike Ryan

Warden: SK Sean Holley  
Inside Guard: Mr. Mike Baumer  
Outside Guard: SK Gerald Gonsoski  
3rd year Trustee: SK Deacon Derrick  
2nd year Trustee: SK Mike Saylor  
1st year Trustee: SK Godfrey Menezes

**Joke:**

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, “When you’re in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?”

Artie said, “I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man.”

Eugene commented, “I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and a servant who made a huge difference in people’s lives.”

Al said, “I’d like them to say, ‘Look, he’s moving!’”

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William T. (Bill) Moriarity – Profile

Bill was born January 2, 1959 (60 years old) in Syracuse, New York and graduated in 1977 from Christian Brothers Academy High School. Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering (Astronautics) from Penn State in 1981 and a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from Western New England College in 1989 while stationed a Hanscom Air Force Base.

Bill earned his Air Force Commission on May 30, 1981 through Detachment 720 of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp, having been selected as a Distinguished Graduate. In October 1981, he was called to active duty and assigned to Air Force Space Division at Los Angeles, AFB, California to devise plans, plan, buildup, and lead space flight operations for the then new USAF Internal Upper Stage (IUS) rocket. During his tour, he was responsible for the planning and execution of all ground support for Air Force Titan and NASA Space Shuttle launch, deployment, and free-flight operations.

After four years in Los Angeles Bill was transferred to Hanscom AFB, Bedford, Massachusetts to serve as Chief Engineer leading construction and testing of the 14-story Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) radars first at Thule, Greenland and then later at Royal Air Force Fylingdales, United Kingdom.

In early October 1989 Bill received immediate orders to report back to Onizuka AFB, California to lead flight operations for the IUS and most other space launches for the next four years. Shortly after his arrival, at 5:04 P.M., Tuesday, October 17, 1989 the disastrous magnitude 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake struck just 15 miles away. The Quake caused the evacuation of the IUS Mission Control Center (MCC) less than 12 hours prior to a Space Shuttle/ IUS planetary launch.

As the aftershocks subsided, Bill was the first to reenter the MCC. Bill volunteered for and was then deployed on emergency duty to the disastrous October 1991 Oakland Hills Fire in Northern California. This conflagration destroyed nearly 3,000 homes and killed 25 people. Bill organized both security and logistics overnight at a Red Cross Shelter for over 200 homeless fire victims and served on a Red Cross damage assessment team for the entire next day.

In April 1994 the Air Force transferred Bill to the Pentagon to purchase and upgrade aircraft for Air National Guard flying Units all around the country.

Bill is certified in the Department of Defense Acquisition Professional Development Program at Level-III in Program Management, Testing and Evaluation, and Developmental Engineering. He is a graduate of both Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College. Major Moriarity was awarded the Air Force Nonrated Aircrew Member Badge and the Air Force Master Space Operator Badge. He is a recipient of the New York State Conspicuous Metal, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal. Bill competed his military service; Retiring from Active Duty in the Air Force on September 1, 1998 with over 17 years of service.

Bill is a fourth degree Knight and took his first degree on May 24, 1995 (24 years ago) in Syracuse, N.Y. Bill is married to the former Geraldine Roth of Syracuse, New York. Bill and Geraldine celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on May 30, 2019, and have been members of St. Margaret Mary Parish for 20 years. They have one son, John, age 30. John is a U.S. Army Captain on Active Duty with the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.
John Patrick "Jack" Lawler, June 20, 1926 - May 18th, 2019

Brother Jack Lawler passed away on May 18, 2019.

Jack was predeceased in death by his parents, his beloved wife Jane Schutte Lawler, his eldest child John Lawler, his parents, his brother James Lawler, sister-in-law Sylvia Lawler, and brothers-in-law Roger, Paul, Dick and Dode Schutte, Bill Fogarty, and Jack Schmidt.

Jack is survived by his children Jeffrey and Elizabeth Lawler, a grandson Sean Lawler, daughter-in-law Julia Park, two sisters Mary Fogarty and Diana Schmidt, sisters-in-law Rita Schutte and Mary Schutte, many nieces and nephews, and Beth's companion Barney Thorne. He also leaves behind many life-long friends, with special mention of Michael and Johneva Boone.

Jack's life took him on many adventures and accomplishments. In 1944 he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as an aerographer aboard the USS Midway CV-41. After his service he went on to graduate from Ohio State University in 1950 with a degree in Business Administration.

On St. Patrick's Day 1951, on a blind date, he met a beautiful Cincinnati girl named Jane Schutte. They married on April 18, 1953.

Jack started as a sales clerk with US Rubber, became a buyer at General Electric, a military sales rep. at Camcar Mfg. Co., and VP of Military Contracts at Aeronca Aircraft. Jack's career would lead him to New York where he was Vice President at Texaco Inc. Headquarters. In 1974 Jack and Jane moved the family to Louisville where he and his father started Lawler and Associates Consulting, finally retiring in 2005.

Jack's passions in life included his Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Margaret May Catholic Church, his responsibilities to the Knights of Columbus, his membership at VFW Post 1170, the distinction of a Kentucky Colonel, his love of golf at Owl Creek Country Club, and memorable vacations with family and friends.

Jack's funeral mass was May 22, 10:00 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road with interment to follow at Floydsburg Cemetery.
Knights of the Month:

April, 2019, SK Charles Baumbush
June, 2019 SK Mike Saylor

Family of the Month:
April, 2019 SK Kalen Finefrock Family
June, 2019 SK Don Buckler Family

Member of the Year:
SK Bill Burnham

Family of the Year:
SK Kalen Finefrock Family
Calendar of Events: Every Wednesday: Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 – 7:30 PM

July, 2019
7 – 6 First Saturday Devotion, 7:45 PM  
7 – 6 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  
7 – 14 Monday, Mulligans Living Kidney Donors (MLKD)  
7 – 18 **Thursday, 6:00 PM Officer’s Meeting, 7:00 PM Council Buisness Meeting**  
7 – 20 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  

August, 2019  
Saturday, TBD: Habitat House Build, 2019  
8 – 3 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  
8 - 3 First Saturday Devotion, 7:45 PM  
8 – 11 Monday, Mulligans Living Kidney Donors (MLKD)  
8 – 17 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  
**8 – 22 Thursday, 6:00 PM Officer’s Meeting, 7:00 PM Council Buisness Meeting**  
8 – 24 Saturday, StMM Parish Marriage Ministry, Celebration of Marriage Dinner @ 6PM  
8 – 28 Wednesday, Admission (First Degree) hosted by #15979 StMM KofC Council @ 6PM  
8 – 31 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  

September, 2019  
9 – 7 First Saturday Devotion, 7:45 PM  
9 – 8 Monday, Mulligans Living Kidney Donors (MLKD)  
9 – 14 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  
**9 – 19 Thursday, 6:00 PM Officer’s Meeting, 7:00 PM Council Buisness Meeting**  
9 – 28 Saturday, 9:00 AM Knights Weight Lost Management Class: Library Meeting Room  
9 – 29 5th Sunday, Cathedral Soup Kitchen
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION
SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Our Safe Environment Program safeguards children and other vulnerable persons, assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment, protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings, and appearances of impropriety, builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes, and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus. All members are required to be certified.

Safe Environment Training Schedule

7/8/2019, 6:30 PM  St. Gabriel Parish,
5503 Bardstown Road
Gymnasium
Louisville, KY 40291
Contact: Scott Fitzgerald
(502)636-1044

9/20/2019, 6:30 PM  St. Rita Catholic Church
8709 Preston Highway
Louisville, KY 40219
Contact: Scott Fitzgerald
(502)636-1044

9/22/2019, 6:30 PM  Immaculate Conception Parish
502 North 5th Avenue
Bethany Hall
LaGrange, KY 40031
Contact: Scott Fitzgerald
(502)636-1044

9/24/2019, 6:30 PM  St. Martin of Tours Parish
639 South Shelby Street
Louisville, KY 40202
Contact: Scott Fitzgerald
(502)636-1044

Joke: Exercise for people over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you’ll find that you can hold this position for a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I’m at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

Birthdays:

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Picnic – Then & Now
The Parish Summer Picnic this year was moved indoors because of heavy rains both days. It was held in both gyms with the Saturday chicken dinner served as usual in the large gym. As it turned out, the picnic was a success, in spite of the weather. The Knights food booth was in the concession stand kitchen. Because there was no chicken dinner on Friday we served fish along with brats, hotdogs, chicken nuggets and potato wedges. We sold more food than we ever have. Saturday we did not sell fish until after 8:00PM because of the chicken dinner being served.

My parents and family, the Bucklers, attended a young church, St. Matthias Church on Dixie Highway. Like all Catholic churches we had an annual summer picnic. A friend from that parish sent me a copy of the raffle ticket for their capital prize, a new Ford. Below is a copy of that ticket. Compare it to our capital prize ticket. Notice the fish supper price, $0.50. and the raffle ticket price, 10 cents. And they made money.

Cheap grace or costly grace?
Dieterich Bonhoeffer, a pastor and theologian in Germany who died for his faith under Hitler’s Nazi rule, contrasted “cheap grace” and “costly grace.” “Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves...the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance...grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.”