



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GIROUD–HEIMANN COUNCIL

September 2019 NEWSLETTER

### **GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

Ah yes, the newsletter just keeps coming. Good thing as well, as there is a lot to keep up to date on. The Parish Picnic is going forward leaps and bounds, and I hope each and every one of you make it sometime during the event. There will be fun things for all and you deserve a bit of fun. Thanking the Mulqueeny pair for all their hard and persevering attention to detail, it's all coming together. Tatiana, Dan R, Walt J, and more that I don't have in memory right at the moment. As some of you may or may not know, I came down with a bug of undetermined origin and it took me for a loop. Just now starting to get my bearings. When you start to slow down, get to the doctor as that is your only hope of cutting the bug short.

Jennifer F. is hosting a fingerprint drive the 8th of September. For those of you that have not done so, please contact Jennifer and get your name on the list so you can be up to date with that part of the program.

I want to find someone that is computer savvy to take the reins from Lou Gervais. He needs to get someone up and running soon so he can devote his time to his duties in his parish. It's easy, not time consuming, and all the help in the world is at your fingertips with Lou's dedication. Let's keep the web page alive and well. Interested, contact Lou Gervais.

Dan R. and Jennifer F. have teamed up for the Youth Ministry program here at ODS and St Thomas Moore, look for news and progress with this program.

For more details, contact Phil Bartek at 530-864-5243  
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When the Knights get in a bind, especially for baking, we all turn to the Catholic Daughters for help, and we get it. So, let them know that we appreciate them and thank them for all they do. Without their help, there would be lots of events that would be lackluster to say the least. Thanks to the ladies.

In the church bulletin there on the last page before advertisements, is a few statements concerning the need for HELP...Counting money, pulling weeds, painting, flower planting, you name it. It does not get done by everyone just sitting around home and saying to themselves, "someone else will do it". Well for the most part that does not happen. A couple of hours around the church is very much needed and appreciated. Call Mimi Atkins at 893-1344 and put your name on the list. Also give Dan Layne a call at 521-6520 who is in need every day. Read the bulleting and give a helping hand.

As I recover from this bug that bit me, I will be bring more and more information to you. Have an end of August and a super upcoming September.

God Bless

### **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:**

Worthy Brothers,

FOR AN ACTIVITY-PACKED OCTOBER Councils should begin planning for a busy October in September.

Councils should participate in the Charitable Outreach Programs. Suggested programs include:

- Conducting a Coats for Kids program. Councils should order coats now for distribution during the week in October, by visiting [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com).

Additional information is available at [kofc.org/coats](http://kofc.org/coats).

- Conducting a Food for Families program.

Councils should begin announcing in their parishes and communities that the

collection dates will be during the service week in October. Once the program is complete, councils should report their participation in the program using the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application (#10057) available on [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms).

During the weekends of October, councils should conduct a Church Drive. Councils should begin preparing by meeting with the pastor of their parish to ask permission to conduct a membership drive at all Masses that weekend. For a successful drive, the council should:

- Submit a bulletin announcement for the drive during the two weeks leading up to the Church Drive
- During the weekend of the drive, post teams of brother Knights to hand out informational flyers on their council and Prospect Cards (#921A) For complete information on how to conduct a successful church drive, consult the Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual (#10237) or visit [kofc.org/drive](http://kofc.org/drive). Following the Charitable Service Outreach Week and the Council Church Drive, councils should welcome new members into their councils during the Council October Admission Degree Exemplification.

Brothers, these are just suggestions for service work to be doing in your local community. If you have done other programs in the past that work for your council please proceed with God Speed. If not, the above suggestions are a great starting point. The main thing is to DO SOMETHING to help those that are in need.

In your service,

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## **SPIRITUAL ADVISORS CORNER:**

Recounting the Lord's mercy in our own lives has the same effect upon us. When we make the effort, we can remember so many of the merciful things, both large and small, that God has done for us. And by reflecting on our own "salvation history," we'll see a pattern emerge, just as it did for Joshua and the psalmist. We'll see God's great mercy surfacing again and again. It will remind us of how often he has intervened to help us in difficult circumstances, and this will lead us to renew our commitment to obeying him and serving him. It will also give us hope as we deal with whatever challenges and sufferings we might be facing today. Try this little exercise: compose your own Psalm of Praise based on your own experience of God's work in your life up to now. For example, you might write, "Give thanks to the Lord, who healed my son when he was so sick" or "Give thanks to the Lord, who gave me a new job when I was unemployed." You might even want to include the more ordinary ways he has shown you mercy: "Give thanks to the Lord for the time he protected me when my car broke down" or "Give thanks to the Lord for showing me how to listen to my grieving friend." Pull out your psalm from time to time and add to it. The more you remember, the more your heart will overflow in love and gratitude for the God whose mercy knows no bounds! "Lord, thank you for your enduring mercy in my life." Dear Brothers we may find in our lives numerous in which we can of Divine Graces when we give praises in the mist of challenges. Gratitude will follow from us because we have allowed God mercy to touch our heart and come forth from our lips. His mercy will endure forever.

Spiritual  
Advisor

Deacon James  
Burkett

Council 13765

## **LECTORS CORNER:**

Brothers: This month's meditation for our prayerful consideration, comes again from the pen of Alice Camille, as found in last year's Exploring the Sunday Readings, June 24, 2018, Vol. 27/number 9, pg. 4, The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist, and taken from the first reading from Isaiah 49; 1-6. "THE LORD CALLED ME FROM MY BIRTH, FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB HE GAVE ME MY NAME.

While I've never been a parent, I've been an aunt 19 times and a great-aunt 10 times and counting. The latest great-niece has just arrived and, with a big rose-colored bow wrapped around her nearly bare head, already she seems like the best reason to hope for a better future.

Each child is another chance to get the future right. What we invest in children is an investment in the human story altogether. By all means, feed and clothe and rock and love kids. Teach them to speak and read and be curious about the world around them. But more than that: offer them a moral education, with compassion, kindness, and generosity at the center of lessons to be learned. Send them to good schools and also to good Church communities. Give them your best examples of what it means to live a holy way.

Some children will grow up to be parents, teachers, mayors, engineers, or health care givers. Others will be artists, prophets, and religious leaders. All of our children share one great vocation: to be saints in the making. Make sure the children around you know this.

At this the beginning of the school year, let us keep our children and grandchildren in our thoughts and prayers.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:**

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So, what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products, we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help. Please reach out to me so we can get together and talk!

Have a blessed day,

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*“You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.”*

- Saint Augustine

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**EDITORS COMMENTS:**

Below is a photo of our Council’s participation in the August Blue Bag food drive at the Catholic Ladies food locker. Knights of Council 13765 Hauled over 5000 pounds into the facility and were rewarded with food and drink for their efforts.



Also, in August our Councils Officers were installed in their positions by a beautiful service in the ODS church with Father Martin and Dave Mulqueeny, our District Deputy, presiding. Couldn’t get a photo of that event since I was participating in the installation. However, there was a nice dinner afterward and I was able to get pictures of that event which I will insert here.



Mary and Rich Nichols waiting for food. Cook Sticking his nose out.



The great food!!!



Mary Nichols great cake. delicious.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

***PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN DISTRESS.***

### **Our Beloved Deceased**

George Farrugia (Knight)                      Kendrick Castillo

Rev. Fr. Ned O'Hara                              Fr. Ben DeLeon

### **And Those who are ill or in distress**

Carolyn Morman                      Chuck Prior (Knight)                      Tim Harmes

William Wong (Knight)                      Nancy Ferguson                      Darlene Doss

Richard Reiner (Knight)                      Chris Mulqueeney                      Leon Riely

Mary Lancaster                      Carmen Farrugia                      Fr. Simon Twomey

Junior Gonzalez (Knight)                      Deacon David Kraatz                      Pat Lynch

Andy Edwards                      Becky McCarthy                      Bill Ahern

Philip Camara                      Janie Montgomery

Terrie Fry

***And don't forget a prayer of one Hail Mary each night as per the request of our beloved Pope Francis and Fr. Renier Silva.***

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

**Please acknowledge the birthdays of each of our Brothers by wishing them a Happy Birthday.**

**Derrick Biley                      09-19                      Juan Coronel                      09-28**

**Ed Grens                      09-30                      Frank D. Lourenco                      09-08**

**Frank E. Lourenco                      09-22                      Kenneth Michaels                      09-09**

**Paul Niess                      09-30                      Walter Stile                      09-18**

**Willard Watts                      09-17**

# SEPTEMBER 2019 COUNCIL CALENDAR

<u>1.</u> KOC Breakfast. Food Prep.	<u>2.</u> Labor Day. <u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>	5.	<u>6.</u>	<u>7.</u>
<u>8.</u> Youth Kickoff. Food Prep.  Grandparents Day.	<u>9.</u>	<u>10.</u> Knights Mtg. 6:30	<u>11.</u> Patriot Day.	<u>12.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>14.</u> Parish Festival. Food Prep.
<u>15.</u> Donut Sunday	<u>16.</u>	<u>17.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>20.</u>	<u>21.</u>
<u>22.</u>	<u>23.</u>	<u>24.</u> Knights Officers Mtg. 06:00	<u>25.</u>	<u>26.</u>	<u>27.</u>	<u>28.</u>
<u>29.</u>	<u>30.</u>					