



# Knighly News

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*Bernie Schwitzgebel*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Well our Lenten fish fries are off to a great start this year. On the first fish fry we served 554 meals, and on the second fish fry we served 547 meals. The food has been fantastic as always and we have received many compliments on both the food and the service. Thanks a lot to Chuck Glaser and Tim Risher and the many helpers who have come to make this event a great success. There is quite a lot of planning and coordination required to make things run smoothly, as well as a pool of willing workers. We are blessed with both. And welcome to Richard Douglass and Virgil Albaugh, our two newest Council members who made their First Degree at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Be sure to mark Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, on your calendar so you won't miss our annual Easter Egg hunt. We welcome all the Catholic youth of Bowling Green to come to our Knights of Columbus pavilion at 2:00 PM to join in the fun. Thanks to Steve Strange for coordinating this event.

And finally, please note that our June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be a special one. On that night we invite the ladies to come join us for dinner. We will then have a short awards program followed by a break-away social for the ladies while we hold our business meeting. And remember that this is the night we hold our annual election and budget approval process. Hope to see you all there.

Bernie Schwitzgebel, Grand Knight

## OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

I hope that we all keep remembering our members who are sick or in distress. Seems we have had a run of sickness during the past month.

It is sometimes difficult for us to keep informed about our sick members. For those of you who have e-mail addresses I try to send a note when I received information about such members. And throughout each month you may wish to check our Council web site for such information. I also try to keep the information there up-to-date. Just log on to the web site at [www.bgkofc.org](http://www.bgkofc.org) and click on "Council Activities." Then click on the line which says members sick or in distress.

If you have information about a sick member you may also post that information on the site.

Thanks to all who helped on the, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Adopt A Highway.

**JIM BAILEY, VIC BILLHARTZ, BOBBY CLARK, JOHN GOESSLING AND DICK JAKEL  
CO CHAIRS, ED HURT AND TOM GAJETTO**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 ..... Mark Absher	09 ..... Rev. Brian Johnson
01 ..... Gerald Kapp	09 ..... Rev. Ken Mikulcik
01 ..... Richard Wanta	11 ..... Lloyd Crabbe
02 ..... Shelby Douglas	15 ..... Robert Panchyshyn
02 ..... Robert Hill	18 ..... James Shaeffer
03 ..... Joseph Kirzeder	20 ..... Charles "Matt" Keyser
03 ..... Anthony Meffert	21 ..... Ray Blankenship
04 ..... John Barnett	21 ..... Paul Schnoes
04 ..... Donald Mott	25 ..... John Beeckler
06 ..... Francis Roos	25 ..... Galen Smith
07 ..... Jeffrey Poston	27 ..... Daniel Klein
08 ..... Jim Mullen	29 ..... Scott Lewis

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

01 ..... Merile & Carole O'Bryan	18 ..... Mike & Darlene Fuqua
08 ..... Malcom & Janet Turley	18 ..... Calvin & Lois Oshefsky
10 ..... James & Helen Bailey	23 ..... Calvin & Carlene Wituski
11 ..... Shelby & Joan Douglas	25 ..... Galen & Pat Smith
11 ..... Bob & Pat Salata	27 ..... Joe & Melissa Meyer
13 ..... Donald & Patsy Grudzielanek	30 ..... Robert & Dolores Rudzinski
13 ..... John & Kathy Villarreal	

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL 2006

04 ..... Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
04 ..... Officers Meeting
11 ..... Council Meeting
16 ..... Easter Sunday
20 ..... Fourth Degree
25 ..... Columbus Club
26 ..... Mentally Disabled Fun Night – 7:30 p.m.
30 ..... Corporate Communion – Holy Spirit 8:00 a.m.

### MAY 2006

02 ..... Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
02 ..... Officers Meeting
09 ..... Council Meeting

18 ..... Fourth Degree
23 ..... Columbus Club

### JUNE 2006

06 ..... Charity Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
06 ..... Officers Meeting
13 ..... Council Meeting
15 ..... Fourth Degree
27 ..... Columbus Club

### JULY 2006

04 ..... Independence Day
11 ..... Council Meeting
20 ..... Fourth Degree
25 ..... Columbus Club

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Congratulations to our two new members Richard Douglass and Virgil Albaugh who made their First Degree at our May 14<sup>th</sup> Council. And thanks to our members who stayed after dinner for the degree ceremony and business meeting.

## LADIES NIGHT

We are inviting our ladies to join us for dinner at our June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. On that night we invite the ladies to come join us for dinner. We will then have a short awards program followed by a break-away social for the ladies while we hold our business meeting. And remember that this is the night we hold our annual election and budget approval process. Hope to see you all there.

## MORALITY IN MEDIA

At the 123<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention last August, the Supreme Council adopted a resolution stating the “pornography in all its treacherous forms is an intrinsic evil and an offense to man, woman and child,” and calling on the entertainment industry to “refrain from producing pornography, or other entertainment programming, that is morally offensive, socially destructive or offensive to family values and religious faith.” They also urged vigorous enforcement of laws that prohibit obscenity.

One very good way to put that policy into action is to provide support to Morality in Media, Inc., an organization founded by a Catholic priest in 1962. They have been actively fighting illegal obscenity and promoting standards of decency in the media ever since. Our Order has a long and proud history of supporting their important efforts.

You may learn more about Morality In Media Inc. by logging on to their web site at: [www.moralityinmedia.org](http://www.moralityinmedia.org), or [www.obscenitycrimes.org](http://www.obscenitycrimes.org).

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

This year’s budget committee will be meeting very soon to prepare a proposed budget for next year. It the budget proposal will be presented to our members for approval at our June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. It will also be published in the May newsletter so that our members will have the opportunity to study it prior to the meeting.

I ask all of the current committee chairmen to send me a budget estimate for their area of activity so that the information can assist the committee in drafting the budget proposal. Whether or not you plan to serve as a committee chairman again next year, please let me have your estimate for the budget. The more information we have from our chairmen the better job the committee can do in preparing the new budget proposal.

## HOLY SPIRIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to Steve Strange for coordinating the recent pancake breakfast at Holy Spirit Church to benefit the youth group at the parish. Our Council provided the food and the youth of the parish cooked and served the food. The accepted donations in return for the food served. Carol Kunkel has advised that the youth netted about \$600 from the event and has thanked our Council for sponsoring the event.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will have our annual election of new officers at our June 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Brothers Tom Smolen, Don Meyer, and Tony Meffert are serving as this year’s nominating committee. They will present their recommended slate of officers at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. We are grateful to Tom, Don and Tony for their efforts. Many of you know that it is not an easy task to find members who are willing to accept a nomination to serve as an officer in our Council.

## KC STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

At our February Council meeting our members voted to have your Grand Knight Bernie Schwitzgebel and Deputy Grand Knight Tim Risher represent our Council at the annual state convention in May. They further authorized the Grand Knight to appoint an alternate delegate to represent our Council in the event that one of the primary delegates is unable to attend. The Grand Knight has appointed Ray Grudzielanek to serve as an alternate delegate.



# APRIL – National Donate Life Month

## Creating a Donation Friendly America

While medical advances now enable more than 25,000 Americans per year to receive organ transplants that save or enhance their lives, not enough organs are available to help everyone in need. As a result, about 6,000 people die in the U.S. each year -- about 17 every day -- while waiting for a donated kidney, liver, heart, lung, or other organ. Today, more than 87,000 people are on the national organ transplant waiting list.

## Model Donor Card

This is a model donor card that allows for listing of all or some organs and tissues to be donated. Two lines allow for signatures of witnesses however, the card can be used to determine donation decisions without the signatures of witnesses. Telling family members or those who would be contacted in the case of an emergency, of the decision to donate helps ensure that the donor's wishes will be carried out.

	<b>Organ/Tissue Donor Card</b>	
I wish to donate my organs and tissues. I wish to give:		
<input type="checkbox"/> any needed organs and tissues	<input type="checkbox"/> only the following organs and tissues:	
Donor Signature _____ Date _____		
Witness _____		
Witness _____		

## Who can become a donor?

All individuals can indicate their intent to donate (persons under 18 years of age must have parent's or guardian's consent). Medical suitability for donation is determined at the time of death.

## Are there age limits for donors?

There are no age limitations on who can donate. The deciding factor on whether a person can donate is the person's physical condition, not the person's age. Newborns as well as senior citizens have been organ donors. Persons younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian's consent.

## If I sign a donor card or indicate my donation preferences on my driver's license, will my wishes be carried out?

Even if you sign a donor card it is essential that your family know your wishes. Your family may be asked to sign a consent form in order for your donation to occur.

If you wish to learn how organ donation preferences are documented and honored where you live, contact your local organ procurement organization (OPO). The OPO can advise you of specific local procedures, such as joining donor registries, which are available to residents in your area.

## If I sign a donor card, will it affect the quality of medical care I receive at the hospital?

No! Every effort is made to save your life before donation is considered.

## Will donation disfigure my body? Can there be an open casket funeral?

Donation does not disfigure the body and does not interfere with having a funeral, including open casket services.

## Are there any costs to my family for donation?

The donor's family does **not** pay for the cost of the organ donation. All costs related to donation of organs and tissues are paid by the recipient, usually through insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

*For more information, please visit the source of this information at <http://www.organdonor.gov/>.*

Thanks to all who donated at the K of C March Blood Drive. We had 31 Donors and 27 Productive Pints.

Thanks to Charlie and Martha Peters, and Barb Meyer who helped.

Co Chairs, Ed Hurt and Tom Gaietto



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# **Friday Fish Fry!!**

**(Open to Public)**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Dine-in or Carry-out Available**

**Adults \$5.50- Kids \$3.00**

**(Kids 5 and under EAT FREE (dine-in only))**

**Dinners include choice of:**

**Fried Fish**

**Baked Fish**

**Fried Catfish**

**Fried Shrimp**

**and 2 side items**

**Homemade Desserts, high chairs and booster seats are available**

**Unlimited refills on coffee/ tea / milk / soft drinks**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

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## **Father Michael J. McGivney – His Faith**

Father McGivney's ideals are not the exclusive preserve of the young, but they seem to go hand in hand with youthful energy and optimism. The trick is to keep our ideals burning brightly even when the vitality of youth begins to fade. This is, in part, what distinguishes a saint from the rest of us. A saint keeps the vision of God's love and the call to serve one's neighbor bright and clear to the end. In fact, when we look at the lives of holy men and women, we see that their ideals grow stronger with the passage of time. Physical energies may fade, but sanctity requires a clarity and consistency that remain to the end of one's days.

Father McGivney was an idealist. He was a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished. His intense idealism is often expressed today in titles ascribed to him as his cause for canonization progresses: "Apostle to the Young" and "Protector of Christian Family Life." These provide an outline for a spiritual portrait of Father McGivney.

## **APRIL MASS READINGS**

### **Sunday, April 2**

First Reading..... Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Second Reading.....Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel..... John 12:20-33

### **Sunday, April 9**

First Reading..... Isaiah 50:4-7  
Second Reading..... Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel.....Mark 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

### **Sunday, April 16**

First Reading.....Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Second Reading.....First Corinthians 5:6-8  
Gospel..... John 20:1-9

### **Sunday, April 23**

First Reading..... Acts 4:32-35  
Second Reading..... First John 5:1-6  
Gospel..... John 20:19-31

### **Sunday, April 30**

First Reading.....Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Second Reading..... First John 2:1-5  
Gospel..... Luke 24:35-48



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