



Knighly News

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Chuck Glaser

Message From Our Grand Knight

Thanks, Pete Wyzykowski and all who had a part in the fish fries.

Our 100th birthday party will be April 25th. Be sure to call the hall by April 11th make your reservations.

Congratulations Ray and Jeanie Spears on receiving Family of the Month for March

Peace is a Way of Life

A reflection adapted from the writings of a Vietnamese Monk, Thich Nhat Hanh

“A leader of the Peace Movement in America said: ‘There is no way to peace; peace is the way.’ This means that we can realize peace right in the present moment with our look, our smile, our words, and our actions. Peace work is not a means. Each step we make is to be peace. Each step we make is to be joy. Each step we make is to be happiness. If we are determined, we can do it. We do not need the future. We can smile and relax everything we want is right here in the present moment.”

Fraternally, Chuck Glaser

In Memorium

Brother Karl G. Berta died March 15, 2008

Karl was a 4th Degree Honorary Life Member who transferred to our council from Illinois. A member of Holy Spirit Church, his survivors include his wife Dorothy, two sons and one daughter.

May his soul rest in peace.

Chaplain's Corner

By the time you have this newsletter in your possession the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter will have passed. During the 40 days of lent we should have reflected on our past sins of commission and omission, attend at least a penance service, received absolution and turned a new leaf in our spiritual life. For the next 40 days or so we hopefully will experience the spiritual renewal we began during Lent, through the Liturgy of the word during this Octave of Easter. We will hear about the risen Christ appearance to his disciples and his encouraging words which they did not understand until now. We will have the opportunity to challenge ourselves to real self giving. During this Easter Octave may God Blessings be with each and everyone that you truly have a renewed interspiritual presence.

Deacon Bob Imel

April Birthdays

01	.....	Mark Absher
01	.....	Thomas Landrigan
01	.....	Richard Wanta
02	.....	Shelby Douglas
03	.....	Joseph Kirzeder
03	.....	Anthony Meffert
03	.....	Rev. Maurice Tiell
04	.....	John Barnett
04	.....	Donald Mott
07	.....	Jeffrey Poston
08	.....	Jim Mullen
09	.....	Rev. Brian Johnson
09	.....	Rev. Ken Mikulcik
15	.....	Robert Panchyshyn
18	.....	James Schaeffer
20	.....	Charles "Matt" Keyser
21	.....	Ray Blankenship
21	.....	Paul Schnoes
25	.....	John Beeckler
25	.....	Galen Smith Sr.
27	.....	Daniel Klein
27	.....	David Powers
29	.....	Scott Lewis

April Mass Readings

Sunday, April 6

First Reading	.....	Acts 2:14, 22-28
Second Reading	.....	First Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	.....	Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 13

First Reading	.....	Acts 2:14, 36-41
Second Reading	.....	First Peter 2:20-25
Gospel	.....	John 10:1-10

Sunday, April 20

First Reading	.....	Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading	.....	First Peter 2:4-9
Gospel	.....	John 14:1-12

Sunday, April 27

First Reading	.....	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading	.....	First Peter 3:15-18
Gospel	.....	John 14:15-21

Important Dates

APRIL 2008

01	.....	Officers Meeting
01	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
02	.....	Mentally Disabled Fun Nite
08	.....	Council Meeting
17	.....	Fourth Degree
21	.....	May Newsletter articles due
22	.....	Columbus Club
25	.....	100 th Anniversary Banquet
29	.....	Corporate Communion

MAY 2008

06	.....	Officers Meeting
06	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
13	.....	Council Meeting
15	.....	Fourth Degree
19	.....	June Newsletter articles due
27	.....	Columbus Club

JUNE 2008

03	.....	Officers Meeting
03	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
10	.....	Council Meeting
19	.....	Fourth Degree
20	.....	July Newsletter articles due
24	.....	Columbus Club

- Bingo is every Monday night at 5:00 p.m.
- May 17th is the Texas Hold-em State Convention

April Anniversaries

01	.....	Merile & Carol O'Bryan
08	.....	Malcom & Janet Turley
10	.....	James & Helen Bailey
11	.....	Shelby & Joan Douglas
13	.....	John & Kathy Villarreal
18	.....	Michael & Darlene Fuqua
23	.....	Calvin & Carlene Witucki
25	.....	Galen Sr. & Pat Smith
27	.....	Joe & Melissa Meyer
30	.....	Robert & Dolores Rudzinski

- Knights of Columbus volunteers promote healthy lifestyles and health in the community through a wide range of programs.
- Knights of Columbus participate in a variety of health service initiatives. Knights at all levels of the Order report raising nearly \$4 million for health service organizations and hospitals on an annual basis.
- Knights regularly organize and conduct blood drives. Yearly reports indicate nearly 370,000 blood donors at Knights of Columbus-sponsored drives. Knights and their families regularly volunteer at veterans' hospitals, hospices and other health care facilities.

New Officers

Grand Knight Chuck Glaser has appointed Bernie Schwitzgebel to serve as chairman of this year's nominating committee. Brother Knights Don Mott and Vic Billhartz have agreed to serve with him. The following offices (shown with the names of those who currently hold the office) must be filled through our nomination and election process.

GRAND KNIGHT.....	Chuck Glaser
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Pete Wyzykowski
TREASURER.....	Bob Williams
CHANCELLOR.....	Pete Buser
ADVOCATE	Allen Freeland
RECORDER.....	Ken Baushe
WARDEN	Bobby Clark
INSIDE GUARD	Jack Matukas
OUTSIDE GUARD	Chuck Lawless
THREE YEAR TRUSTEE	Tim Risher

Our committee is actively seeking input from our council members to help us during this nominating process. If you are interested in serving as an officer, or know a member who is, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

Bernie Schwitzgebel	781-9652
Don Mott	796-8523
Vic Billhartz	782-7058

Candidates for office must be a Third Degree member of our Council and be in good standing. No prior experience is necessary.

Serving as an officer is a great opportunity to be a major influence in the administration of our Council. Being a member of our team of officers is a rewarding experience which promotes personal growth in the Knights of Columbus and as a Catholic gentleman. Please think about it. We really do need a few good men.

Bingo Helpers Needed

Our Council 1315 has donated over \$1,000,000.00 to charity as a direct result of our Bingo Program. Bingo is the only source of income for our Charitable Work.

We need your help with Bingo. We have Bingo each Monday evening from 6:00 until 9:30 p.m.

We need you to consider becoming involved as a Bingo Worker by choosing either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Mondays. If you are not available monthly we can use your help as it is available.

Please drop me a note at pete1040@bellsouth.com or give me a call at 270-202-5087. Thank you.

Pete Buser, Membership

Community Activities

A successful Red Cross Blood Drive was held at the hall from noon to 6 PM on March 12, '08. Thirty seven units were collected from thirty seven donors. The council gives special thanks to Al Freeland and Tom Gaietto for volunteering their services throughout the entire day. Brothers AL and Tom kept everything running smoothly at the check-in desk and canteen.

Del Hayden, Community Activities Chair

April – National Donate Life Month

30 Days to Help Save a Life: What to Do in April

National Donate Life Month was established in 2003. Every day in April, people across the U.S. make a special effort to celebrate the tremendous generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and to encourage more Americans to follow their fine example.

Make it known: I want to be a donor

- Register with your State Donor Registry, if available.
- Say YES to donation on your driver's license.
- Tell your family, friends, physician, and faith leader that you want to be a donor.
- Fill out and sign a donor card, have it witnessed, carry it with you.

Tell someone: The need is great and growing.

- More than 95,000 people are in need of an organ for transplant.
- Each day, about 77 people get the organ transplant that gives them a second chance, but 17 to 19 others die because they did not receive an organ transplant.
- More than half the people on the waiting list for a donated organ are racial or ethnic minorities. Chances of getting a transplant increase if donor and recipient share the same racial/ethnic background.

Get involved: Become a donation advocate.

- Encourage your company, association, union, or other organizations to which you may belong to join the Workplace Partnership for Life.
- Promote and support work site donation campaigns.
- Tell your local high school about Decision Donation, a school program that educates students about donation.
- Participate in local National Donate Life Month events sponsored by your local organ procurement organization. In Kentucky, information can be found at <http://www.kyorgandonor.org>.

“I already have insurance at work.”

Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could – one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

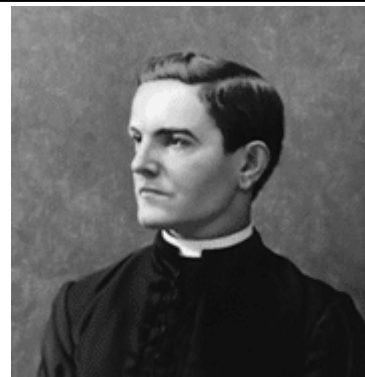
While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

I'm at 859-331-0249 or daniel.turnwald@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

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.

Website Statistics

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Apr-07	113	189	461	1,168	Oct-07	438	749	2,037	5,652
May-07	163	289	830	2,379	Nov-07	318	527	1,756	8,835
Jun-07	184	264	1,417	3,552	Dec-07*	341	584	1,803	7,928
Jul-07	233	448	1,347	3,760	Jan-08	401	680	5,638	16,639
Aug-07	179	223	827	2,258	Feb-08	378	573	4,071	7,722
Sep-07	209	260	1,471	3,750	Mar-08	142	236	893	2,174
* March totals as of 3/20					Totals	3,099	5,022	22,551	65,817

Fact: During the month of January, our website has been viewed by people in 15 different nations, including the United States, China, Poland, Hungary, Norway, United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Japan, Hong Kong, Brazil, South Korea, Germany, Great Britain, Thailand and one other European nation. The calendar is the most viewed page on our website with 273 views, followed by our forums page (Sick and Distressed) with 106 views.



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