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FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Wanted: Suggestions And Volunteers

Hopefully most of you have read the February GK letter and are aware that we're searching for a replacement to chair the McCabe Park concession stand committee. We have come to rely on the proceeds from this activity to fund many of the projects with which we're involved. Last year the "knight stand" contributed over three thousand dollars to our general fund. There is no question that the loss of these funds would greatly scale back the amount of charitable services we are able to provide to the church, the school, and the community at large, and I seriously doubt if any of our members would want that.

So what are our choices? Basically we have three. We can staff the concession stand, we can come up with alternative means to raise money, or we can do both. I'd like to put this out to the entire council and solicit your feedback. As long as it's legal, I'm open to just about any suggestion. It could be one big fund raiser or a number of smaller ones. Quite a few of our members are involved in other organizations; how do they do it?

When we were working on getting the new website launched, I asked Kelly about a list of thoughts & questions that I had. His reply was, "...anything's possible. We just need ideas." Seems to me we're in the same predicament. Crank your brains up a notch, gentlemen, and let's come up with some ideas. Just remember, a few years back somebody came up with the suggestion that maybe we could operate a concession stand, and what a great idea that turned out to be. Should we make this a contest with prizes? I know somebody out there has a

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Fr. Philip Breen Chaplain's Corner

Dear Brother Knights and your families,

The Sacred Season of Lent has arrived. With the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday, we enter this Special Season with the admonition: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

This spiritual "Springtime" invites us all to a more intense commitment and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the presence of God among us – dwelling within each of us and, together in the Body of Christ, the Church.

He continues to feed us with Himself as the Bread of Life – in Word and Sacrament. He calls us to express ourselves in the traditional practices of Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer. Our duties to others include the "Deeds of the Kingdom" as outlined in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

I urge all of us to embrace this wonderful time of renewal and grace with hearts and minds open to God's inspirations. To nurture our call to Holiness of life is to be a principal work of our lives. I will especially remember you all in my prayers during Lent. May God bless us all.

Sincerely,

Rev. Philip M. Breen



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 14

April 11

May 9

ROSARY 6:30PM
MEETING 7:00PM

125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus



In October 1881, Father Michael J. McGivney, the curator at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, explained to a small group of men meeting in the church basement that his purpose in calling them was manifold: to help them remain steadfast in their Catholic

faith through mutual encouragement, to promote closer ties of fraternity among them, and to set up an elementary system of insurance so that widows and children of deceased members would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

The idea that began at that meeting took root and grew until the Knights of Columbus was granted a charter by the state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882.

The founder and first officers of the fledgling organization chose the name "Knights of Columbus" because they felt that, as a Catholic group, it should pay tribute to Christopher Columbus, the Catholic

discoverer of America. This would emphasize that it was Catholics who discovered, explored, and colonized the Americas. At the time, being "Knights" signified that members embody the knightly ideals of spirituality and service to their Church, country, and fellow man.

Today, the 1.7 million Knights of Columbus and their families throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Caribbean, and Poland, continue to embody these ideals. On Founder's Day this March 29th, we will begin a year long commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. As we celebrate the legacy of Father McGivney and the contributions of our brother Knights since 1882, we also prepare for an even greater future as we live out the vision of our founder.

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Grand Knight Report

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scheme he's been dying to try.

A most excellent way to make your voice heard is the suggestion box at our website www.kofc11925.org (how about an online auction?) or you can just call Keith or myself or any of the officers. Hope to hear from all of you; make me proud.

Tom Neligan

Grand Knight

A Word From The Ladies

Audrey Baker, President

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary has been very busy delivering our Wee Care bags. We now have a beautiful blue bag with our imprint on it. It is a design by Carmel Slattery designed just for the Ladies Auxiliary. On March 2nd, we will be having our meatless meal and again (by request) we will be cooking breakfast for dinner. We hope that a large crowd will join us after attending Stations. Please remind your wives that we meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights Room in the Parish Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

MMMMMM, SMELL THAT FISH A-FRYING!!

Brother Knights and all Parishioners should mark their calendars for Friday, March 23, for the annual World Famous Council-Sponsored Lenten Fish Dinner. This is the time for the Council to join with other parish ministries and participate in "Meatless Meals" held

during Lent immediately following Stations of the Cross. As always, Mel Harders and his group will be cooking. Help is needed for set-up, serving, and clean up. Available Brothers should contact Bill Sovine, 202-4549, for details.

Comments? Suggestions? Questions?

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CONGRATULATIONS

Recent Recipients

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November
Frank McKeon

December
Chris Cianciolo

January
Fr. Philip Breen

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

November
The Sean & Sharon Kennedy Family

December
The Tim & Debbie Weber Family

January
The Thom & Margie Druffel Family

Newest Knights

THIRD DEGREE

Jeff Duckworth
Ronnie Hitt



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Fr. Breen, Tom Neligan,
Marty Mulloy, Bill Sovine,
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Kelly Sovine



A Challenge of Kindness

By Judy Graham

Throughout the year there are events that take place which epitomize what it means to be a Catholic School. The sixth graders at St. Ann School recently participated in one such event. Their teacher, Meghann Robinson, used her Christmas bonus to challenge her sixth graders to perform acts of kindness. Using an idea from Oprah, Ms. Robinson gave each of the students \$10 and asked them to work individually or in groups to go out and do charitable acts with the money. Our sixth graders were more than ready to meet her challenge.



The children, with the support of their parents, chose various groups around town and planned ways to be of service. They each took their \$10 and turned it into more by asking for donations and making objects to sell to raise more money. Groups that received donations were the House of Mercy with a donation of \$82 cash and materials, and Safe Haven which received \$530. One group held a book drive and was able to raise funds and books to total a donation of 225 books to the Book 'em Foundation. Another \$113 was given to the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Another group used their original money to buy ingredients to bake cookies to raise more money for the YWCA and obtained a donation of materials from Staples for them. The Humane Society was the recipient of a trunk full of donated items and \$139.00 in cash.

When all was said and done, our students had raised in excess of \$1800, plus substantial donations of books, office supplies, and pet products. Service to others is part of our motto at SAS (Spirituality, Academics, and Service); our sixth graders have taken this motto to the fullest. Kudos to Ms. Robinson for being a living example to her students and for giving them the opportunity to exemplify the best of what we expect from our Eagles. This project was not just a source of pride for our 6th graders, but rather a tangible sign of the success of Catholic Schools and their ability to transform each into people of Christian service.



News & Notes

Thanks to **Frank McKeon** and **Buddy Baker** for their work on the Church grounds. Frank recently cleaned the steps in front of the Church, and Buddy removed the February snow from the walkway, steps, and portions of the parking lot.

Sponsored Events: The Council unanimously voted to once again sponsor a dinner for the RCIA candidates and catechumens. The dinner will be hosted by the RCIA ministry and held April 2. Similarly, the Council will again sponsor a breakfast for the graduating 8th graders at St. Ann School, as well as a retreat March 30-31 for Confirmation candidates. Also the annual KC Free Throw Contest was held February 25 at St. Ann's, and the winners have advanced to the District Contest to be held March 11 at our Parish.

Congratulations: Bill Simmons collected the Power Draw raffle at the December Council meeting, and all he had to do was show up. Bob Casey & Frank McKeon, on the other hand, let large sums of money slip through their hands by missing the January & February meetings, respectively. The moral of the story is - come to the meetings.

2007 Supreme Convention Comes To Nashville

Tennessee State Council to Host August Event

Nashville's Opryland Hotel is the site of the 2007 Supreme Convention, and Tennessee Knights and families are making plans to welcome perhaps as many as 10,000 conventioners to the Volunteer State. Past State Deputies Bill Gunter and Marty O'Haver are serving as our Convention Co-Chairmen for the many activities that will be offered to convention guests. Bill and Marty and members of the Convention's Executive Committee have met several times during the past 18 months to sort out committee work, identify manpower needs, schedule visits to Nashville and state attractions, secure quality products for our Country store, and much, much more. Ads for the Supreme Convention Souvenir Booklet are still needed; we hope that each council, assembly, parish, and school is able to be represented in this booklet.

Plans for a variety of tours and shows August 3-6 are being finalized with and contracted through Destination Nashville; Convention delegates and patrons can choose from among the following packages:

1. Jack Daniel Tour (August 3, 4, 5, 6)
2. Grand Ole Opry Show (August 3, 4)
3. Honky-Tonk Tour (August 4, 5)
4. Graceland Tour (August 5)
5. The Hermitage Tour (August 5, 6)
6. Country Music Hall of Fame/Ryman Tour (August 4, 5)
7. Historic Nashville Churches Tour (August. 4, 6)
8. Stars Homes Tour (August 5, 6)

A special August 6 evening program features a magic show by Merlin and the Court Jesters and a concert by a pretty good country act (Lonestar, if rumors are accurate!). August 8 will find James Rogers performing at the Ladies Luncheon and again that evening at our Volunteers' Appreciation Party. Tennessee's Bishops plan to attend. Convention guests are invited to Tennessee's "Open House" August 5 (noon until 5:00p.m.) in our hospitality suite, open to our convention volunteers August 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be no charge for the foods and refreshments served in the hospitably suite.

Volunteers are needed and should sign up for the days and the shifts they prefer. A Volunteer Information Sheet and a list of job descriptions are located on the state website in the 2007 Supreme Convention button. The volunteer form should be filled out and submitted to DD #4 Dave Hessling, who is collecting all volunteer information and needs the vital data requested on the form in order to help manage personnel assignments. Please be sure all interested council members know where to find the Volunteer Information Sheet. No one has missed a volunteer meeting (most will not be scheduled until after the State Convention) but it important to receive the requested information as soon as possible.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

MARCH

Each Friday through Lent: Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and Meatless Meals; 5:45pm

- 1** Bishop Adrian Assembly of the 4th Degree meeting, 7:00pm.
- 7** Officer's meeting, 6:00pm.
- 14** Council meeting 7:00pm; Rosary 6:30pm.
- 21** Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:00pm.
- 30/31** Confirmation Retreat

APRIL

- 1-7** Holy Week
- 11** Confirmation; @ Cathedral
- 4** Officer's meeting, 6:00pm.
- 5** Bishop Adrian Assembly of the 4th Degree meeting, 7:00pm.
- 11** Council meeting 7:00pm; Rosary 6:30pm.
- 18** Ladies Aux meeting, 7:00pm.
- 22** First Communion, 11:00am.
- 28** St. Ann School Spring Fling.

MAY

- 2** Officer's meeting, 6:00pm.
- 3** Bishop Adrian Assembly of the 4th Degree meeting, 7:00pm.
- 9** Council meeting 7:00pm; Rosary 6:30pm.
- 16** Ladies Aux meeting, 7:00pm.

