

Council Calendar August

18: 7 p.m., Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH-1. 21: 7 p.m., Degree Ceremony (Team 1), HF LCH.

24: Council Picnic & Mass, CVNP Ledges

September

3: 7:30 p.m., Officers Meeting, HF LCH-1. 6-7: Council Leads Rosary before all HF weekend Masses. 14: Council Golf Outing, Fox Den Golf Course, 2770 Call Road, Stow. 15: 7 p.m., Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH-1. 17: 7 p.m., Live Degree Ceremony (Team 2), HF LCH-2.

October

1: 7:30 p.m., Officers Meeting, HF LCH-1. 4-5: Council Leads Rosary before all HF weekend Masses. 20: 7 p.m., Rosary before 7:30 General Meeting, HF LCH-1. 23: 7 p.m., Live Degree Ceremony (Team 1), HF LCH.

Monthly Meetings:

Third Monday
of the month, 7:30 p. m.
Holy Family Parish
LCH - Room 1
(Rosary at 7 p. m.)
Council Website:
holyfamilystow.org/kofcStow

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

by Jerry Chiurazzi



August already!!

I am sure everyone is busy fitting in the last-minute vacations, getting ready for backto-school and pre-season football.

The Council has a few activities on the schedule that will add to our summer fun. The council picnic will be held on Sunday, August 24, at The Ledges Pavilion in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. It is a fun family event with good food, games, fellowship and an inspirational outdoor Mass. This year **Fr. Jon Hawkins** will be our celebrant. The signup for the event is at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8A62FA6FB6-57600667-council The deadline for signup is August 16th; we need to get a count so we can order the food.

In September we will have our golf outing at Fox Den. There are tee times for ten foursomes. A reminder message should be in your email box now. Contact chair **Ron Crock** if you want to play.



Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, depicted above in this icon, is the Franciscan Saint of the Day for August 13. The dates of his birth and death are coincidental: his birthday is August 12; he died on August 14. The Items below were taken from *The Franciscan Media* page (https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/blessed-michael-j-mcgivney/)

Blessed Michael McGivney's Story: The eldest son of an immigrant Irish family in Connecticut, young Michael left school at 13 to work in a brass factory making spoons. At 16 he began studies for the priesthood in Quebec, but was obliged to leave to help support the family when his father died. Michael completed his education in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained for the diocese of Hartford in 1877.

Assigned to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Fr. McGivney was very active in parish and civic affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a minor whose father had died, leaving a large family in poverty.

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This situation as well as his own family's circumstances and that of other immigrants impressed on Fr. McGivney the need for lay Catholic men to establish a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance for their families if the primary wage earner died. Protestant fraternal groups already provided this type of life insurance protection for their members.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus among a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity, and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. Because of the Knights' emphasis on serving Church, community and family, the organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based. Patriotism was added as a founding principle in 1900.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia in 1890 and was buried in Waterbury, Connecticut. Later his body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today. He was beatified in 2020.

Reflection: Michael Joseph McGivney was a genuine pastor who, in the words of Pope Francis, was unafraid to share "the smell of his sheep." He promoted families whose members were strong in their faith, expressed through generous following of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In a decree read at the beatification Mass, Pope Francis praised Fr. McGivney's "zeal and the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters." These "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

Turning to Council business. after two years of faithful service, Brother **John Nelson** stepped down from the role of Exemplification Team Two leader. Brother **Keith Limbacher** stepped up to fill that role. At the State Tour Stop, our council was recognized for conducting several exemplifications and having two active teams. I need to thank John and the several other men that conduct our ceremonies. Well done. I will thank Keith in advance for keeping the process running smoothly.

The Council needs a Director of Faith Programs. I currently hold that position but need to transition it to another brother. A description of the role is below:

Faith Director: The faith director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director.

- The faith director assists the grand knight with achieving the Star Council requirements for Faith programs.
- Responsible for all faith-based council programs and oversees the Faith in Action area of Faith.
- The faith director forms teams or committees for the purpose of identifying, planning and implementing Faith programs.
- He communicates individual committee reports to the program director and/or grand knight.

A Faith in Action program director position is a significant opportunity for a man to become involved in council operations. It does require work; however, the Faith area is one of the easier areas of the Faith in Action programs to administer.

Let me know if you are interested. As always, I'd be glad to talk more and address any questions.

A preliminary Council budget was approved by the officers at our August 6 meeting. We will present the budget at this month's council meeting and publish it and its supporting documents for review. The plan is to introduce a resolution for its adoption at September's council meeting.

That's enough business for now so, let's live easy for the rest of the summer. Vivat Jesus, Jerry

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Signup Deadline is Aug. 16 for Council Summer Picnic; Come, Join us for Food, Fun, Family & Fellowship

Dear Brother Knights and friends of the council - **Our annual picnic is set for Sunday, August 24**, and will be held once again at the Ledges Pavillion in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. A reminder that this is a family event and all family members are invited. We will gather at approximately 1 p.m. with celebration of the Holy Mass at 1:30 with **Father Jon Hawkins**. Food and fellowship will follow. We are grateful to Father Hawkins for being our celebrant.

TIMING

- All attendees should plan on gathering between 1 and 1:15 p.m.
- Mass will start at approximately 1:30 p.m.
- We will be grilling food immediately following Mass.
- After the meal, there will be ample time for fellowship. Feel free to bring yard games to enjoy.

FOOD & DRINK

The council will provide the following:

- Hamburgs, hot dogs, brats, buns and condiments.
- Plates, napkins and dinnerware.
- Water (Still & Sparkling) and Soda (note alcohol is not permitted in the park)

You are asked to bring a side dish to supplement the main course. Please see the Sign-Up Genius link below to indicate the number attending from your party. You can also select a listed side dish or indicate what you would like to bring. Some examples of side dishes listed include: baked beans, potato/macaroni salad, fruit salad, green salad, veggies, dips, appetizers, etc.; snack foods like chips, pretzels, etc; and desserts.

DIRECTIONS

The Ledges pavilion is located at 701 Truxell Road in Peninsula. From Route 91 in Stow, turn left on Terex Road to the light at Barlow Road and take another left. Continue past Akron-Cleveland Road (aka State Road) for approximately 1 mile where the road becomes Kendall Park Road. Truxell Road will be on your right immediately after the Virginia Kendall sign. After a short drive, Truxell Road will take you directly into the parking lot.

SIGN-UP

As mentioned, please use the below link to sign-up for attending (see RSVP) <u>and</u> to select a side dish option. We will need to have a final count of attendees by Saturday, August 16. Feel free to call (330-931-6777) or email (<u>ronpcrock@gmail.com</u>) me with any questions or special dietary requests. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic!

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Ron Crock, Event Chair



Council Golf Outing Registration Deadline Is Sept. 6

The annual Fr. Maruskin Council golf outing is set to take place on Sunday, September 24 at Fox Den golf course in Stow. Tee times will begin at 1:04 p.m. with dinner immediately following. The cost will remain at \$65 per player (cash or check payable to Knights of Columbus) and include 18 holes of golf and dinner. Sign-in and payment will take place from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. at the course.

Fox Den has set aside 10 tee times for this event and so far I have commitments for 3 groups. Please let me know via email (ronpcrock@gmail.com) or text/phone (330-931-6777) reserve either a foursome or as a single player and be assigned to a foursome. As has been our tradition, this outing will be a scramble, best-ball format for each foursome. There will be proximity prizes awarded for certain holes and an optional skins game to participate in.

Family and friends are always welcome to our council outing! Deadline for registration is no later than Saturday, September 6. Please reach out and join us for a fun day or golf and fellowship.

Ron Crock, Event Chair



Honoring Our Military

<u>Name</u>	Branch	Assigned	Member Knight	Relation
LTC David Behling	US Army	The Pentagon, VA	Art Barbetta	Brother-in-Law
PVT Dominic Belvedere	US Army	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Bob Belvedere	Nephew
MSGT Aaron Chatigny	US Air Force	Tucson, AZ	Peter Chatigny	Son
SN Patrick J. Hughey	US Navy	Gulfport, MS	Jim Hughey	Son
AWF2 (AW) Matt Schilling	US Navy	Jacksonville, FL	Regis Schilling	Son
MAJ David Villarroel	US Army	The Pentagon, VA		Himself



August Birthdays:

6: Ronald Reichert; 8: Robert Mead; 9: Robert Davis, Cody McLean; 12: Kevin Nau; 13: Peter Calco, Jerome Gaietto, James Hughey;16: Fons Giannone; 17: Joseph Campo; 18: Mark Eckley; 25: Dr. Bogomir Glavan; 29: Thomas Zgonc; 31: Neil Durbin, Robert Schumacher and Shane Walls.

Be a Best-Dressed Knight with Council Shirts and Hats

Dear Brother Knights, this is an "update" for older members and totally new information for members who have joined our council since December 2024. Shown below are the different Council shirts, with the correct colors, that council officers previously agreed upon as the standard look for our Council. Although you are not required to purchase and wear any of the shirts or hats described in this message, you are encouraged to do so to be in unity with your fellow knights when we gather to work fish fries, turnout for Council activities, or attend social events. You may have already seen some of this clothing on fellow knights. Or, the photos below may be the first time you've seen these. **Note** — **prices for the red dress shirt and polo shirt are unchanged from below.**

Our supplier for these products is Young's Embroidery and Silkscreen Printing. You should make contact directly with them yourself if you wish to purchase any item with the exception of the work T-Shirt that you have to order through me (see details below). Young's has two locations you can choose from:

- 4299 Kent Road, #3 in Stow. Phone: (330) 686-8337 (Located almost directly across the street from Panera Bread).
- 1245 Munroe Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls. Phone: (330) 922-5777 (Located just down the street from St. Eugene Church).



When you call or go to Young's to place an order, identify yourself as a member of the Fr. Maruskin Council #10936, Knights of Columbus in Stow. This will allow the employee assisting you to locate the records in their computer system that contain all the specific information they need to ensure that you will receive the exact style and color of shirt. The Council goal is to have uniformity in color, style and quality. Here is an overview of the three shirts and cap:

- 1. **Button down dress shirt in "Rich Red" color**. Cost is \$44 plus tax which includes the shirt and the Council logo embroidery. Minimum order is 1. See note below
- 2. **Traditional, short-sleeve polo shirt in "Rich Red" color.** Cost is \$29 plus tax which includes the shirt and the Council logo embroidery. Minimum order is 1. <u>See note below.</u> I have become aware that at least two Council members have also purchased this polo shirt in long-sleeve. I was not aware that this option was available but it certainly would be fine to wear as long as it is the same "Rich Red" color. I do not have the price for this but I do not think it would be more than a few extra dollars.

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- 3. Work T-shirt in blue. Minimum order is six if you wish to order one of these shirts, please contact me instead of Young's. I will put you on the waiting list until I have the minimum order of 6 shirts met. Currently I have three T-shirt orders on the waiting list. Orders of 6-11 shirts cost \$24 per shirt. Orders from 12-23 cost \$16.50 per shirt. Orders of 24 or more cost only \$10 each. Typically we wear these shirts when we work at the Fish Fries or other similar activities. You do not pay for these shirts until Young's makes up the order and you pick your shirt up from me.
- 4. **Red cap with Council logo.** This is the latest new item. Young's has modified the Council logo that is on our shirts (removed our council number) so that it fits on the cap. Young's has a big variety of baseball type caps that you can choose from their catalogue. The cap I purchased and you see in these photos is their most basic cap which cost \$23 including the cost of the embroidery. But, you are free to choose other styles that vary in price upwards from mine. It may be difficult to get the exact red in the hat that is found in our shirts. In fact, you can see that my cap looks a bit different in color. But, this is optional attire and you certainly can wear it whenever and wherever you wish as you might with any other cap in your collection.

<u>Note:</u> There is an additional charge of \$2 for shirts in 2XL and \$3 for 3XL or larger. If you purchase 2 or more shirts whether they are dress or polo, there are discounts you will receive. I don't have the exact figures but you may wish to place an order with one or more other knights to obtain the discount. I think you will save around \$2.50 per shirt if you order 2-5 shirts. Again, you do this directly with Young's — you don't go through me except for the blue work shirt. If you have any questions, etc. please reach out to me by phone, text, or email. **Bob Eikenburg**, cell: (440 759-2378.

Council Hosts State Officers' Cleveland Diocese Tour Stop



More than 100 representatives from Councils throughout the Diocese of Cleveland filled Holy Family's Lower Church Hall July 20 for the annual State Officers' Tour Stop. Pictured is State Deputy Mike Felerski, as he introduced the "We Are Called" state program for Fraternal Year 2025-2026. As a thank-you for hosting the event, the state council presented Fr. Maruskin Council with the Blessed Michael McGivney icon featured on the front page of this newsletter.

Prayer Requests: Pope Leo XIV; Fr. Lawrence Jurcak; Fr. Michael McCandless; Fr. Felix Silagan; Fr. Jon Hawkins; Fr. Fr. Andrew Gonzales; Fr. Scott Swinerton; Fr. Joshua Trefney; Fr. Paul Rosing; Fr. Joseph McBride; Fr. John Terzano for ongoing recovery and rehab from hip surgery; Fr. David Halaiko for successful cancer treatment; Fr. Joe Mamich for successful cancer treatment; newly ordained Fr. Anthony Donatelli, whom our Council has supported as a seminarian; Gary Baluha (brother-in-law of Terry Bedell) for healing of long COVID-19, along with Multiple Sclerosis and other related conditions; (Continued on Next Page)

Prayer Requests: (Continued from Previous Page) Ryan Bannach (the boss of Don

White) for complete recovery from a heart attack, the treatment of which required insertion of two stents: Stephanie Barber (wife of nephew of Tom Stenger) for favorable pathology test results for brain tumor treatment; Art Barbetta, for successful and complete rehabilitation and recovery from total knee replacement surgery; Mike Bedell (brother of Terry Bedell), who is enduring a chronic medical condition; Bryan Behling and Brandon Fisher (nephews of Art Barbetta); George Biros, Holy Family parishioner and retired Mass musician (friend of many Council Knights) for ongoing rehabilitation and recovery from open heart surgery; Ed Bose (brother-in-law of Chris Schrickel) for heart attack rehab and recovery; Phil Bradley; Malissa Burke (sister of Don White) for successful treatment of an aggressive tumor; Connor Carmedy (great nephew of Mike Incorvati) for healing of leg issues; Cathy Cotrufo (close friend of Knight Terry Bedell) is currently hospitalized with complications from lung surgery; Jim and Helen Chatigny (parents of Peter Chatigny); Donna Chiurazzi (wife of Jerry Chiurazzi) for recovery from hernia surgery; Jon Clark (cousin of Mike Woods) for healing and recovery from stage 4 brain cancer; Nick Codispoti: Russ Cox (friend of Knight Allen Klingelhoets) for successful treatment and full recovery from cancer; Nicole Craig (daughter of Mike Woods) for full recovery from cancer surgery Janet D'Antonio (friend of Jerry Chiurazzi) for treatment of geographic atrophy, a serious vision problem; Bob Davis; Katie Dennis (daughter of a friend of Terry Bedell) for successful breast cancer treatment; John Derrer for successful ongoing treatment of ulcerative colitis;



Jerry Driscoll (friend of Recorder Dr. Rob Kubick) Dr. Michael Durbin (brother of Neil Durbin) for ongoing treatment of multiple sclerosis; Cheryl Eckley and Nick Eckley (wife and son of Mark Eckley); Sandra Farrell (wife of Len Farrell) in thanksgiving for a bone marrow transplant, which resulted in multiple myelomas going into remission and further requesting that she would receive additional favorable results from maintenance drug therapy; **Tess Flannery** (Catholic Charities Summit County Site Director); Tom Fogle, for relief from an intensification of the epileptic seizures with which he has been dealing all of his life, which leave him disoriented, weak, exhausted, and suffering from headaches and soreness in his body. (Often he does not fully recover from the effects of one seizure before another one occurs); Brian Fowkes (brother-in-law of Chris Schrickel) is having nerve issues in his lower body; ; Ron Good (friend of Art Barbetta) for cancer treatment; thanksgiving for the full recovery of Ken Gray (brother-in-law of Pat Rynd) from a recent Covid infection (remarkable since he has been under treatment for liver cancer for an extended time (Ken still needs your prayers); Jessie Heffernan (niece of Warden Chris Schrickel) and her husband would appreciate prayers as they have had difficulty conceiving a child: John Henry (brother-in-law of Dave Corley) has terminal cancer and is now in hospice care; James Hudak; James Hudak Jr. (son of James Hudak); Tressa Hudak (daughter of James Hudak); Mike Incorvati for diagnosis and treatment of swollen lymph nodes; Karen Kamlowsky (widow of Knight Deacon Phil Kamlowsky); Steve Kandra (father-in-law of E.J. Vale), for recovery from heart surgery due to a bacterial infection; Sister Carole, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (sister of Mark Kaucic) for healing of congestive heart failure, a broken hip and kidney failure; Bryan Kavalez (friend of Don White) for successful treatment of Stage IV cancer; Allen Klingelhoets (friend of Bob Eikenburg), whose diabetic complications and a serious bone infection required the amputation of his right foot at the ankle, which is now being prepared to enable him to wear a prothesis); Leah Kopko (daughter-in-law of deceased Knight Larry Kopko) for recovery from tubular sclerosis/mass on her brain stem;

Carmie Kushner (mother of Vaughn Kushner), who is undergoing tests or a spot on her lung; Heather Kushner (wife of Vaughn Kushner) for a personal intention; Carol Lackey (widow of Jack Lackey); Mary Ladas (friend of Vaughn Kushner) for successful back surgery, rehab and recovery; (Continued on Next Page)

Prayer Requests: (Continued from Previous Page) Chris Lamal (husband of a co-worker of **Don White**) for successful diagnosis and treatment of a serious heart issue: **Jim Lanzalotta** for full recovery from concussion and other injuries suffered in a fall: Chuck Lessick: Lilith (9-year-old granddaughter of David Smith), who is suffering from a bone disorder; Keith Limbacher for ongoing rehabilitation and recovery from heart bypass surgery; Jocelyn Linnen (sister of Jerry Chiurazzi) for healing of spinal neuropathy; Bill Louden (brother of Kay Eikenburg) for ongoing treatment of COPD and rehab and recovery from recent back surgery; Tim Magdar (friend of Dr. Mark lati) for treatment of a rare form of cancer that is in Stage IV); Joseph Maji for ongoing stroke and respiratory issue recovery; Barb Mancine, (widow of Lou Mancine) who is now undergoing rehab from a recent hospitalization, which had required insertion of a feeding tube, since removed, because of difficulty chewing and swallowing food, and for her daughter, Ann Marie Mancine, who is greatly concerned about her mother's condition; Christine McLean (mother of Knight Cody McLean) for ongoing treatment for diabetes and other health issues; Cody McLean for ongoing treatment and recovery from back and hand issues; Jim McNicholas (brother of Brian McNicholas) for healing of heart problems: Erin McNulty (daughter of Mike McNulty) for full recovery from hip surgery; Judith McNulty (mother of Michael McNulty) for treatment and recovery from blood clots; Mike McNulty for rapid and full recovery from surgery; Mary Jo Mercer (friend of Art Barbetta) for successful cancer treatment: Don Miller (long-time Holy Family parishioner and lay leader); Mary Pat Myers (wife of Holy Family diaconate candidate Bill Myers) for successful treatment and full recovery from cancer; Alex Palmer (neighbor of Mark lati) for successful treatment and recovery from Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare and aggressive pediatric cancer; Theresa Plappert (friend of Terry Bedell) for successful brain tumor treatment; Don Rhoades, (brother-in-law of Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi), who is having cardiac issues; Chick Riegler for healing of prostate and general health issues; Elaine Rinehart (mother-in-law of John McGuinness) for recovery from leg infection surgery and for favorable diabetes testing results; Jennifer Savich (friend of Vaughn Kushner) for ongoing treatment and recovery from cancer; Gloria Scheidler (friend of Bob Eikenburg) for heart surgery recovery; Carl Schrickel (father of Chris Schrickel) for treatment of internal bleeding; Fern Schrickel (mother of Chris Schrickel) for recovery from heart surgery; Cheryl Schumacher (sister-inlaw of Robert Schumacher) for successful treatment and full recovery from breast cancer; Ashley and Megan Schumacher (nieces of Robert Schumacher); Josh Schumacher (nephew of Robert Schumacher); Robert Schumacher, whose cancer of the vocal cords has returned, and is now undergoing a second course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments; Fred Seay (brother-in-law of Mark Kaucic) for ongoing treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; Gary Shonk (brother of Bill Shonk) for treatment of a mass found on one of his kidneys: Norm Siroki; thanksgiving for a safe delivery and birth of **Beckham Michael Skraba to Emily Skraba** (grandson and daughter, respectively, of Mark Gresser); Susan Smallwood (cousin of Chris Fergus) for favorable testing and brain tumor treatment; Donna Sorvillo (mother-in-law of Don White) for successful treatment and full recovery from a recurring cancer; Howard Springston (friend of Art Barbetta) for successful aortic valve replacement surgery; Abby Talbot (niece of Art Barbetta) for successful treatment and recovery from a cyst; Advocate E.J. Vale, who is now at the intermediate risk level for prostate cancer, is asking for prayers for guidance on choosing the next step of treatment; Joann Vale (mother of E.J. Vale), who is dealing with medical issues related to a fall; Amy Vallee (sister-in-law of Don White) who is undergoing testing to diagnose an unknown condition; Lydia Warrens (daughter of Don White's friend) for successful cancer treatment; Anne Wasielewski (wife of Joe Wasielewski), for recovery from multiple injuries suffered when she was struck by a car; Joe Wasielewski for ongoing recovery from back and neck surgery; and Mike Woods for speedy and complete recovery from surgery to remove his non-functioning left kidney and repair damage to his bladder; Please pray for eternal heavenly rest for the soul of Etta Ferri, (grandmother of Dr. Rob Kubick) and John Henry (brother-in-law of Dave Corley.

Please continue praying for the seminarians and other young people from our constituent parishes discerning vocations to religious life, whom we support: **Ben Baratian**, **Jeff Crock**, **Jonathan Green**, **Audra Hoffmeister**, **Ben Jackson**, **Daniel Jordan** and **Christopher Yankay**, along with adult missionary **Amanda Incorvati**. We also pray for all military, safety personnel and first responders, and their families. If you know any other Knight or family members in need of prayers, please contact **Grand Knight Jerry Chiurazzi** at chiurazzi1@outlook.com or 330-472-5464. Many thanks.