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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brothers

Someone said "April showers bring May flowers". If that's true we should all be living in a glorious botanical garden by the end of the month! What rain storms we endured here in Sienna and around the area. And although rain threatened on Easter Sunday, we were able to have the Easter Egg hunt at the PLEX for the kids. It was a great time and thanks to all the Easter bunnies that pitched in and helped. Especially our lead bunny Brother Jerry. While drawing for prizes that morning, I was struck by the faces of the families around us. They were so excited and happy. I don't think it was just from a few plastic eggs. I think it really showed how much this parish wants to be a parish. And that is why I was so excited about the picnic we had planned. But of course we got rained out. I don't know Brothers. We plan a golf tournament and we get a Hurricane, and we plan a picnic and get a flood! We will have both very soon!. Brother Matt Sasso and the picnic team did a great job planning the event and it will not be wasted as we will try and reschedule the picnic this summer. The parish was really excited about it and we will not let them down. What a great opportunity for our council to bring these families together to help create the one family we call St. Angela Merici Parish. I can't wait.

At the close of Lent our council was invited to present the cross for adoration services on Good Friday. Brother Ron built a beautiful wooden cross and 6 of our council carried it up to the altar and held it while the people came forward to kneel and pray before it. I have to say it was the most moving Good Friday services I have ever attended. I was so very proud of our council. Even though I wasn't physically carrying the cross, I felt I was a part of it. As I am sure every Knight that was there felt like a part of it.

I wanted to wait until after our May meeting to write this as I wanted to see how our first "Social" meeting with our Lecturer Program went. I want to say thank you and great job to our Lecturer Deacon Kevin! I enjoyed the program and found his discussion about his new facility and eco-friendly processes very interesting. It's something you never think of when you tear open a bag of chips. But now I have more appreciation for the packaging business. I am looking forward to our next Social meeting which will be August 5th. Again these meeting will occur quarterly at our February, May, August and November meetings. On those months, our regular **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

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Points of Interest to all Council Members:

WEBSITE: If you have not already done so, please go to our new website at www.kofc14617.org and login using the password you were sent. You may change your password and also update your member profile to be sure we have your information correct.

INFORMATION CHANGES: If you have a change of address you are asked to contact Brother Ron Frerich so that we can update our records. Email changes to Ron at rjfrerich@earthlink.net.



NEWS FROM SUPREME

Pope Benedict Recalls 'Remarkable Accomplishment' of Father McGivney

During his April 19, 2008, homily at a Mass for clergy and religious at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Pope Benedict XVI made special mention of "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Father McGivney's cause for sainthood is being considered at the Vatican, and the Pope declared him a venerable servant of God in mid-March.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson made the following statement regarding the Pope's remarks: "This morning, Pope Benedict reminded America's clergy that the 'secret of the impressive growth of the Church in the United States was a 'unity of vision and purpose – rooted in faith and a spirit of constant conversion and self-sacrifice,' and held up as a prime example our founder, Father McGivney. "The Pope's selection of Father McGivney as a role model for today's priests and religious is enormously important for us. "Thousands of priests are among the 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus, including Cardinal Egan and hundreds of others in the Archdiocese of New York. "Each and every day, all of us in the Knights of Columbus look to Father McGivney's vision and example as a guide to our work of charity and evangelization. "At a time when our priests are in need of our support more than ever, the Pope's promotion of Father McGivney as a role model for clergy everywhere is both timely and enormously appreciated. We pledge our fervent support for his call to revitalize and renew the Catholic Church here and around the world."

NEWS FROM STATE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY BROTHER JAVIER MARTINEZ

My Brothers of Texas

Marietta and I personally invite you and your family to join us at our 105th Annual State Convention. It will be held on May 29-31, 2009 in the vibrant city of Houston.

The local convention committee has been working very hard to make this convention a memorable one for all our Brother Knights throughout Texas.

We'd like to mention just a few of the convention highlights. Friday morning the golfers are off to participate in a little friendly competition. There will be a Clergy Seminar followed by the Clergy Luncheon. Please contact your Priests and Council Chaplains now and ask them to please put this on their calendar. The Awards Ceremony will be on Friday afternoon.

We are pleased to announce that we will start our convention with a Mass on Friday evening celebrated at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. The principle celebrant will be Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. We are sure that all Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy will be invited to con-celebrate the Mass with Cardinal DiNardo.

On Saturday morning the Convention Business Session begins. As the men are busy with business meetings on Saturday morning and afternoon, the ladies will be enjoying the Saturday Ladies Luncheon. Marietta invites all the ladies to join her and the rest of the lovely ladies to this function. Saturday evening will be our wonderful State Banquet. We ask all convention attendees to make every effort to attend this event. The Banquet will be a fun event with great speakers and a great dinner. On Sunday morning we will celebrate our Memorial Mass. Immediately after Mass the men will wrap up their business meetings. The ladies are invited to join Marietta for the Ladies' Breakfast. Immediately after the convention closes, our Executive Secretary, Michael L. McLaughlin will meet with the elected Supreme Convention Delegates and those interested in attending the Supreme Convention. The 127th Supreme Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona August 4-6, 2009 which will conclude with a Marion Hour of Prayer.

We ask that your council please consider purchasing an ad in the brochure. The ad form, along with all other forms that are required for pre-registration, are found in this booklet. Please fill out these forms accordingly and get them sent by the specified deadline.

Each council is entitled to seat two delegates. Therefore, it is important to elect your delegates early so that you may fill out the registration forms. Anyone who wishes to attend the convention is invited to join us for a fun filled weekend in Houston. There are so many things to do and see in Houston, we hope that you will make it. Marietta and I look forward to sharing Houston and all its wonderful sites, sounds and tastes with all of you.

Fraternally yours,

Javier and Marietta Martinez

INSURANCE NEWS

GET ALL THE FACTS

If any agent or representative of another company suggests that you cash in or discontinue paying premiums on your Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please call me immediately.

Why? Because the replacement of one policy with another can cost you substantial amounts of money! You may have accumulated cash values and dividends in your present policy that would take years to build up in a new one.

Losing money may not be the only problem. Your existing policy probably has guaranteed options which are more favorable to you and your beneficiaries than those in a new policy. And if your financial needs have changed, there is a good chance that the old policy can be adjusted to meet your current situation. Should a replacement attempt be made, be sure that you have all the facts. Call me and give us the opportunity to review the replacement proposal with you so you will have both sides of the story. Then you can make a financially sound decision. Call Leo Lowdermilk at 832 338-6269 or 800 460-2706.



COUNCIL NEWS

- At our May meeting we presented the April Knight of the Month award to Brother Clarence Mallett. Brother Clarence has been a tireless worker and has been involved in practically everything the council has done. His wife Gloria was at his side when he accepted his award. [See pictures below](#)
- Also at our May meeting, we presented Brother Colin Kiernan with his award as May's Knight of the Month. Our hard working Membership Director was recognized for all of his efforts in building membership and all of his other volunteer work with the council and the parish. He did an outstanding job in putting together materials and making posters displaying our council's works and information about the Knights for our March Blitz. We signed 4 new Knights and had several men take brochures and express an interest in joining our Order. [See pictures below](#)
- We also presented PGK Brother Randy Yackley with his VIP Club Certificate for recruiting 5 new members to our Order. The Very Important Proposers Club honors those Knights that recruit new members. Entry to the Club is granted when a Knight proposes at least 2 new Knights. The levels than are 5, 20, 25, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200 up to 500 members. Remember we are all recruiters and need to follow Brother Randy's example and bring new members to our Order. [See pictures below](#)
- At mass on April 19th, our council honored the Gossard family as our April Family of the Month. The Gossards have been always ready to help whether it was as an Extraordinary Minister, an usher, take down every Sunday, or whatever they have been asked to do. [See pictures below](#)



Our April Knight of the Month Clarence Mallett



Our May Knight of the Month Colin Kiernan



PGK Randy Yackley receives a VIP Club Certificate for recruiting 5 new members



April's Family of the Month The Gossard Family



FATHER JOHN'S CORNER



FOR THOSE BORN HERE ARE HOLY

We have celebrated the mystery of Christ's saving Life, Death and Resurrection. Our Church once again has given birth through the waters of Baptism. Those who were baptized at Easter and all of us who renewed our own baptismal call. It is spring - the time of new life and rebirth. The Easter waters reminds us that we are indeed sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, the Body of Christ - all of us joined together!

A close friend of mine gave me the English translation of the Latin words written upon the baptismal font of St. John Lateran Church built around the year 324 by the emperor Constantine, in Rome (that's what you call old!!). The words are powerful and remind us of the importance of baptism and how through these waters we are born again deeply connected to Christ and one another. Around the baptismal font these words are found :

"HERE IS BORN IN SPIRIT-SOAKED FERTILITY A BROOD DESTINED FOR ANOTHER CITY.
 BEGOTTEN BY GOD'S BLOWING AND BORNE UPON THIS TORRENT BY THE CHURCH THEIR VIRGIN MOTHER.
 REBORN IN THE DEPTHS THEY REACH FOR HEAVEN'S REALM. THE BORN-BUT-ONCE UNKNOWN BY FELICITY.
 THIS SPRING IS LIFE THAT FLOODS THE WORLD, THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST ITS AWESOME SOURCE.
 SINNER SINK BENEATH THIS SACRED SURF THAT SWALLOWS AGE AND SPITS UP YOUTH.
 SINNER HERE SCORN SIN AWAY DOWN TO INNOCENCE.
 FOR THEY KNOW NO ENMITY WHO ARE BY ONE FONT, ONE SPIRIT, ONE FAITH MADE ONE.
 SINNER SHUDDER NOT AT SIN'S KIND AND NUMBER,
 FOR THOSE BORN HERE ARE HOLY."

These words tell us that to be reborn in the Easter waters is to know that we are all God's children. We are a "brood destined for another city." No one is to be left out, no one is to be excluded - all are called. As you and I celebrate the coming of spring and continue our journey towards Pentecost may we always remember that our baptism proclaims "FOR THOSE BORN HERE ARE HOLY." Father John

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Our Prayers Are With You

Please remember the following in your prayers:



SK Mark Dixon's grandfather Brother Harlon Dixon who recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

Joe Boudreaux, the father-in-law of Brother Rene Broussard who passed away May 7th. May he rest in peace.

Brother Matt Sasso's father-in-law

Our Men and Women in Uniform both living and deceased especially Gabriel Machado deployed in Afghanistan

Our Holy Father and all of the clergy

The innocent unborn

St. Angela Merici Parish



- May 2—The Special Olympics Spring Games are held at Strake Jesuit High School at 9:00 AM—**CANCELLED**
- May 6—Our First Social meeting at the church office after 7 PM mass will feature a program by our Lecturer Deacon Kevin.
- May 12—AGH Chapter meeting at council 3077 at 7:00 PM.
- May 20—Councils Regular business meeting follows 7 PM mass at 7:30 PM
- May 29—31 Texas State Convention will be held at the Hilton of the Americas in Houston. Check the newsletter for a list of activities.
- May 30—The Impact A Hero 5k fundraiser run. It is in Sugar land and set up begins at 4 AM at Mercer Stadium. If you want to volunteer or run check with Brother Ron Frerich for information.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Social meeting 7 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 AGH Chapter meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Business meeting 7:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 State Convention	30 Impact-A-Hero 5k
31 State Convention						

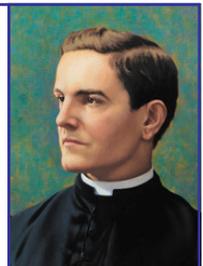
- June 3—Regular Business meeting at the church office after 7 PM mass.
- June 9—AGH Chapter meeting at council 3077 at 7:00 PM
- June 13 & 14—Foundation For Life Diaper Drive at all masses.
- June 14—Council Quarterly Corporate Communion at 9 AM mass.
- June 17—Officer's meeting at church office after 7 PM mass.

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Business meeting 7 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 AGH Chapter meeting 7	10	11	12	13 Diaper Drive
14 Diaper Drive Corp Communion	15	16	17 Officer's meeting 7 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



*Brothers, as we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day, I want to wish all of our council's wives and mothers, a very **Blessed and Happy Mother's Day**. While we are a men's organization, we always strive to include the entire family. Our spouses often sacrifice so that we can do our charitable work and for that we are very grateful. Remember it was Father McGivney's compassion for the many mothers who had lost their husbands and needed assistance that was a primary reason for him founding our Order. So thanks to all of our ladies. God bless you all.*





COUNCIL PHOTOS



Brother Knights carry in the cross for Good Friday services



Brothers prepare the cross for Good Friday services



SK Mark and Brother Jason hold the cross for adoration



The cross built by SK Ron Ferich stands before the altar



Brothers Jerry, Matt, Jake, Tim, Victor, Meco, and Fernando stuff plastic eggs for our parish Easter Egg hunt



Our council Easter Bunnies prepare eggs for the parish event

Remember: If you participate in any Knights of Columbus events or activities and have pictures, please forward them to Gary Bentz at gsbent@flash.net so we can have them for our Council records and also so that they may be published in the newsletter.



COUNCIL PHOTOS—EASTER EGG HUNT



I never knew the Easter Bunny was from Jersey!



Children hunt for eggs at the PLEX



One of the lucky prize winners picks his prize.



Fr. John picks the winning ticket numbers at the egg hunt



One of the Easter Basket winners claims his prize.



Another Grand Prize winner claims her prize.

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COUNCIL PHOTOS



Brother Nathan works at Camp For All



Bros. Nathan Stotts and Matt Leyden worked Camp For All



Brother Nathan helps the archers at Camp For All



Camp For All children having fun

On Sunday April 26th Brothers Matt Leyden and Nathan Stotts drove to the Camp For All facilities in Burton, Texas and spent the day helping with their Family Day activities. They were assigned to work the archery range. Camp For All is a unique camping and retreat facility that works in partnership with special needs groups to enrich the lives of people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Campers of all ages and abilities gain self-esteem and independence while having fun, learning new skills and bonding with others who share their challenges. The camp encourages campers to soar beyond their limitations through participation in dozens of fun and therapeutic programs, including horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, archery, water activities, team sports, arts and crafts, a nature program, and much more.

In the future there will be additional opportunities to volunteer and help the camp. We may plan a day where our council can go as a group and work on the camp facilities. There will also be chances to participate in the camp activities and work with the camper as Brothers Matt and Nathan did as pictured above.

If you have questions about the camp you may go to their website at www.campforall.org. Or ask Matt or Nathan about their day and their experience working with these campers. I believe they will tell you what a rewarding experience and fun day it was.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

IMPACT A HERO : The 5th Annual 5k Run/Walk/Wheel event will take place in Sugar Land on Saturday May 30th. Volunteers and donations are needed for this very special event to honor our men and women in uniform who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Set up begins at 4 AM and many are needed to help with the event. Contact Ron Frerich for information or go to their website at <http://www.impactahero.org/>

K OF C STATE CONVENTION: Below is a list of some of the scheduled events at this year's State Convention held at the Hilton Americas Hotel at 1600 Lamar:

FRIDAY MAY 29TH

8:00 AM—Golf Tournament at Southwyck Golf Club shotgun start.

10:00AM—Convention Registration Opens

12 NOON—Clergy Luncheon—Men only. Cost \$ 30.

3:30 PM—Awards Ceremony in the Grand Ballroom on Level 4.

6:30 PM—Opening Convention Mass at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Shuttle buses available.

SATURDAY MAY 30TH

9:30 AM—Morning Convention Business Session.

11:30 AM—Ladies Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom on Level 4. Cost \$ 30.

1:00 PM—Afternoon Business Session

7:00 PM—Convention Banquet in the Grand Ballroom on Level 4. Cost \$ 45.

SUNDAY MAY 31ST

7:00 AM—Memorial Mass in the Ballroom on Level 2

9:00 AM—Morning Business Session

9:30 AM—Ladies Breakfast and program in Room 339 A-B on Level 3. Cost \$ 30.

12 NOON—Convention Closes.

Grand Knight's Report—continued business meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of that month. Therefore our business meeting for May will be on the 20th after 7 PM mass. Plan on attending as we will read the slate of candidates for the upcoming officer's elections held on June 3rd. If you are interested in running for office you may place your name on the slate at either the May or June meeting prior to the balloting. Also if you have a topic you think would be of interest to the council, please share it with Deacon Kevin. Several of the upcoming topics will be for you and your wives. We will open those meetings for them to attend. So stay tuned and we will let you know.

We have 2 big events happening on the last weekend of May. The KC State Convention and the Impact-A-Hero 5k run. The schedule for the convention is listed above as well as on the State website. As it is in Houston this year it is a good chance to attend. Also note there are several events for the wives. Our council was considered for several awards so hopefully we will get some recognition at the awards banquet. I hope many of you can attend so our council will be well represented. The Impact-A-Hero event is in Sugar Land on Saturday May 30th. Please contact Brother Ron Frerich for information on helping, donating or participating. Again Brother Will Frerich is looking for sponsorships so if you want to support the foundation, you can do it through Brother Will and support him as well. Between now and the race, information and sign-up sheets will be available after all masses at the PLEX. So sign up to support our wounded heroes. They are a remarkable group of men and women.

And on June 13th and 14th we will have another Foundation for Life Diaper Drive. We will have our quarterly Corporate Communion at the 9AM mass on the 14th. Please plan on attending and bring diapers. God Bless You. Gary