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Meetings Held on the Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings, Brother Knights,

Happy Fall! But first things first. I hope all of our members had a wonderful summer enjoying their families and vacation, if you were lucky enough to have one. The summer months all too often are slow to come and pass by too quickly. I hope you and your family had a blessed and healthy summer.

Before I leave the summer months, Friday, August 13th marked the first feast day memorial celebration of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. A special prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney can be found on the last page of the newsletter. To learn more about this blessed humble servant and his extraordinary life, you can visit fathermcgivney.org. There you can also join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild for news on the path to sainthood. Why join? Why not? It's free!

With the fall months of September and October come some special council and Delaware state events. A few of the state events are listed on the following pages. As far as the council is concerned, we hope to get back to our Pasta Sundays soon, this being one of the council's main sources for generating operating income for charitable contribution. We barely got off the ground at the end of 2019 when we started back up with Pasta Sundays after the sale of the hall and then COVID hit. So we're all anxious once again to start serving dinners. We'll keep you posted as to when that happens.

October has traditionally been our fall recruitment month at St. Anthony's and the Cathedral of St. Peter. An open house was held thereafter for prospective Knights to come for refreshments and information to see what the Knights and St. Pius X are all about. And, of course, the state Columbus Day activities occurred in October. At the end of the month, members of the council place the crosses outside of St. Anthony's in remembrance of the unborn lost to abortion. Bottles for Babies and our Christmas card sales also start in October.

COVID and the cultural changes that have occurred over the past almost two years now have dictated some of the council's activities and traditions going forward. St. Pius X council is determined to build on our traditions and activities and come out on the other side stronger and more vital to the church than ever before. As things happen, we'll keep you informed. With your help and participation, as always, the future looks bright! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Anthony De Luca, Grand Knight



2021 Retired Nuns Picnic

September Events

September is full of good things happening! Let's get involved!

On Saturday, September 11 is the KofC sponsored Little Sisters of the Poor 5K Nun Run/Walk.

Also, on Sunday, September 12, from 1p.m to 5 p.m., the annual Delaware State Council's Family Picnic will be held at the Crestmoor Swim Club, 640 W. Summit Avenue in Wilmington.

Admission is \$12 per person or \$30 per family. The price of admission includes all you can eat picnic favorites, including hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, salads, fruits, corn on the cob, and desserts.

In addition to swimming, there will be yard games, 50/50 basket raffles, and music.

On Sunday, September 26 come honor our own Past State Deputy Eugene Dzielak at the Past State Deputy Recognition Brunch.

Information flyers and registration forms for all events can be found on the State website linked through www.kofc4425.com.

Don't forget the St. Pius X Monthly Food Drive

On the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the council will be collecting nonperishable canned goods in the parking lot on Ninth Street across from St. Anthony's Grade School. Please consider stopping by and volunteering and/or contributing items to assist those in need in our community. Drives for September and October will be held on Saturday, September 11 and Saturday, October 9.

What's Happening

The 2021 Retired Nuns Picnic, a celebration of appreciation for our wonderful retired sisters and religious of the Diocese of Wilmington, has been a St. Pius X annual event for nearly twenty years. On July 28 a gathering of over ninety religious, including visiting nuns, priests, and our own Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, William Edward Koenig, came together at Saint Mary Magdalen Church on Sharpley Road in Wilmington for evening prayers and a grand feast.

As always, when an event is organized and hosted by Past State Deputy Dr. Herb Casalena and his wife Evelyn, it is bound to be a huge success. And this one was no exception. Catered by Galuccio's Restaurant and Janssen's Market, there was plenty of picnic fare as well as gourmet eats to fit everyone's taste... especially Evelyn's delicious home-made desserts!

Along with our honored guests, there were a number of Delaware Knights of Columbus dignitaries present, including State Deputy Rick Johnson, who was greeting friends at the door, and Past State Deputies William Northey and John Raughley, who were among our volunteers. There were also volunteers from several councils from New Castle and Sussex Counties that were also on hand to man the grill and help serve.

In addition to the great food, there were gifts and door prizes for the guests provided by Sr. Ann David Strohming from the Office for Religious of the Diocese of Wilmington. And Dave and Barbara from *Picture This* photo booths were also on hand again this year to supply the always welcomed and totally hilarious picture fun, a big hit with everybody.

Needless to say, it was a great day, great fun, and always satisfying to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Thanks to all those who spent the day with us and the many volunteers and their spouses for helping out. Can't wait for next year!

September & October Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

Joseph J. Dasilva
Ciro C. Poppiti
James J. Thomas
William G. Wood
Vincent J. Martone, Jr.
Felix M. Spittle
Thomas M. Freschi
Daniel C. Baker
Dennis B. Phifer
Salvatore R. Vasile
Michael A. Baker

OCTOBER

Vincent L. Lardear
Alfred R. Bestwick
Francis M. Meriggi
Rev. Frank J. Rinaldi
Joseph A. Giordano
Robert D. Husfelt
Tracy S. Salenni
Albert G. Campana
Daniel E. Coyle
Joseph A. Meriggi
John P. Dawyot, Sr.
Joseph R. Morales
Anthony G. DiPilla
Nicholas D. Serpe
Elizar D. Pendang
Gabriel F. Archangelo
Robert F. Poppiti



Desembarco de Colón de Dióscoro Puebla

Arrival of Columbus

On Monday, October 11 we proudly honor and celebrate the namesake of our Order, Christopher Columbus. The above painting of Columbus' arrival into the New World by Dióscoro Teófilo Puebla Tolín, "Landing of Columbus," was done in 1862 and is in Spain at Museo del Prado commemorating the landing of his epic journey.

The following is reprinted from KofC.org.

Ever wonder why Father Michael J. McGivney chose Christopher Columbus as the namesake for his new benefit society? Why would he and his Irish Knights name their Catholic fraternity after an Italian explorer rather than a saint?

Because, in a time when anti-Catholic and anti-immigration hostilities ran strong, the American public embraced this famous explorer.

Father McGivney and his Knights understood that using Columbus as their Order's namesake asserted an important truth: that not only was there a place for Catholics and immigrants within American society, but that such a person had already played a part in creating the young, free world around them.

Today, there are those who contest Columbus' achievements and protest the national holiday held in his honor. However, we Knights celebrate his holiday, knowing that Columbus gave voice and representation to generations of Catholics, helping pave a path for the diverse society we have today.

IN MEMORANDUM

John J. Coen, 96, of Wilmington, passed away on June 7, 2021. Joseph F. Meriggi, 89, of Wilmington, passed away on July 22, 2021.

Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney

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 Lady, Queen of the Knights

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.

Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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