



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brother Knights,

In following the Olympics and cheering for our USA team, I was taken by the young athletes that through their dedication and commitment achieved their goals, but not without setbacks, injuries and very hard work. These obstacles spurred them on. The athletes and many other young adults of their generation are our future leaders, and how impressive this is. As the rest of us pass on the torch of leadership, it is with deep appreciation that we are blessed with younger generations that can take over to lead and preserve our country's special legacy.

Our council, too, is a very special legacy not only for the Knights of Columbus, but also our church family and the community. We are building this legacy by bringing in new members to groom and learn its elements of leadership. We have had great members in the past who were willing to step up and bring our council to where it is today, but it cannot stop here.

I am most impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and willingness of our members to come forward and help the council achieve its goals. It means so much to see those willing members help with the many council activities, whether it is Donut Sunday, breakfasts at St. Robert's or St. Thomas, or participating in various committees to plan and coordinate the many fundraising initiatives.

As a result, your commitment and dedication as Christian brother knights are being noticed by those beyond our parishes. You are a special team, and you truly are "going for the gold" as our older members pass the torch of leadership to those who are able to preserve this special legacy. And importantly, we continue to value our older members who will contribute their wisdom and guidance as we evolve to this next step.

May God bestow upon you many blessings as you proceed forward!

Vivat Jesus!

Your Grand Knight,
Arnold C. Zueger



Working Together! More photos on page 2...



IN SERVICE

TO ONE.

IN SERVICE TO
ALL.

REMINDER!

FIRST DEGREE

Tuesday,
March 16
St. Robert's

7:00pm

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FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights,

Looking back a few years ago just prior to when I became a first degree knight, I remember the question asked of me, "Why do you want to become a knight". Taking a few moments I thought to myself why. Was it that I wanted to get more involved in my parish, was I looking to meet more people from my community, or was I looking for spiritual inclusiveness with a group of men they call knights, and was becoming a knight right for me? At the time I could not answer that basic question with any emphasis as to why I wanted to become a knight. In any event at the time something inside me told me to take the first step to becoming a knight. Since then I have not only taken the first steps into becoming a knight I continued following the path into the second, third, and forth degree. Today for me looking back I don't think the question of why did I want to become a knight is as important as what has becoming a knight done for my life and that of my family. Without much thought I would respond the joy of giving to others, spiritual inclusiveness with members in my community, supporting our church, supporting our beliefs as good Catholics, enhancing my own faith, and lastly becoming a knight was one of the best life style decisions I have made. With this in mind brother knights, send the message out to your fellow catholic gentlemen to become knights in the first degree in our council and for you knights that have taken your first step into the first degree follow the path forward into the remaining degrees. This will further enhance your experiences within the knights and also further allow you to become more of an active member with your ideas and passions within your council. As always I am confident that when there is a need to help your fellow man as Jesus has taught us, the Knights of Columbus will always be there.

Vivat Jesus!

Your Deputy Grand Knight,

Sean W Gibbons

SERVING BREAKFAST AT ST. ROBERT'S AND ST. THOMAS



Thank you for all of the help -
both parishes really enjoy
themselves at these breakfasts!

LOOKING AHEAD

March 7: Rosary at St. Robert's
10:30 am

Donut Sunday at St. Robert's

March 9: Officer's Meeting, St.
Robert, 6:30pm

March 14: Breakfast at St. Robert's

March 16: General Membership
Mtg, St. Robert, 7:00pm, **First
Degree**

April 2: Good Friday

April 4: Easter

Rosary at St. Robert's 10:30 am

April 11: Donut Sunday at St.
Robert's

April 13: Officer's Meeting, St.
Robert, 6:30pm

April 18: Blood Drive at St.
Robert's

April 20: General Membership Mtg,
St. Robert, 7:30pm

Please pray for:



Bud Fulford - healing from surgery

Jack Crandell - Surgery

Marvin Loukas' daughter, Noreen
for surgery / testing

Dick Kleff - Surgery

**It will be
here
soon...
BIG
raffle!**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Fr. Len Sudlik

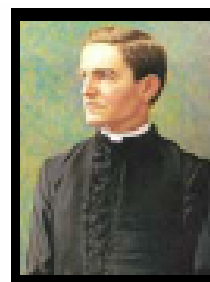
When you are Catholic, you don't usually think of yourself as being "born again." That terminology belongs to certain Protestant Rites that we refer to as Evangelical. Most Catholics would say that we are baptized once and that's all we need. Born again is not part of our spirituality.

I think that being Catholic and being born again go very much hand in hand. However, I also think that being Catholic means being born again, and again, and again, and again..... For Catholics, being born again is usually referred to as conversion. If we pay attention, we may find that we have many conversions in our lives. Some are small and uneventful. Some are earth shattering and may involve turning away from some sin that has had a hold on us. Conversion might involve finding my way back to the Church or deepening my relationship with my God. For some, joining the Knights of Columbus might have been a profound experience of conversion.

Our present journey is called the season of Lent. It is a time of conversion expressed on Ash Wednesday, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Holy Week and the celebration of the Lord's saving mystery are just ahead. May we all experience some sense of conversion as we die and rise with Christ.

THE FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Venerable Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.



There is no charge.

Visit: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org>

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St. Robert's / St. Thomas Charity Golf Outing Proposal

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Purpose: To raise money to purchase 2 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for St. Robert's & St. Thomas Churches.
Phillips HeartStart Onsite - Total Cost: \$2,981.60

Fundraising Goal: \$ 3,000.00

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2010

Golf Course: Thornapple Pointe Golf Course

Target # of Golfers: 72 (1 foursome per hole)

Cost of Golf: \$60.00

Entry Fee : \$100.00 (or \$400.00/foursome)

Proximity Prizes: Long Drive Hole (Qty 1)..... Prize: Gift Certificate for 18 Holes w/Cart
Straightest Drive Hole (Qty 1)..... Prize: Gift Certificate for 18 Holes w/Cart
Closest to the Pin Hole (Qty 2)..... Prize: Gift Certificate for 18 Holes w/Cart (2)

Raffle: \$10.00 - 10 raffle tickets
\$20.00 - 25 raffle tickets

Raffle Prize Ideas: Business (Suggested Donation)

Vitale's (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)..... Parishioners
Noto's (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)..... Parishioners
Ada Grill (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Zeytin (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Gilmore Restaurants (2 - \$50.00 Gift Certificates)..... Rick Thomas (parishioner) works for Gilmore Group
Marco's (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Sheldon Cleaners (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Forest Hills Fine Arts Center (2 Season Tickets)
Forest Hills Foods (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Grand River Grocery (\$50.00 Gift Certificate)
Bigby Coffee (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)
Starbucks Coffee (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)
Cascade Car Wash (10 Free Car Washes)
Blimpie (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)..... Jim & Keri DeBoer - Parishioners
Free Teeth Whitening..... We have several Dentists who are Parishioners

Food: Mixed Grill Buffet (Grilled Chicken, Burgers, Italian Sausage, Potato/ Pasta / Macaroni Salad & Cookies).

Projected Proceeds:

From Entry Fees: \$2,880.00

Buy Mulligans: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 (5 max per team)
\$360.00 potential

Raffle: \$720 - \$1,440

Food / Beverage Cost: Included in cost of Golf above.

Prize Money: \$600

1st Place: \$300 or \$75/man

2nd Place: \$200 or \$50/man

3rd Place: \$100 or \$25/man

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