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KNIGHTLY NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

The Men's Faith Sharing continues to be a success, even during the summer months while the snow birds have gone north. We have 15, plus or minus attending. There are a lot of men at OLA Parish so we should invite them to the meeting. Even if you don't think you need it, come on out. It is great and you learn something new each time. Men's Faith Sharing is held 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. every Friday morning.

The Admissions Degree was held at St Patrick's and two candidates were exemplified for the Degree. The Council now has four new members for the Fraternal year. For the year, the Council's goal is 18 new members, so please support Brothers Bob Cestaro, Membership Director and Jeff Conforte, Admissions Director. In addition, this year's insurance goal is 6 new members, please see Brother Bob Taraska, the Insurance Man.

The Family of the Month for July is Brother Mike and Deborah Robertson for their work as Lector and setting up Sacred Heart Hall for our socials. Brother Mike regularly attends the Bible Faith Sharing sponsored by the Knights and with Deborah volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations to Mike and Deborah.

Planning for our annual Pasta Dinner has begun. The Pasta Dinner is October 14th from 4 pm to 7 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. If anyone is interested helping with the dinner, please contact Brother Carmine Maida.

There will be a Corporate Mass on September 16 at the 4 pm Mass. Our past Corporate Mass was a great success and this promises to be a greater success, as the get together afterward will again be at the Ranch Grill, located at the intersection of Lorraine Rd and SR 70. See Brother Ed Christie for details.

GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS **(cont.)**

Habitat for Humanity has an additional phase of Habitat's Depot in Palmetto. August 18 at 7:30 am to noon. Brother John Joly, Community Director, leads this effort. We are trying to get one project per month with Habitat. Thus far, we have volunteered for 8 projects in 2017 and accumulated 207 service hours! Thank you for helping out! Council 13341 is joining Habitat Faith Build 2018 to build a house. Many faith communities will be involved. Brother John Joly has information on the build. Mark your calendar for December 2017 groundbreaking.

On Saturday August 5th 2017 the Knights volunteered at the practice sessions of the Special Olympics Bowling Teams who are preparing for their statewide competition. This practice runs from August 5th to October 21st every Saturday from 1:45 pm until 4 pm. Brother John Joly has information on location and other information if you are interested to help.

On Saturday, November 11, the Knights of Columbus will again be celebrating Veterans' Day at Sarasota National Cemetery. Please see Sir Knight Vinnie Cipriano for details.

Food for Families continues to be a great source of getting food to people who need it. Monetary donations are accepted as well! These donations are used by St. Joseph's to purchase additional items. This is led by Brother Mateo Cangemi and other Knights.

The Blood Drive had another successful outing in August. This was led by Brothers Bill Rempe, Steve Balazic, Dave Rondeau, and Frank Grezelak. In addition, Laura Maccione, OLA parishioner, graciously assists. The next Drive will be held September 21.

GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS **(cont.)**

This a reminder to order the following kits: Soccer Challenger Kit- SC-KIT, Church Recruitment Drive Material Order, Coats for Kids form 5029, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – Form EA-KIT and Substance Abuse Awareness - Form SA – KIT.

Thank you for your service,

Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

We pray for: Donna Reed and daughter Darcie, Jerry and Mary Healy, Pete Galvez, Warren Glasow, Daniel Kegg, Peter – friend of Bill Camastro, Richard Bohan, hurting and struggling K of C Members, Carol Alesi, Jeff Jarr, Deacon Rick Zandy, Donna Makovec, Deacon Hugh Muller, Dan Multon, Dennis O'Connor, Joe Stachniak, Pat Kuehn, Ginger Swihura, Jack Warble, Ed Mazurek, Annie Hayes, Ralph Rossi, Fr. Bob Unger, all elected officials, unborn children, Rinaldo Baez, Jim Malley, Jordan Peak, John Manfra, Jim Mazurek. Carol Brazas, Renee Harrison, Louis Justen, Connie Graves, Lena Salvadore, and Sheila McLaughlin.

COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK

*View the Council's new FaceBook Page
www.facebook.com/knights13341
Don't forget to click 'LIKE' after reading!!*

OLA CHURCH CLEANERS **NEEDED**

*Brothers are needed to help clean the Church after the 8 a.m. Mass on Thursday mornings. Ample supply of brooms and mops are available. If you can spare half an hour or so, please contact:
Brother Jim Coon jamespatrickcoon@yahoo.com*

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

The Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, continues every Wednesday from 6:15 pm to 7 pm. The Patriotic Rosary is being prayed in response to the Bishops call for prayer for Religious Freedom including the overturn of the mandate and for the Christians being persecuted and even killed in the Middle East. It is a very powerful Rosary. If the brother Knights can attend a couple or three times a month it would make a difference, because there is power in Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli*

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

PASTA DINNER

Fellow Brothers,

The Pasta Dinner is coming up on Saturday October 14, from 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM in Sacred Heart Hall. We will need the following help for this dinner:

- 1) We need advertising and marketing to start now. Frank Shea and Ken Nickerson plus Knights to make announcements and selling tickets.*
- 2) Set up people to help with tables and chairs and place settings, we have two we need two more.*
- 3) Gravy / sauce Makers we have nine people making the gravy / sauce we could use two or three more.*
- 4) We will need 4-5 servers. The serving will be at the window (same way it is served during the fish fry)*
- 5) We will need help selling the soda and the wine, as well as deserts 2-3 people.*
- 6) We will need 2-3 people cooking the pasta.*
- 7) We will need people to clean up the tables, as well as taking care of the trash during the dinner, 2-3 people.*
- 8) We Need brother Knights taking in money at the door plus collecting tickets. we have two we can use one more.*
- 9) We also need people to set up the salads, do the bread and cook the bread we have one maybe two people.*
- 10) We need clean up people to take care of the trash, clean pots and pans, vacuum the floors and mop the kitchen floor.*
- 11) We also need to put tables and chairs away the way we found them. We do not have anyone at this time, but can use 5-6 people.*

If the Lord moves you to help please email me at cmaida2@yahoo.com , and I will put you on the list.

*Blessings to all,
Carmine Maida
In God We Trust, Support our Troops*

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Brothers,

Our Council's next Corporate Mass will be celebrated on Saturday Sept. 16, 2017 at the 4:00 PM Mass. All Council members and family members are invited to the Mass and the meal that follows. Those in attendance should be in the vestibule of the Church no later than 3:40PM. We will line up and march in as a group led by the Color Corps at 3:50PM. The first two rows in on the right side of the Church will be roped off so that we will be able to sit as a group.

After the Mass there will be a buffet meal at the Ranch Grill located at the intersection of Lorraine Rd and SR 70. The menu will be as follows:

- *Assorted fresh baked rolls and butter.*
- *Mixed tossed salad greens with dressing.*
- *Rice Pilaf*
- *Steamed fresh broccoli florets*
- *Chicken Marsala*
- *Baked Ziti*
- *White fish*
- *Assorted Mini Desserts*
- *Iced tea, sodas and coffee*

Price per person will be \$15.99 (with tax and tip est. \$21.00).

A Cash Bar will also be available.

We will be in a room dedicated to our Council. To properly prepare for the meal Ed Christie needs to know who will be attending and how many in your party by Wednesday September 13, 2017.

Please contact Brother Ed Christie at the following email address: maejcberwyn@aol.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Saturday, July 29th, 2017, 6 Knights and 1 Lady Knight of Council 13341 family worked at a follow-on Habitat project at the Manatee County Habitat Depot in Palmetto. This depot houses Habitat assets including vehicles, building and construction materials and supplies, and is the primary source provider of materials to the various home projects in Manatee County.



Brothers Bob Cestaro and Jim Coon cleaning driveway.



(l) Brothers Bob Cestaro and Mike and Deb Robertson.



Brother Rich Macklin.



Brother Matt Cangemi cleaning sidewalk.



Brother John Joly cleaning stripes at Manatee county Habitat Depot in Palmetto.

This project represented the 7th Habitat project completed in as many months thus far in 2017.

Sir Knight John Joly

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Saturday, August 5th, 2017, Brothers John Joly and Jeff and Liz Conforte volunteered at the first practice session of the Special Olympics Bowling Teams who are preparing for their statewide competition. This was a very humbling experience to say the least. It was also enlightening and gives one a deep sense of gratitude in helping the less fortunate with their special needs. It reminds you to count your blessings! Please consider volunteering your time for an afternoon or two throughout the next few weeks.

Although Bowling does not belong to the Olympic sports, it is among the most popular sports in Special Olympics. It is a particularly beneficial sport to people with [intellectual disabilities](#), irrespective of their age or sports abilities, since it ensures physical exercise and at the same time participation and social integration. Plus, it's great fun!

Special Olympics of Manatee County needs volunteers for bowling practices running from August 5th to Oct. 21st every Saturday from 1:45 PM until about 4 PM. They take place at the AMF Bradenton Lanes, 4208 Cortez Road, Bradenton FL 34210.

You can choose to work one or several Saturday practices. It's totally up to you. If you wish to volunteer (perhaps with your wife as well), please let John Joly jojoly@earthlink.net know what afternoon(s) so that we can track our volunteer service hours. Wear your Council shirt (red preferably) and check in with whomever is managing the practice from Special Olympics of Manatee County.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONTESTANTS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 5 Knights of the Council 13341 family worked at a follow-on Habitat project at the Manatee County Habitat Depot in Palmetto. This is the depot that houses Habitat assets including vehicles, building and construction materials and supplies, and is the primary source provider of materials to the various home projects in Manatee County. The project team consisted of Our Lady of the Angels Knights working with the Habitat Construction Facility Manager. The Knights provided sanding and priming tasks on 80 feet of fencing to be installed at a new duplex home nearby. This activity was coordinated by SK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Community Services Director. This represented the 8th Habitat project completed in as many months thus far in 2017.



(l-r) Brothers George Martin and Rich Macklin painting fence.



(l-r) Brothers Roger Coustry and Matt Cangemi fence painting.



(l-r) Brothers John Joly and Matt Cangemi fence painting.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next scheduled Blood Drive is on September 21, 2017, from 1:00 – 7: p.m. Brothers will be needed to help register donors after weekend Masses on September 16 and 17. Please consider helping with registration!

Thank you,

Brother Bill Rempe WREMPE@VERIZON.NET

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

27 volunteers from our Council (Knights, Knights & Wives or Knight family members) have signed up for the Special Olympics Stand-Up Paddle statewide competition on August 26th at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota. We are very pleased with the response and are confident of the impact we will make and exposure we will have working in support of this worthy cause and community event.

OLA COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Lady of the Angels Community Life Committee has an event planned for this fall: A cruise out of Tampa is planned for November with limited rooms available. Please contact Brother John Joly for further information. jojoly@earthlink.net

FOURTH DEGREE

VETERANS DAY MASS

At the Sarasota National Cemetery on November 11, 2017 will be held the Veterans Day Mass Ceremony.

SUGAR BOWL

The next Sugar Bowl will be held at the Neel Performing Arts Center, Sunday, February 17, 2017. The Atlantic City Boys will provide entertainment. Additional information will be provided soon.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND

To all Florida Knights,

The best way we can assist our Brother Knights and the good people of Texas who have been ravaged by Hurricane Harvey is to contribute funds. Please consider either making a direct donation or taking up a collection then sending the collected funds directly either to the Supreme Councils "Knights of Columbus Charities" "United Disaster Relief" or to the Texas State Council directly. Both options are listed below. Do not try to send materials or other goods since delivery and distribution systems are currently disrupted, the best way to help is to send funds and keep them in our prayers.

Many people in the Gulf Coast of Texas are reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey this weekend. Thousands have evacuated their homes, many of which have been damaged or destroyed.

The recovery process is going to be a long and painful one, and your support is urgently needed.

*Please **DONATE TODAY** to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.*

For Donations by Check

***Make Checks Payable To: "Knights of Columbus Charities"
Kindly specify "United Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check***

For Donations by Check in USD:

***Send To:
Knights of Columbus Charities
One Columbus Plaza
PO Box 1966
New Haven, CT 06509-1966***

***Ed Sleyzak
Florida Communication Coordinator***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 'MODERNIZE' FOURTH DEGREE UNIFORMS

By Matt Hadro

St. Louis, Mo., Aug 3, 2017 / 02:56 pm (CNA/EWTN News).- The classic ceremonial hats and capes of Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus that you may have seen at Mass or at parish events will now be getting a major alteration.

"This fraternal year, we make another historic change. The Board of Directors has decided that the time is right for a modernization of the Fourth Degree uniform," Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus Carl Anderson announced on Tuesday at the Knights' 135th annual international convention in St. Louis, Mo.



Fourth degree Knights of Columbus in procession at a military ceremony in Lourdes, wearing the uniform in use from 1940-2017. Credit: Elise Harris/CNA

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic men's organization with over 1.9 million members worldwide. The organization promotes four virtues of fraternity, unity, charity, and solidarity among its members.

The Fourth Degree uniform is worn by those who have reached the highest levels of the Knights of Columbus, are at least 18 years of age and have been a Third Degree member in good standing. Each degree is associated with one of the four virtues of the Knights, with patriotism being associated with the Fourth Degree. Members of the Fourth Degree serve in honor guards for liturgical processions or in color guards at ceremonial events, hence the distinctive nature of their uniform.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 'MODERNIZE' FOURTH DEGREE UNIFORMS
By Matt Hadro (cont.)

The uniform of the Fourth Degree has changed throughout the history of the Knights, as previous versions included a top hat and a tuxedo with tails. However, it has remained relatively the same since 1940 – a plumed chapeau which can be worn with plumes of different recognized colors, a tuxedo, a cape, and a ceremonial sword.

Now, however, the Knights will be leaving behind the classic uniform for a “modernized” version, a blue blazer with the Fourth Degree emblem and dark gray slacks, a blue Fourth Degree tie, and a beret.

Vice supreme masters processed into Mass on Tuesday at the convention wearing the new uniform. Anderson then officially announced the change while delivering the annual report of the Supreme Knight.

The board of directors for the Knights decided for the change, Anderson said, to “modernize” the dress uniform that is typically worn at ceremonial or solemn events.

“On a limited basis, assemblies may choose to continue using the traditional cape and chapeau for color corps at public events and for honor guards in liturgical processions,” Anderson said on Tuesday.

“However, the preferred dress for the Fourth Degree – including color corps and honor guards – is now the new uniform of jacket and beret.”



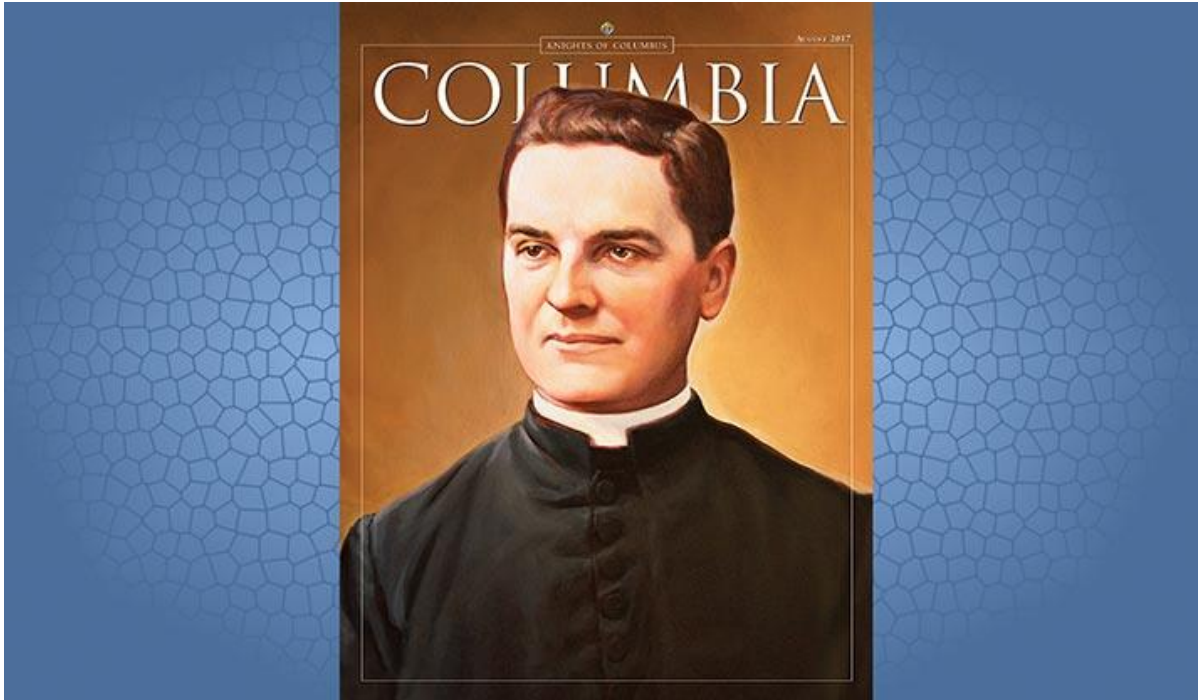
*Submitted by Sir Knight Francis Shea
Council # 13341 Public Relations Director*

THE PERSONALITY OF FATHER MCGIVNEY

8/2017

by Father Joseph G. Daley

A CONTEMPORARY REMEMBERS THE FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS A HUMBLE AND WARM-HEARTED PRIEST



A photograph of Father Michael J. McGivney seated in a rectory setting circa 1880 is attributed the New Haven photography studio of John J. Tierney, a parishioner at St. Mary's Church and a member of San Salvador Council 1. Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In commemoration of Father Michael J. McGivney's birth (Aug. 12, 1852) and his death (Aug. 14, 1890), below is an abridged text of an article that appeared in the June 1900 edition of *The Columbiad*, the Order's official publication before *Columbia*.*

In the annals of the priesthood of New England no name deserves brighter honor than that of Father Michael Joseph McGivney. His short life of 38 years, closing in the summer of 1890, was yet rich in every priestly virtue — the love for souls of the true alter Christus, the childlike piety of the Curé d'Ars, the zeal of Vincent de Paul for works of mercy, the unfatigued optimism of the associates of Ozanam — these traits, so precious in the sight of man and heaven, were clearly mirrored in the soul of that good, simple, honest priest of Connecticut.

His special vocation was to develop Catholic manhood, to bind into one conspicuous solidarity all the elements that make for strength of character and so, indeed, to bring out that solidity of character — in other words, that Catholicity — prominently in its strength before the world. Thanks to his labors, the Society of the Knights of Columbus was organized in 1882. Its purpose was to create among Catholic laymen a confraternity which,

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while not being a religious society in the strict sense of the word, exacted from its members certain religious qualifications, that is to say, the open profession of the Catholic faith and filial submission to the Church in all matters of doctrine, discipline and morals.

The effect of the Society of the Knights of Columbus has since that become extraordinary; the Catholic layman has been brought to realize the preciousness of his birthright as a son of the Church; and Catholic citizenship, so long decried, so long pointed out as a menace to the country's institutions, has become indeed synonymous now with uprightness, piety, intelligence, and social strength. The Knights of Columbus, by attracting to their ranks such integrity of moral principle, such elevation of mind and such loftiness of character, have dissipated the olden prejudices and caused the Catholic name to be everywhere honored. ...

The establishing of the Knights as a society was distinctively a priestly work. Their founder as a boy studied his classics under the Jesuit fathers at Montreal. Among them he imbibed so deep a spirit for erudition that he wished to become a Jesuit himself. His father, living at that time just outside the little city of Waterbury, a sturdy iron-molder by trade and in his leisure something of an agriculturalist, would not lend himself to encouraging in the son any such preference and when in due time solicited, absolutely refused to grant paternal sanction.

A few years later, the young McGivney, having lost his father and endured for a while some dint of distress, was given an opportunity to enroll himself as a student at Baltimore among the Sulpicians of St. Mary's. To them he unfolded his mind anew; and they, finding in him the ideal vocation, diverted him entirely from the thought of joining the Jesuits. The arena of stirring toilers rather than that of placid thinkers was the sphere best adapted to qualities and energies such as were his, they argued; and so, while praising scholarship as a possession of great value, they taught him to regard it as merely a subsidiary quality in a priest: — humanity, and not the humanities, should engage henceforth his most devoted study; sympathy for human woes was a property more intrinsic than knowledge: to store up knowledge was good, they admitted; but to save souls was incomparably better. Humanity — its woes; human souls — their rescuing: with topics like these so persistently upon his mind, he studied and prayed and meditated and took counsel: then he went straight to work. ...

I remember meeting with Father McGivney in New Haven in 1883, the year after the first incorporation of the Knights. He was then in the prime of his vigor, entrusted by a good but delicate pastor, Father Lawlor, with the management of St. Mary's, a parish lying close under the towers of Yale College and at that time the most aristocratic parish in Connecticut. Father McGivney himself was anything but aristocratic; he was a man of extreme grace of manner in any society, but without any airs, without any "lugs," if you will pardon the expression. I saw him but once and yet I remember his pale, beautiful face as if I saw it only yesterday; it was "a priest's face," and that explains everything. It was a face of wonderful repose; there was nothing harsh in that countenance, although there was everything that was strong; there was nothing sordid, nothing mercenary, nothing of the politician, nothing of the axe-grinder. Guile and ambition were as far from him as from heaven. To meet him was at once to trust him; children actually loved him; and the very old

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people of the neighborhood, whom he hunted up and who got part of his time even on busiest days, called him a positive saint and meant it.

At the city jail the wardens still hand down anecdotes of what Father McGivney said and did during visits which he paid the prisoners. Elsewhere, too, incidents abound to his credit. A blind, aged man who used to live by charity, but who was not a Catholic went every Sunday to Mass at St. Mary's to hear "that voice." Non-Catholics found in Father McGivney a soul of immense sympathy, which invited them strongly toward investigating the religious truths his lips proclaimed.

Among the conversions due to God's grace in Father McGivney are two which to this day everyone still talk of at New Haven. One of these converts was David Buell, famous in his Yale days as a musician and author of the opera Penikeese — but now unknown to the world, though a member of the Society of Jesus. The other notable convert was Miss Harwood, daughter of Rev. Dr. Harwood, the rector of the most distinguished Episcopalian congregation in the whole state, and a man of large scholarship and wealth. Miss Harwood's conversion attracted notice by reason of her distinction in the ranks of society, the refinement of her home and circle, and the great brilliancy of mind which she possessed, together with her superiority of education and extreme personal grace. The death of Miss Harwood which came all too early was yet attended with every consolation our holy faith could bestow.

Father McGivney's influence over men was something extraordinary. Young men particularly were attracted to him and hung upon his words with an eagerness which he himself often wondered at; hundreds petitioned for the light of his counseling and sent others too, to share his advice. ...

It is a source of edification to note how these young men of the earliest councils have rounded out their mature careers. Cornelius T. Driscoll is the present mayor of the city of New Haven; Stephen Maher, M.D., having taken his degree at Edinburgh, has now a large repute in medical circles; John J. Phelan, living comfortably at Bridgeport, has seen himself elected Secretary of State in the Nutmeg Commonwealth, serving under Gov. Luzon Morris. John T. McPartland, who at one time seemed destined for the Church, has grown rich in business; and Edward Downes, a member of perhaps the oldest, richest, and most respected Catholic family of New Haven, who seemed once destined for politics, has come at length to reveal a vocation for the Church.

Two members of the old guard have clung exclusively to K of C affairs. These are Wm. M. Geary and Daniel Colwell. Mr. Geary, although well on in his 47th year, looks still young and handsome, still possessing energies which give ample scope to a great ambition for business and splendid tact for management. Mr. Colwell is a busy man and in business hours cannot brook disturbance. But yet once in a while he does make an exception when a stranger from afar comes in to bother him at his desk in the offices of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus. ... From time to time, he dropped back into personal recollections, naming often, and yet always with a noticeable tenderness, that kind young priest of 20 years ago whose image was in both our minds and whose large portrait stood upon the desk in front of us — Father McGivney, the warm-hearted priest of Christ's Church of Charity....

THE PERSONALITY OF FATHER MCGIVNEY (CONT.)

Rev. Richard Foley of Brooklyn, N.Y., who was a close seminary chum of Father McGivney, told me recently that the three points of character most noted in Father McGivney were his sense of orderliness, his depth of piety, and his fund of good humor. His taste for order was indeed remarkable. During his stay at Baltimore, the Sulpicians would not be content with anyone else for the post of sacristan. His good humor too was often apparent; for everywhere that he is spoken of, his happy words, his genial utterances, weighing more than nuggets of gold, are still remembered, and still treasured up. His piety too has been referred to. That piety crystallized itself in his immense charity.

In the McGivney family, there were three sons, both of the brothers being much younger than himself: and if Father McGivney could be said to have ever had one single worldly ambition, it was to hope that his brothers might enjoy a good education. The dearest wish of his heart has since that time been realized; for all three sons of the family have alike become priests, both of the others still surviving him. The elder of these is the Rev. Patrick J. McGivney of Middletown, Conn., at the present time state chaplain of Connecticut; the other is Rev. John McGivney of Bridgeport, a young man of less than 30 years, well-spoken of for his earnest yet graceful preaching.

Father McGivney the institutor of the Knights died as pastor of the parish of Thomaston, Conn., in August 1890. He died without leaving any pecuniary debts; but he died also without owning a dollar: and the reason of it was that in his heart of charity he had given his last dollar away.

FATHER JOSEPH G. DALEY (1866-1935) served as a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., and was the author of several books of fiction.

*Submitted by Brother Francis Shea
Council # 13341 Public Relations Director*

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

Bob Taraska

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***Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council #13341
2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities***

AUGUST

24 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.

SEPTEMBER

7 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.

12 1st Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council # 15821.

16 Corporate Mass, 4 p.m., OLA.

16-17 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.

21 Social Meeting, OLA.

28 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.

28 2nd Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826.

29 Social Meeting.

OCTOBER

5 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.

9 Social Event, Annual Columbus Day Pasta Dinner, OLA.

14 3rd Degree Exemplification, Incarnation Council #15332.

14-15 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.

19 Social Meeting, OLA.

24 1st Degree Exemplification, OLA, 7 p.m.

26 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.

26 1st Degree Exemplification.

28 Sign up for Blood Drive after weekend Masses.

28 All Saints Day (Halloween Party), St. Michael's Parish, Wauchula.

NOVEMBER

2 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.

11 Veterans Day Mass, Bishop Dewayne, Sarasota National Cemetery.

13 Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers.

16 Social Meeting, OLA.

18-19 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.

21 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.

2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)

DECEMBER

- 7** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 7** *National Night of Prayer for Life, Liberty, and Faith, 1030 p.m., OLA.*
- 9** *Breakfast with St. Nick, 8 – 1230 p.m., OLA.*
- 10** *Corporate Mass, 8 a.m., OLA.*
- 11** *Council Christmas Party, Tara Golf and Country Club.*
- 12** *1st Degree Exemplification.*
- 14** *1st Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.*
- 16-17** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 17** *Distribute Coats for Kids for Sr. Gema, St. Michael's Church, Wauchula.*
- 20** *Decorate church for Christmas, 9 a.m., OLA.*
- 28** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*

JANUARY

- 4** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 6-7** *Sign up blood donors after weekend Masses.*
- 11** *Blood Drive, OLA.*
- 11** *Assembly Meeting – Renewal of vows, 630 p.m., OLA.*
- 16** *1st Degree Exemplification.*
- 18** *Cross Deployment along SR 70 for "Right to Life" support, 830 a.m.*
- 18** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 20-21** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 22** *Remove crosses along SR 70 for "Right to Life" support.*
- 25** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 28** *2nd Degree Exemplification, St. Joseph Council # 5604, 7 p.m.*

FEBRUARY

- 1** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 13** *Shrove Tuesday dinner, 630 p.m., OLA.*
- 15** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 16** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 17** *Sugar Bowl to help Brother Knights, Neel Performing Arts Center, 530 p.m.*
- 22** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 22** *1st Degree Exemplification, St. Patrick Council # 13307.*
- 23** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 24-25** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*

2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)

MARCH

- 1** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 2** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 3-4** *Collection for Veterans after weekend Masses for Patriotic Ball Fundraiser.*
- 8** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 9** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 11** *Assembly Patriotic Ball for 4th Degree, Tara Golf & Country Club, 5 p.m.*
- 15** *1st Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826, 7 p.m.*
- 16** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 17-18** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 22** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 23** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*

APRIL

- 5** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 14-15** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 19** *Social Meeting*
- 21** *3rd Degree Exemplification, St. Joseph Council # 5604, 11 a.m.*
- 26** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 26** *1st Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of the Angels, 7 p.m.*

MAY

- 3** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 5** *Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser, OLA, 5 p.m.*
- 12-13** *Blood Drive sign up after all Masses.*
- 17** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 18** *Blood Drive, OLA.*
- 19-20** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 24** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 27** *2018 Tribute to Heroes Block Party and Parade, 7 p.m.*

JUNE

- 7** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 10** *Corporate Mass for the Council, 1230 p.m. Mass, OLA.*
- 14** *1st Degree Exemplification, Incarnation Council # 15332.*
- 16-17** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 21** *Social Meeting, OLA.*
- 20** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA, 7 p.m.*
- 28** *2nd Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826.*
- 29** *Social Meeting.*