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Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

During the Middle Ages there were several orders of Knights that were founded to help the Church accomplish her mission. Although these orders, for the most part, took on a military character, this was not their primary purpose. Knights of the Church, as opposed to those who were primarily mounted warriors who fought for land and title and lord, were often members of religious orders that took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They dedicated their whole lives to the service of Christ and His Church.

Today, in many places throughout Europe, knighthood has become largely a ceremonial title bestowed on some members in recognition of some service to country or monarch. It is an honor for those who are "knighted".

The Knights of Columbus, on the other hand, is an order that seeks to make Christ known throughout the world. We seek the honor and glory of God, not our own. This is done through our loyalty and dedication to the Church, which we recognize as the household of Christ on earth, with the Roman Pontiff as its visible head. Our work, our charity, our spiritual

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Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

The council continues to do its good work for the Order, church, and community. Most significantly, we have assisted in the formation of the **American Martyrs - Fr. John J. Murray Columbiettes**. This new organization, lead by the incredibly talented Margaret D'Andrea, will do amazing things. On March 21th, I had the privilege and pleasure to install the new Officers of the Columbiettes. This impressive group of leaders will provide strong direction and dedication to ensure their success

Additionally, I along with several other Knights had a chance to

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Something Great for the Ladies

Margaret D'Andrea



“When are you going to have something for the ladies?” was one of the most commonly asked questions I heard parishioners ask during a Knights of Columbus recruitment effort years ago. That idea was the start of something big. We have an answer and that time for something great for the ladies is now.

On March 21, 2015 the American Martyrs Fr. John J. Murray Columbiettes was established with over thirty new members. Serving God first, I humbly accepted my role as president of our auxiliary. We are a group of women from different backgrounds and different generations and we are all united in faith. We look forward to a close partnership with our brothers in the Knights of Columbus Council 14666.



My vision for the American Martyrs Columbiettes is to have a place where women gather to inspire, support, and build each other up; where we meet the spiritual and social needs of our members; where we benefit our parish and improve our community, now and in the years to come.



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endeavors, and even our socialization must always, therefore, be consistent with the values which we as Catholics hold.

Our Council has grown from very humble beginnings to a nearly 100 man strong fraternity of brothers who are constantly looking for ways to serve. Our honor is our service. Our weapons are not swords and lances, but hearts and minds eager to put Gospel charity into practice. We do not wear suits of armor, but we put on faith in Christ as our sure protection. Our mission is not to subdue an enemy, but to bring hope to a fallen and broken world.

As we go forward with Easter joy to do the Lord's work in His vineyard, I pray the we may all feel enriched and ennobled by the opportunities that God sends our way to bring His peace and love into the world.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Frank



Council Holds Its First Free Throw Contest

This year marked the inaugural year for our Council's Free Throw Contest. Many children participated and the Council awarded trophies to the 7 winners at the Council Level. 3 of those winners went on to win at the District Level. Congratulations to all who participated and special thanks to Mike Cassano, Mike Shoule, Bobby Shoule, Sal Tartaglione, Joe Timpa PGK, and our Worthy District Deputy Mike Hilley.

Council Level Winners

Daniel You
Wei Chen
Lei Chen
Alexander Lopez
Julie Cossin
Kyle Chong
Brielle Desruisseaux

District Level Winners

Wei Chen
Lei Chen
Alexander Lopez

Congratulations kids - You did a great job representing our Council!

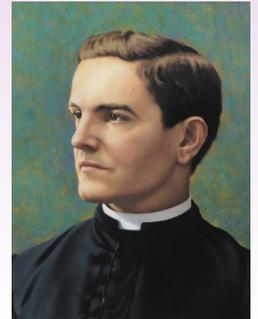


Council Celebrates Founder's Day March 29th



On Founder's Day this March 29th, we celebrated the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus.

As we celebrate the legacy of Venerable Michael 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.



(Columbiettes President Margaret D'Andrea, Chaplain and Pastor Fr. Frank, GK Michael Mitts, FS Joe Timpa, PGK)

The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration.

Councils throughout the Order are urged to observe this day – among their own members and with the community at large – as a reminder of what the Knights of Columbus has accomplished in the past years, the ideals of the Order, and their own Council achievements.

At our Council meeting we read the names of the Charter Members of this Council and issued certificates, as well as special remembrance for a our deceased Charter Members who have been enrolled in the Purgatorial Society.

On Palm Sunday, a special Founder's Day Bagel Breakfast was held for the entire parish. It was sponsored by the Knights and the newly formed Columbiettes. A special Charter Member certificate was given to Fr. Frank Schwarz, who started this Council in 2008.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Rev. Msgr. John F. Keppler
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Rev. William Sweeney
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Edward D. Rogers

St. Patrick's Day Party – Close to 300 People Join the Celebration!

Mike Shoule

After another great party, I think the feeling was unanimous that our Council is getting pretty good at this. A concerted early effort on the part of all of us to promote the event led to just under 300 people filling the Sullivan Center to its Darby O'Gills after 5pm mass on Saturday, March 7th to celebrate our annual St. Patrick's Day party.

While there were plenty of Knights in attendance with their families and friends, there were also large tables of other guests from both within our parish and outside our parish that added to the festive atmosphere. The slightly changed floorplan, which allowed for more tables up front and closer to the entertainment, also enhanced social interactions amongst friends old and new.

As in years past, revelers were treated to a top notch slate of entertainment that began with Jack Tavcar on fiddle and his sister Madeleine on the keyboard followed by brother Knight and Catholic War Veteran, Denis Keane and his troupe who showed the crowd a most elegant form of Irish dancing as the men led their dance partners seamlessly to the Irish tunes.

The students from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance followed that up with an uplifting performance of traditional dances that had the crowd smiling and clapping to the rhythms. The younger guests in particular seemed mesmerized by the synchronized tapping, stomping, and kicking of the dancing youths.



Closing out the bill was the bearded and pony-tailed Irish folk singer Donie Carroll on guitar accompanied by two talented fiddle players who filled the room with ballads from the Emerald Isle before heading over to another gig on Jericho Turnpike at which point the dance floor was open to the tunes of DJ Joe Timpa, PGK.

With the keg relocated to the front window and the buffet tables in the back, party-goers were able to move through the line relatively quickly while others were able to continue to enjoy the party. The two servers from Frank's Deli were assisted by Knights, Columbiettes-in-waiting, and others in doling out traditional Irish fare like corned beef and cabbage and shepherd's pie, along with chicken, macaroni and cheese and other American favorites. The Irish soda bread on each table completed a delicious meal that was accompanied by a fast draining keg of Bass ale, water, soda, or whatever other beverages made their way through the door.

Thanks to the great turnout, our Council, as previously voted upon, was able to donate \$1,100 to the Sisters of Life, which was the net proceeds from ticket sales. In addition, we netted nearly the same amount from the combined total of the 50/50 raffle and the Chinese auction. Thank you to Ellie and everyone who helped to sell raffle tickets. An extra thank you to Joe Timpa for coordinating and purchasing some of the 50/50 prizes and to Matt Tramonte for securing a donation from Durso's,

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**Council Donates
St. Patrick's Day Party
Ticket Profits to the
Sisters of Life!**



Past Grand Knight Kevin Lyons delivers check in the amount of \$1100 to Sister Victoria Joy

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witness the impressive works of the Columbiettes degrees. We were honored to have with us that day the Pastor of American Martyrs and now Chaplain of the Columbiettes, Fr. Frank Schwarz, District Deputy Bob Graziano, Chairman of the Board of District Deputies, and from the Columbiettes we were joined by Supreme President Barbara Ann Lucarelli, New York State President Jeanne Mucci, and District Deputy Ann Seletski as well as many other respected dignitaries and officers from both the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus.

Let it be known - We will not compete, but will strengthen each other; we will not interfere with each other's works, but will support them. We will help each other grow in Christ and live according to His teachings, and together - build a lasting legacy of cooperation and to be Christ's witnesses to the world.

Congratulations to all the new members of the Columbiettes!

Vivat Jesus!
- Michael Mitts



Fourth Degree Corner

Jim Ambery

A meeting was held on 3/16/2015 at Joyce Kilmer Council #2363. Two applications from our Council were submitted to the assembly for the Fourth Degree Exemplification being held on April 11. Congratulations to future Sir Knights Robert Liatto and Mike Shoule.

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Maureen and Bob Shoule for donating a round of golf and dinner to this year's American Martyrs golf outing, and to Dom and Margaret D'Andrea for donating the basket of cheer.

Lastly thanks to all of the Knights and parishioners who contributed to making the party great – especially my fellow committee members Carl Reyes and Joe Timpa, along with those who did the Saturday morning shopping and/or assisted with setting up and decorating the Sullivan Center - thanks too Marco D'Andrea, and John Dempsey (Carl's grandson).



Council Sponsors Disaster Preparedness Informational Night



On February 19th, our Council sponsored a Disaster Preparedness Informational night. Qainat Shah from the American Red Cross provided attendees from around the community with important information and tips on preparing for all types of disasters. Thank you to the Red Cross for coming out and educating us on disaster preparedness.



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Blood Drive Success – Blood Chairman Reports an Increase In Donations!

At the most recent blood drive held on March 15, the following was reported:

Registered Donors: 55

Deferred Donors: 10

Total Units Donated: 54

Great work by our Chairman Ed Pearce! Thanks to all who donated!

Knights Attend the Diocese's Pro Vita Mass

Jim Ambery

On Saturday, January 24 at 5 pm I had the opportunity to attend mass at St. James Cathedral Basilica in Brooklyn with Dennis Montemurro, who is our Culture of Life Chairman. The Mass started with Knights of Columbus 4th Degree honor guard lining up. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was the celebrant along with Bishop Frank Caggiano (the former Brooklyn Auxiliary Bishop), Bishop Raymond Chappetto and Mgr. John Strykowski, who was celebrating his final mass as rector of the cathedral. Also in attendance was our New York State Deputy Carmine Musumeci and Robert Fox, Kings County Deputy. Bishop Frank Caggiano was presented the Father McGivney Medal by Bishop DiMarzio. The Bishop also gave awards to Cathy Donohoe, registered nurse and President of Bridge to Life and Mr. Marino, who was unable to attend due to illness.

Bishop DiMarzio explained that "40% of pregnancies in New York end in abortion. Life should be respected at the beginning all the way to the end of a person's natural life."

I enjoyed the Mass and definitely plan to attend next year. Will you join us?

Council Continues Collecting

Jim Tavcar

The Knights, along with Emma and Nate Shoule stood up to the cold and collected an impressive haul of food at Key Food on February 7th. A total of 53 bags were collected; with 32 bags earmarked for our Saint Vincent de Paul Pantry and 19 headed to Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach Pantry.

A big thanks to Marie DeAngelis, Valerie Day and Chris Liatto. Job well done!

Join us at the next Food Collection on April 25 at Waldbaums on Horace Harding.

THE RELIGIOUS ENTREPRENEUR

John Galanaugh

A lot of young boys start out in business selling lemonade on the sidewalk, but not too many branch out into other ventures like my brother Gerard. Ever since he was a youngster he had a keen mind towards making a buck wherever he could. Once he had a lucrative business going whereby he sold firewood to a neighborhood widow, the very firewood our father painstakingly collected and stacked in our garage. The wood was used for kindling to start a fire in case our coal furnace went out. However, an event would take place on one particular Saturday, which was going to lead Gerard to become the smallest big success in the family.

It began innocently enough with a few glasses and a pitcher of lemonade set upon an old orange crate. Gerard decided to establish his place of business outside Molloy's Tavern, around the corner from our house. After all, he reasoned, there was a lot of pedestrian traffic; that was where the trolley stopped. It was a hot, sunny July afternoon, so it made sense to him that potential customers would be clamoring for a cool drink. He gave no thought to the tavern patrons, but when one of them emerged from Molloy's, he didn't hesitate to inquire,

"Hi, mister, would you like a nice cold lemonade?"

Mr. Dillon, stifled a laugh and replied,
"No thanks, son."

Then, after a moment, Mr. Dillon, a good friend of our dad, realized Gerard's relationship. Not wanting any lemonade, but wanting to help Gerard, he then said,

"Say, aren't you one of the Galanaugh kids?"

"Yes sir, Mr. Dillon. I'm Gerard"

"Well Gerard, maybe there is something you can do for me. Here's a dollar. The next time you're in church I want you to say a few prayers for me. Would you do that?"

"Sure, Mr. Dillon. Thanks. I'll say those prayers when I'm in church later"

It was most likely the best day of lemonade selling Gerard ever experienced, because a dollar was a lot of money for a ten year old in the early 1950s. It was like selling twenty cups of lemonade. Gerard was both excited and elated.

In those days it was customary for young chil-

dren from Good Shepherd School to go to confession every week. Later that afternoon at around four o'clock, our little lemonade salesman was dutifully in church saying prayers on behalf of Mr. Dillon. Then, when the line for confessions grew shorter, he walked into the dark, mysterious booth next to Father Fox, the young new priest who was recently assigned to our parish.

"Bless me Father for I have sinned..."

About a week or two later, Gerard rang the doorbell at the Dillon house. When Mrs. Dillon answered, she informed Gerard that Mr. Dillon was taking a nap and couldn't be disturbed.

"Is there something I can do for you? What did you want to see Mr. Dillon for?"

Gerard was nothing if he wasn't candid.

"Well, I just wanted to know if Mr. Dillon wanted me to say any more prayers for him."

I'm not sure exactly how the story made it's way into our household. Maybe Mrs. Dillon bumped into my mom at the store. Or, maybe Mr. Dillon shared the tale with my dad at the Tavern. All I know is, I would have loved to see Mrs. Dillon's expression at the time Gerard paid that visit. Years later, my oldest brother Charles came up with the moniker, "The World's First Religious Entrepreneur."



Insurance Check-Up for 2015

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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Making their Second Degree on 2/11/15 as seen above are Danny Bacci, Chris Liatto, Bobby Shoule, and Pieter Bootsma.

Making their Third Degree on 3/11/15 as seen on the right are Danny Bacci, Chris Liatto, Bobby Shoule, and Orlando Hernandez

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WANTED: Bingo Volunteers

Knights, please consider volunteering to help with Bingo. Thanks to all the members that come and make bingo a success - but we can always use more.

Remember, this is our Council's largest source of funding. Let's support it with all we got!

Speak to Tony Z., Matt Byrne, or Mike Mitts for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Greenway Clean-way Day
 Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 am

Help keep the
 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway
 and our neighborhood beautiful!