



# **Knight Action**

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### **Grand Knight Report**

Worthy Brothers all,

On Wednesday, October 18, I went to the Tileston building at the Basilica about noon to meet Pat Milatoni and Rich Boccard. Pat had checks for the Science Olympiad and Faith Formation at St. Mary's, along with a check for \$725 for the Sister Isaac Center. Rich had the cash from the Walmart food drive at the Sister Isaac Center. After the financial wizardry was complete, Pat and Rich left as they had commitments in the afternoon.

I had arranged to give the checks to Principal Poletti and Brother John Walsh at about 2:30 in the afternoon, and invited Brothers John Gasson and Jim Mulligan to come if they could. Brother Jim has been part of the Science Olympiad at St. Mary School for years. I don't know why I invited John, and not anyone else.

I had a few hours to kill before we handed out the checks, so I did a bit (not much) of organizing in chambers. I found 'Parish Priest', by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster, published in 2006 on the bookshelf. It is a biography of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. I'm about halfway through it, it will be on the shelf for any of you who might be interested.

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### **Deputy Grand Knight Report**

Worthy Brothers,

Lets close out this month strong!

We have several more very BIG important events coming up: Special Olympic's "Fall Games" on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of this week. We can use all the help we can get, especially this coming Friday. Bring a friend, neighbor or another family member.

Following that, we are closing out a very successful “Coats for Kids” drive, with two more collections, one at Beau Rivage from 10 until 2pm this Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. The other coat drive is after each mass at the BSSM this weekend. Contact Brother Rich Boccard if you can assist. There is also a place on our website to make a monetary donation if you wish to help out in that way.

Our Corporate Communion is also this coming Sunday at ICC, please be there for the rosary by 8:00 AM. We will be gathering at Beau Rivage following the 8:30 mass for a Sunday breakfast meal together. We can still use some volunteers who would like to stay behind after each of the masses this weekend and help with the membership drive. Please call or text Barney or myself if your available.

The Eucharistic Congress up in Raleigh last Saturday was a huge success! There were over 5,000 participants at the Convention Center. Included in that number were over 2,000 youth and young adults. Bishop Luis Rafael was so swept up in the moment he knelt down and thanked everyone for coming; very humbling for a Bishop to do that. What a great, uplifting, spiritual day! The keynote speaker was Bishop Stephen Parks, Bishop of Savannah, who’s brother is also a Bishop. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller from San Antonio was also present. Our Bishop also publicly thanked Fr. John McGee for his dedication and support. It took over a year to organize this event. We are truly blessed to have such a special parish priest like Fr John as our Sheppard.

Thanks you for your support in all our ministries and programs; without your help nothing would be possible!

Vivat Jesus,

**Bob Spiegel DGK**

## Food Drive

Brothers All,

Great Job Everyone! Here are our totals: 345 bags of food and two boxes full of food.

This amounts to a total of 2,790 pounds of food. We also collected \$704.40.

Wow! What a great food drive. Thanks to all the collectors and everyone else who helped us out. Thank you everyone.

Rich Boccard, Food Drive Coordinator



## Lecturer's Monthly Comments

Scripture is full of the commands *Remember and do not forget*. The Ten Commandments likewise begin not with a commandment but with a reminder: *I am the Lord your God*.

After all, if we forget that truth then we should not hope to keep the commandments. The parable of the wicked tenants presents Israel's tragic failure to remember. The parable's landowner represents God, and the vineyard he built is Jerusalem, or Israel in general. The tenants – Israel's leaders – failed to remember that he was the One who made their vineyard. They had, as Isaiah warned, *forgotten the God of their salvation*... We face the same danger as the wicked tenants. When forgetfulness creeps in – when we forget that it is He who made us and redeemed us – we begin to view ourselves as independent from him. We fall into a false sense of self-sufficiency. We grow to resent his commands as inconveniences, intrusions, and violations of our autonomy. His messengers become annoying to us, and we dismiss them....

The Church constantly guards us against this forgetfulness. As a good Mother she forever reminds us of the Lord, his works, and his law... She persistently says in effect, *Take heed lest you forget the Lord (Dt 6:12)*. Through her priests and bishops she puts our Lord's teachings before us always. She points to what he has already accomplished, reminding us that it was He who established us as his vineyard. At the same time she looks to the future and makes us "remember" that moment when he will come again and gather his harvest. Mother Church fulfills this apostolate to the memory most especially in the liturgy. In the cycle of the liturgical year she walks us through the life of Christ. Year after year, she causes us to remember his Incarnation, birth, life, Passion Death and Resurrection. We revisit his words and deeds over and over again. Furthermore, in the Mass she actually makes present our Lord's greatest work – his sacrifice on the cross. She does not just recall or recollect his sacrifice. Rather she make his sacrifice truly present so that we can conform our lives to it. And she does this in obedience to His own command: *Do this in remembrance of me*.

*This Meditation on the Parable of the wicked tenants was written by Reverend Paul Scalia*

## Former Member Passes Away

Theodore "Ted" Keilholz, a former member and officer of Council 1074, passed away in California on Monday, October 9, 2023. Ted was well liked among the members of the council and had a quick with. He will be buried in New York.

## Life Chain in October

Council 1074, along with several others, participated in the 2023 Life Chain on October 1, 2023. Life Chain is when Pro-Life individuals amass along South College Road to let the world know that we are for Life. Council 1074 was on the east side of College Road near the old Burger King building.



**Part of the Life-Chain Crowd**

## Golf Money Distributed

Grand Knight Jim Murtagh had the honor to give out some of the money made at the annual golf tournament last August. The largest share of the money went to Special Olympics. Brooke DeAmaral, New Hanover County Special Olympics Leader, received a check for \$8000.00 before the meeting. Sav-A-Vet coordination Tony Vivaldi was also present to receive a check for his organization for \$800.00. The North Carolina LAMB Foundation received \$3000.00. Receiving checks for \$500 each were Tunnels to Tower, St. Jude Hospital, Fisher House at Camp Lejeune, and Fisher House at Fort Liberty. Pictured below are Brooke DeAmaral and Tony Vivaldi receiving their checks. Tony also gave an impassioned talk about veteran suicide and its prevention.



## **Coat Drive Underway**

For the fifth year Council 1074 is holding a coat drive. Each year it seems to be getting bigger and better organized. Flyers have been handed out with collection stations at six locations. Several members have set up local drives in their neighborhoods and brought the coats to St. Mary. All coats collected will be distributed to several local centers that have need for the coats. Any size coat will be accepted if you care to participate in this amazing act of charity. Coats are being stored in the old chambers room in the basement of Tileston Building.



## **Family Picnic a Big Success**

Greg Armstrong and his crew put on a great family picnic in Long Leaf Park, shelter #6. The council provided most of the food consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixins, and drinks. Members were invited to bring something to share with the crowd and we were not disappointed with the fare they brought. The dessert table was filled with lots of goodies. The kids played some of the games, but for the most part people sat around and visited with folks they do not get to see very often. Three widows came to the picnic this year; two of them won door prizes.

Around two o'clock, Greg had the drawings for the door prizes, most of which were donated to the council. Shortly after that people cleaned-up the shelter and went home.

Below are a couple of pictures to illustrate the crowd and the cook. Once again Jerry Roggerman did a great job making sure to food was great.





## ICC Blood Drive



The fall blood drive at Immaculate Conception took place on October 20, 2023 in the DeSales Faith Formation Building. Several knights from Council 1074 helped with the set-up and break-down of the room used for the blood drive. Barney McAteer and Jerry Jagger took care of the set-up while several more knights were needed to return the room to its correct set-up. Those knights helping with the return to normal are pictured above. They are (front l to r) Frank Sullivan, Barney, Joe Mazur, Charlie Backes, (back l to r) Jerry Jagger, Colin Simpson, Marshall Tucker, and DGK Bob Spiegel.

During the blood drive several knights from Council 1074 provided escort services for those who had just completed their donation. They ensured that these people got to the refreshments without incident. They were Will Simms, Bob Hetzel, and George and Paula Plarre. Thanks for the help and the friendly smiles.

## By-Laws are Being Reviewed

Charlie Backes, council Advocate, is heading up the effort to review the By-Laws of Council 1074. They were last reviewed and amended in 2019. They are on the website for your review. Please take the time to read them and identify any item(s) that you think should be changed and send a note to him. In December he will, along with a committee, review the comments and recommend changes. This report will be presented to the council for approval and the changed by-laws will be sent to supreme for their approval. Charlie's email address is [backestc@charter.net](mailto:backestc@charter.net)

## Christmas Party-December 9, 2023

The council Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9, 2023 at Magnolia Greens, Owner's Club House, from 6 PM to 10 PM. The address is 1730 Tommy Jacobs Drive, Leland, NC. This is not the same place as last year, but near by. Catering by Taste of Italy. Bring your own drinks. Cost is \$35.00/person.



Please contact Ralph Maggio PGK at [grandknight1074@gmail.com](mailto:grandknight1074@gmail.com) to let him know that you are planning to attend. You can send him the payment directly to 1074 Ridgemont Drive, Leland, NC 28451. He would like to have the payment by Halloween, this year.

## September Family of the Month

The September 2023 winner is Jim Cavanaugh and family. Jim and his wife Patty moved to the Wilmington area just over 10-years ago. Jim is an active member of St. Mary's parish and has been a member of the Knights, Council 1074 for over a decade. Over this period Jim has spearheaded many of the Council's successful faith and community programs, served in an array of leadership positions on the Council, and along with Patty, facilitated and hosted the Knights' Annual Family Picnic for many years. We are grateful for Jim and appreciative of all Jim and Patty have done for our community.



## **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**

Each year Council 1074 supports a number of seminarians thru the RSVP program. Each member we support will receive \$500 and supreme will reimburse the council \$100. They also recommend that the council further support these men by writing to them and offering our prayers and encouragement. A birthday card with money is a good idea too.

The RSVP annual raffle is underway with Frank Bua heading up the distribution and collection of raffle tickets and funds. The prizes are gift card worth \$500, \$300, and \$200 for the three top winners. The drawing takes place at the Christmas Party on December 9, 2023.



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**Soccer Challenge Winners**

Above are three of the council's soccer challenge winners. Medallions were presented to these winners by Grand Knight Jim Murtagh at the family picnic. They are (l to r): Ryleigh Marshburn, winner of the 11 year old girl bracket. Kevin Hernandez, winner of the 14 year of boys bracket. Landon Smith, with his mother, Monica, winner of the 12 year old boys bracket.

## November Calendar

November 1	All Saints Day    Holy Day of Obligation
November 2	All Souls Day
November 4	Food drive at Piggly Wiggly in Leland Food drive at Food Lion in Carolina Beach Polish Festival in Castle Hayne ICC welcome/parish registration
November 7	K/C planning meeting in council chambers
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade in Wilmington Habitat for Humanity lunches
November 14	7:00 K/C Leadership Meeting at ICC    Pizza at 6:30
November 18	Exemplification at the Bascilla
November 21	K/C meeting fourth degree
November 23	Thanksgiving Day

## Council Shirts and Name Badges

Bob Spiegel is now the contact person to get council shirts and name badges. His email address is: [rispiegel@yahoo.com](mailto:rispiegel@yahoo.com). Check the website for his phone number if you want to order either a shirt or name badge. The price of a shirt runs about \$30.00 and a replacement name badge at \$15.00. He has some shirts in stock. **The Monogram Shop** on Wrightsville Avenue is available to do monogram work on any piece of clothing. They are located at 3502-G Wrightsville Avenue.



## Meals on Wheels

We participate in Brunswick County Meal on Wheels on Mondays and New Hanover County on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you can spare two hours once a month, between the hour of 10 AM and noon, please email SK Bob Macaluso or call 914-260-231 or call James Spagnoli for Brunswick County. We can always looking for additional volunteers and substitutes. The time commitment is less than two hours per month.



## **This Month's Humor**

Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis once told this story at a convention.

Down in Southern Missouri, we have the Ozarks and the people down there don't know much about Catholics. A priest's car stalled on a back road, and he went to a small house to find help. The nice couple there said they had never met a man who wore his collar backwards.

The priest said, "Yeah, but how come you have a picture of the pope on your wall."

"Where?" they asked? The priest pointed to a picture of Pope Pius XII, a former pope who wore glasses.

"Who is that?" They asked.

"The pope," the priest said.

"Oh, my gosh!" the couple exclaimed. "We were told that was Harry Truman in his 33rd-degree Masonic outfit."

## **Quote of the Month**

T hanks for time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather.

H for harvest stored away, home, and hearth, and holiday.

A for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart.

N for neighbors, and November, nice things, new things to remember.

K for kitchen, kettles' croon, kith and kin expected soon.

S for sizzles, sights, and sounds, and something special that about.

That spells THANKS for joy in living and a jolly good Thanksgiving.

— Aileen Fisher

## **Newsletter Challenge**

This year I will offer a different challenge. It will be trivia; hard trivia. The prize will again be \$5.00. A person can only win once during the fraternal year, and the editor will be the sole judge. Questions will be difficult. I ask that you not use the search engine to find the answer; books and other resources are okay. The first person [to get me the correct answer wins the money.](#) The answer and any winner will be announced at our Leadership Meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month.

**September Challenge: When is Barbie's birthday? You must be exact.**

**The answer to September's challenge: Barbie's birthday is March 9, 1959. This is the day she was unveiled to the toy industry at a New York Toy Show.**

**October's Challenge: What is the loudest animal in the world?**

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