



Knights' Courier



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FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA

Dear Brother Knights,

We have happily embarked on the season of the glorious Resurrection of Christ, our Victorious Savior. During Lent and Holy Week the Church enabled us to meditate more closely on the heavenly Father's supremely generous and all-wise plan to bring about our liberation from sin and our sharing in the divine glory. It was at the cost of His Own Son's agonizing death on the Cross—a death which the Son freely accepted out of love for His Father and for us.

Perhaps many of us will recall the magnificent movie by Mel Gibson a few years ago: *The Passion of the Christ*. There we were given a profound visualization of the sufferings that Christ endured for love of us. St. Augustine explains that God could not suffer in Himself, but only if he took on our human nature and became one of us. Then, as Man, after he suffered and died for us, He could give us a share in his divine nature with its eternal beatitude and glory. After we shared with Him our human nature, He in turn shared with us his divine nature. This sharing is given to us in Baptism, which is why we renew our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday.

It is obvious that we are partaking of the most sublime mysteries during this Easter time and during the Lenten preparation leading to it. That's why we so often experience each year a great joy during this season. It's a *foretaste* of what God has created us for and destined us for. And it is this joy that we share with our families and all our loved ones at Easter, thus increasing it immeasurably as we share it. (Here we might note that when we share our material goods with others we lose some part of them, but when we share spiritual goods we do not lose anything of them but only increase them. Easter joy is a perfect example of this.)

As Catholics, and particularly as Knights of Columbus, we are encouraged to express our gratitude to Christ for what He has done for us and for what He continues to bestow upon us during this Easter Season. I pray that we all may share more deeply in the joy of a HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Robert Zylla, O.S.C.
Chaplain

FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JOHN DURBIN

April is here! Our Spring Membership Blitz is complete and we now look forward to welcoming our new brothers into our Councils and the Order. I hope all councils in our District reach their goals for membership to achieve Star Council status. Grand Knights, Membership Directors and Brother Knights should encourage all new members to take advantage of the Fraternal Benefits offered by the Order. That is Father McGivney's dream that all families be provided for in the event of loss of income by either/or both parents. Providing income for those we leave behind is a SELFLESS act of love that provides us only with peace of mind and at the same time allows our Order to provide marvelous benefits to our Church, Holy Father and to many other activities around the world, some of which are catastrophic. All of us should do our part. **Become an Insurance Member of the Order.**

If we need to schedule more first degrees in the District let me know so they can be set up for the convenience of everyone. There is another Second Degree scheduled for Monday April 28, 2008 at Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901.

There is a "**Meet the Candidates**" forum scheduled for April 10, 2008 at Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901 which will begin at 7:30 pm. All three candidates have responded and they will attend. It is the responsibility of all Grand Knight, Delegates and 1st & 2nd Alternates to become familiar with these men so you can cast a responsible, informed vote for State Warden at the Convention.

The Papal Mass is scheduled for April 17th at the new Nationals Baseball Stadium. Attendance is limited due to the capacity of the stadium but participation is available to all of us. The mass is scheduled for 10:00 or 10:30 am. We can all take 5 minutes during that time frame to say one decade of the Rosary for the intentions offered by the Holy Father at the mass.

Vivat Jesus,
John L. Durbin, District Deputy

FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, SHANNON DOHERTY

My Brothers All:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Lenten season. Our Spring membership blitz was very encouraging. The March Social hosted by Mike Bean and company was another success, raising \$600 for Special Olympics. Please look for Mike's report in this issue of the Courier.

The April Social will be on the 11th. Please make plans to attend this fun and worthwhile event. We also want to continue our push for membership. Please contact me if you are willing to organize a Blitz at any of our parishes. These drives do not need to be on a specific weekend. They can take place on any dates convenient for you and your parish. State Council has provided us with a great incentive. For every new member recruited between now and the end of the fraternal year we will receive a chance for an annuity to be given to our Chaplain Father Zylla.

The Council will be making an effort to assist the St. Martin's Pantry, that provides for those in need. At the social meeting each month we will be collecting dry or canned goods to be donated. We will also be taking collections to help Brother Leo Snyder purchase bags of rice to be given to the pantry. Please get behind this cause.

Congratulations go to Brother Pat McAleer, PGK, and our Worthy Fraternal Benefits Advisor. Pat has been recognized by Supreme Council as a "Lifetime Proposer" for recruiting over 100 new members. If Pat can sign over 100 new men, we should all be able to bring in at least one new Knight this year.

Brothers, please get involved. It is together, as a team, that we will keep our council successful.

Fraternally,

Shannon H. Doherty
Grand Knight

Directory and E-mail Group

Have you receive the Courier by e-mail? If not, please send an e-mail to let us add your current e-mail address to Council records: Please send the e-mail to:

KofCMontgomery2323@Yahoo.com.

Please be sure to provide your name so we can identify your name and e-mail together.

Parish Round Tables

Please check the mailing label on this issue of the *Courier*. It should indicate your parish affiliation as currently reflected in Council records – or you may see only your name and address which means we have no parish information. Please send corrections or updates to KofCMontgomery2323@Yahoo.com, or call the Hoffmasters at (301) 770-7840.

Occasionally, pastors of our primary parishes ask for assistance with projects. Round Tables are simply the lists of our members according to parish. These lists need to be updated so that we can more easily respond to our pastors. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sullivan Brothers Assembly – 4th Degree

The Sullivan Brothers Assembly meets on the third Thursday of each month at Montgomery Council's Father Cuddy Hall. The Assembly is made up of brother Sir Knights from the councils in the middle of Montgomery County (Montgomery, Peter Paul Maher, Mater Dei, Manyanet, St Elizabeth's) and members from other councils who desire to join us.

"We stick together"

S/K John L. Durbin, PFN, PGK, DD
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From the Supreme Council
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<http://www.kofc.org>**

Vatican Declares Knights of Columbus Founder "Venerable"
Fr. Michael J. McGivney Would be First American-born Priest
to be Declared a Saint



New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family.

From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

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 pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland.

Links:

McGivney Guild website: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/index.cfm>

Join the McGivney Guild: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.cfm?CFID=1658952&CFTOKEN=75942862>

Knights of Columbus Insurance

SIMPLE THINGS

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you. I'm at (301) 253-3856, or pmckofc@verizon.net – let's talk.

Patrick B. McAleer, PGK

From the Maryland State Council

**Information for this section is drawn from the State Council's website,
<http://www.kofc-md.org/>**

Recruiters Extraordinaire

I just received the "Lifetime Proposers" report from Supreme. Maryland now has 2 members that have recruited over 100 members since they began with the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations go to **Patrick McAleer of Council 2323** (emphasis added) for recruiting 113 men into the Order.

Congratulations are also in order for Vince Naples of Council 13290 for recruiting 146 members into the Order.

Congratulations to both of these men!! (these reports were as of December 31, 2007.)

There are 4 additional men within 20 new members of breaking 100, it could happen this year. They are: Matthew Laidley of council 2279 with 94, Robert Callaway of council 2809 with 82, Homer Chen of council 6793 also with 82 and William Hengemihle with 80.

Congratulations to all these men on outstanding recruiting efforts, The Order & the Maryland State Council congratulates them!!

Gary R. Armbruster, MD State Membership Director

Family Socials

We had another fun night for the March Family Night. We had a total of around 80 people attend, that includes 30 adults and 50 kids. We raised \$600 to benefit the Knights of Columbus sponsorship to the Special Olympics. The Pizza, French fries and salad were as good as ever. Join us for the next Family Night, April 12.

We also had a contest for the best St. Paddy's Day themed desert, thanks to Victor Muzzatti's Confidence Title Company, which donated movie passes and hats for the winner. And the Winner was . . . none other than our Grand Knight, Shannon Doherty, for his Chocolate Custard Shamrock Pie. Excellent!

Another big hit of the evening was the new basketball hoop, donated by Mark Lynch. Pat Gilroy and I installed in the hoop on the edge of the upper parking lot. The kids (even full grown ones) can really enjoy this – especially with the nicest weather season beginning.

PARTICULAR THANKS to Chuck Durbin for cleaning the fryers in preparation for the Family Night fries. This was a big job following the Lenten Fish Fries and the softball team's Shrimp Feast!

Special thanks too to our planning and clean up committees – Bob Scanlon, Matt McCormick, Victor Muzzatti, Mark Stiles, Mark Hannan, John Bean and Mike Thomas, the Mike Bean and Gilroy families.

Mike Bean and Pat Gilroy



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



Help us to remember Your Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help us to use them for the good of one another. Help us to fulfill your request for corporal works of mercy, and help us to personally reach-out to our ailing members and our bereaved families.



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



Of Thanksgiving for Many Blessings and Prayers Already Answered; and For Restoration of Health, we especially pray for:

Anthony Ambrosia, Leo Attiv, Leo Burke, Guy Beaven, Ashton and Kylie Cox and other little ones at Shady Grove Hospital, Lenore Cribbin, Joe Doherty, Martha Gillis, Joseph B. Good, Carolyn Halterman, Rosemary McAleer, Bern Outsen, Father Mark Pilon, Bill Ponton, Celia Toner, and Military Personnel Worldwide



FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .



For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:

Joel Bailey, Carol Besaw, Wells Carpenter, Mrs. Chico, Mary Cooney, three Gastillo children in Baltimore, Martin Luther King, Jr., Joe Toner, Bob Warner, Mr. West, Illinois State Victims; Children Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence; Souls in Purgatory; and Military Personnel Worldwide

And, finally, Prayers of Gratitude for the Lives and Gifts of our Members Celebrating Birthdays this Month.

News from Notre Dame De Guadalupe

See the website, www.kofc2323.org for the full letter from Fr. Ryan.



Tsati is one of the poorest villages in St. Martin's twin parish of Notre Dame De Guadalupe. The scene above shows the villagers disposing of the dirty water after the Holy Week washing of the feet. In reality, it shows no such thing. It actually shows the village supply of drinking water. Imagine giving your child this worm infested and deadly water to drink. Thankfully this is a "before shot" the after shot is below, a new solar powered pump and bore hole, delivering sufficient crystal clear and healthy water for the whole village.

This well is a gift from a single couple back here in the US who contacted Fr. Ryan and asked to help. If someone tells you that it is hopeless, there isn't any point in trying, show them these pictures.



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COUNCIL SCHEDULE

April 1	Council Meeting		Father Cuddy Hall
April 12	Family Night		Father Cuddy Hall
April 15	Papal Visit		Washington, DC
April 15	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
April 15	Late Fees Imposed for Convention Registrations		
April 17	Sullivan Brothers Meeting		
May 16-18	State Council Convention		Ocean City, MD