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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

It was great to see all the volunteers who came out to help with Lenten Fish Fry. I personally enjoyed being able to see everyone and being able to talk with them. It was almost like the old times at the Club House. I really enjoyed the OLG students who helped us out, they are always polite, enthusiastic, and just fun to be around.

It looks like more of the covid restrictions are being relaxed and combined with new air filtration system installed in the Parish Life Center, we may be able to have in person meetings again, soon.

I have attached an article from the Columbian Magazine recognizing Retiring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's dedication to the rights of the unborn. In this a there is article there is a picture from 1977 of Brother Anderson with our beloved Brother Bill Eastwood

For now, please try to attend our online meetings, also read the newsletters, and look for email communications. With Gods help we will overcome the circumstance that are keeping us from a normal life. Lord hear our prayers.

PEACE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

On whom does Jesus bestow his peace? You may think, “I'm not worthy of living in Christ's peace. I have too many struggles in my life. My faith is so weak.”

You would do well to consider the men to whom Jesus first gave his peace. None of them was worthy, and none had a right to it.

Think about Peter. Jesus was about to bestow his peace on a minister of the gospel who would soon be spewing out cursings. Peter was zealous in his love for Christ, but he was also going to deny him.

The other disciples were no more righteous. They simmered with anger at James and John for trying to upstage them. There was Thomas, a man of God who was given to doubt. All of the disciples were so lacking in faith, it amazed and stressed Jesus. Indeed, in Christ's most troubling hour, they would all forsake him and flee. Even after the Resurrection, when the word spread that “Jesus is risen,” the disciples were slow to believe.

What a picture: These men were full of fear, unbelief, disunity, sorrow, confusion, competitiveness, pride. Yet it was to these same troubled servants that Jesus said, "I am going to give you my peace."

The disciples weren't chosen because they were good or righteous; that much is clear. Nor was it because they had talent or abilities. They were fishermen and day laborers, meek and lowly. Christ called and chose the disciples because he saw something in their hearts. As he looked into them, he knew each one would submit to the Holy Spirit.

At this point, all that the disciples had was a promise from Christ of his peace. The fullness of that peace was yet to be given to them, at Pentecost. That's when the Holy Spirit would come and dwell in them. We receive the peace of Christ from the Holy Spirit. This peace comes to us as the Spirit reveals Christ to us. The more of Jesus you want, the more the Spirit will show you of him—and the more of Christ's actual peace you will have.

From (The Return)

MARCH IN REVIEW:

Lenten Fish Fry: Thank you everyone how helped make this day an overwhelming success. Also, a bi thank you to the OLG school students who helped us out. Best guess is that we sold 260 plus dinners. There wasn't anything left at the end of the evening. Next year let's try a dine in and drive thru fish fry. Maybe we can sell 300 plus dinners.

Blood Drive: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the OLG Blood Drive. We had 26 people sign up and 22 actually came out and donated blood.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Apr 5th – Officers and Directors **ZOOM** meeting, 7:00 pm

Apr 5th – Into the Breach - A program to reinforce true masculinity, virtue sorely needed.

Apr 17th – Street Cleanup. Meet at McDonalds Westridge Rd. and Battleground Ave. for breakfast

Apr 19th – Council Business Meeting. **ZOOM** meeting, 7:30 pm

Apr 26th – Our Lady of Grace Men's Holy Hour. Last Monday of every month 7pm to 8pm in the Church. No signup necessary.

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

Past Newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the Website.

www.koc939.com Check it out.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE K OF C

By Andrew Butler

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CN in 1882. Maybe you already knew that he envisioned a Catholic order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families.

But you probably didn't know these facts:

1. Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.

2. He was a heck of a baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including these MLB legends.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/mighty-mcgivney-at-bat.html>

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to Parish Priest, nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future. Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. They organized and participated in sports and theatrical productions. McGivney offered members a meeting space with books, magazines, newspapers, and a piano. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time. Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, who — while drunk — shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Father McGivney visited him daily, and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

7. He was only 38 years old when he died.

And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut in the 19th century, when the Catholic population was growing, disease was common, and the priests were overworked.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

His cause for canonization is moving quickly, and he was officially declared "Blessed" by the Holy See in 2020. You can help promote devotion to this Servant of God — click here to report favors and ask for prayers through the Father McGivney Guild.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/fmcgs/en/index.html>

9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died of tuberculosis, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of the disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings survived.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas:

- Employment and finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
- Substance abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
- Family reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.
- Return to the faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:

Brothers

Each month I am asked to submit a news article for your council newsletter and each month I spend a significant amount of time thinking of a way to move my fellow Knights to action and meet with me to develop a financial plan for **YOUR** future. I usually hear things like "I am all set" or "I have an advisor" or "I am too old" or "too unhealthy" for insurance; just to name the top few.

In a word "Perception". You perceive yourself as being "all set" or "I already have an advisor" as though one person or one thought is the perfect plan. The truth is the perfect plan does not exist, it can't, there are too many constantly changing variables that exist to prevent anyone from coming up with the "perfect plan" The truth is you need several different people/professionals in your life to make recommendations on what they think is the best course of action at that time. This is one of the enormous day to day challenges I face in trying to protect my fellow Catholics. The important point is to have a plan, forget the perfect plan, just have a plan.

This is why, when I meet with my brother Knights, I tend to focus on a holistic approach. That is something that most advisors really cannot say! So, I am not saying that I have all the answers just maybe my perception about how to manage all those constantly changing variables can fine tune your "all set" plan. If you don't have a plan the good news is there is still time, you are not "too old" or "too unhealthy" for insurance. It's not about insurance, it's about having a plan! Let's sit down, have a cup of coffee, and get to know each other and discuss how I may be able to help you with your plan.

May God bless

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:

Whenever and wherever a Knight of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knight of Columbus. Wear your K of C nametag proudly, never reluctantly, and advertise for the Council.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Brother Knights Our council has open positions that need to be filled. Please look into your hearts and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

L.A.M.B: Piedmont Council 939 requires a volunteer to assume the mantle of Council LAMB Director. A complete LAMB Training Manual is available for the Brother who steps forward to take charge thereby providing the necessary leadership to get our Council program rolling again. Please contact the GK.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

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WIDOWS PROGRAM:

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PASS PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE GRAND KNIGHT AT HIS NUMBERS BELOW. APOLOGIES TO ANYONE OVERLOOKED IN THIS COUNCIL 939 NEWSLETTER.

Please keep the following in your prayers

Roy Berninger
Dominic Brunoizzi
Dan Camia
Fran Egloff
Jack Kealey
Kneidl Family
Tom O'Hanlon
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar
Brian Dubicki
Ronald S Saksa (Carol Stratton's Brother)
Gary Chapman
Kathy Chapman
Dick Morrison
Jackie Standen
Marion Gilligan

Bob Englert
Pupello Family
Mike Kenney
Kitty Heath
Joe and Frances Coyle
Betty D'Amello
Polickoski Family
Bob Nutt's Mother In-Law, Pauline, who recently passed away.
O'Hanlon Family on the recent death of Brother Tom's wife Bonnie

DECORUM:

Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary. Don't forget a mask!

Always stand, if physically able, to be recognized by the grand Knight remembering to render the hand salute at the beginning and at the end of the exchange.

If a name tag is needed, contact the Financial Secretary, Brother Chris Frank, email: frankchrisj@aol.com.

VIVAT JESUS:

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