



# GOOD KNIGHT NEWS

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From the Desk of Grand Knight  
Bob Marko



April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul Building

## Spring has Sprung...



With Lent behind us, the chills of winter are only a memory as we enjoy Daylight Saving Time, Spring flowers, the crappie running, and another busy schedule for the Knights. Here's a review of March and the schedule for a busy April-May.



## Third Degree

The Degree Team from Clarksville, Tennessee Exemplified the Third Degree on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. With about twenty Second Degree Knights in attendance, the ceremony was performed with skill and dedication. Thank you to Dannie Harris, State Deputy for Kentucky, Bill Wickie, State Deputy for Tennessee, and Bill Hancock, Kentucky State Secretary from Oak Grove for being there for the Knights. Thanks also to the Tennessee degree team of Chris Myers and his crew for a great job.

## Fish Fry's are a Success



March 14<sup>th</sup> was the third Fish Fry of the 2008 Lent season. We served about 200 people. The comments are enthusiastically positive. Thank you to the Folz family for providing the fish-fry skills and equipment. Chuck Puckett and Chris Thomas worked long hours in the kitchen. Jim Creighton was chairman and did a great job pulling the thing together. As usual, we had tremendous support from the membership. There were more than forty Knights in blue shirts scurrying around making sure everything went well. Good Job to all.

## Tractor Pull



The Third Annual Tractor Pull in honor on the Berry family is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend – May 24, 2008. At this writing, there is a concern that the grandstands may not pass inspection Stay tuned for more details. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year.



## Knights Helping Out

The Knights donated their time and skills to help out Imelda Gorman and the UHA folks in staffing their Texas Hold Em on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. Thanks to the five Knights for helping a good cause – Bart Hulsmeyer, John Dunham, Bob Marko, Gary Harden and Dick Dymek. Imelda says "Thanks" too.

Several Knights also helped Katrina James, whose husband is a deployed military Knight in Afghanistan, move heavy furniture from Ft. Campbell to Hopkinsville. The Knights seem to have a knack for accomplishing the tough stuff. Thanks to Bart Hulsmeyer, Joe Schippers and Chas Mowen for their help. Ask these guys how they got the piano up the stairs...Better yet, ask Bart if he still has the German Erdinger beer...

## Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on the parish grounds at 8:30 AM on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Joe Schippers is the chairman and chief egg-stuffer. The kids loved finding the eggs, especially the Prize eggs. Even the little ones got caught up in the Easter spirit. Thanks to the Knights and their families who helped out and made this a success. Over 1200 eggs were found in about 3 minutes!

## Fifth Annual Golf Challenge



Tony Esposito and Tom Buehrle have this event really cranked up! Scheduled for Derby Day (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) at Western Hills Gold Course, we are expecting a record crowd. Tony has more hole sponsors than ever before with a great line-up of gifts for the golfers. We have sponsor holes left (a few), and we will need lots of Knight participation with foursomes. This is a fun event for both the players and the workers. Call Tony or Tom and offer to help. We need workers and grillers. Or, set up your favorite foursome and join us on the links. You will have a great time. See the attached flyer.

## Photos of the Chrism Mass



Sts Peter and Paul School



Mixing the Chrism



Byron and Josh set the Table



Josh readies the Incense



Sts Peter and Paul



Awaiting rescue on the way home

# VOTE!

**Election for Corporate Officers  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

**We will hold elections for Officers of the  
Corporation**

**June is the election of Officers of the Council.  
Anyone wishing to run for office please contact  
one of the Trustees.**

## Family of the Month



Steven Kinnard is a Master Sergeant in the Special Forces and is a Master high altitude jump instructor for the Army. His wife Vicki is the secretary for our school and often volunteers for the knights by making deserts for the fish fry even though here husband is presently on active duty in Iraq. They have 4 children, Corrina is a junior at Hopkinsville High and the starting goalie on the girls soccer high school team. Brittany is in 8th grade, Chris is in 7th and Jonathan in 3rd all at SSP. Brittany and Chris both play soccer and basketball for SSP.

**General Insurance  
Agent  
Dan Turnwald  
Office 859-331-0249  
Cell 859-630-6942**



We are still looking for a Field Agent in the Western Kentucky area. If you think you may want a career change, please call. Ask all the questions you want.

We need new members to take out insurance policies for Star Council. The Insurance Program is fantastic and will help ensure that your family is well taken care of. Call Dan Turnwald and set up an appointment. The Insurance Program has many features, not just Life Insurance. How about looking into an Annuity for you or your children or your grandchildren.



## Senior Knight of the Month

The Senior Knight of the Month is Frank Rogers. Frank was one of the original charter members of the council when it was founded in 1982. He has been an active Knight since the early days of the council. We especially enjoyed Frank and his wife Elanor at last year's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We'll have more details on Frank's earlier days in next month's issue...That's called a "Teaser".



## Knight of the Month

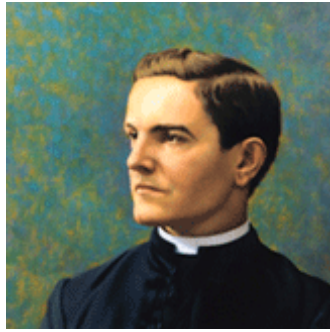
The Knight of the Month for April is Bill Folz. Bill and the Folz family are the "Chefs" for the Fish Frys. Bill's wife Norma is a long-time and beloved teacher at Sts Peter and Paul. Many SPP alumni remember Norma fondly many years after their association with her. Bill farms with the family in South Christian. Doing the Fish Fry's is a truly family event. The council is deeply indebted to Bill and his extended family. This year seemed to be particularly good – although I think we make that claim every year as we get even better at doing this. Bill, thank you for your time and devotion.

## Our Future



**Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bob Marko (886-0921) or Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions.**

**Vatican declares  
Knights of Columbus  
founder "venerable"  
Fr. Michael J. McGivney  
would be first American  
born priest to be  
declared a saint**



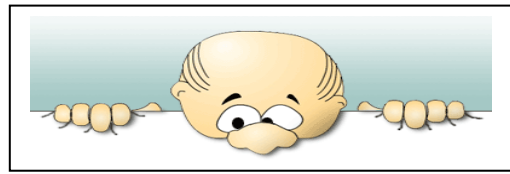
**New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008** - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners. Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family. From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**APRIL**

9	<b>Business Meeting</b>	
9	<b>Corporate Officer Election</b>	<b>VOTE!</b>
12	<b>Tentative – Priest Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>Join Us</b>
13	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting</b>	
23	<b>Social Meeting</b>	

**MAY**

3	<b>Golf Scramble</b>	
3	<b>Derby Day</b>	
5	<b>Alpha Alternative Dinner</b>	
10	<b>Mother's Day</b>	
11	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting</b>	
14	<b>Business Meeting</b>	
? ?	<b>Sounds Baseball with the Stars</b>	
16	<b>State Convention 3 Days</b>	
26	<b>Tractor Pull</b>	
26	<b>Memorial Day</b>	
28	<b>Social Meeting</b>	

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Pray for our Deployed Family

Sam Aubry, William Bercier, Bryan Beville, Gary Bridges, Jeff Crawford, Winston Clough, Forrest Cooper, Sean Dunham, Ben Fortin, Jeffrey Goulet, Jason Gilbert, Ted Granum, Joe Hartery, Eric Hastings, Tommy Intessimone, John Kinkead, Steven Kinnard, Meghann Morace-Flowers, Jon Pace, Hun Park, Jay Powers, Dan Puzzo, Paul Rezac, Daniel Rodriguez, Richard Schuck Jr., Shawn Sturgill.

The church is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *(code required for evenings)* Parishioners are scheduled for Adoration around the clock for one hour, one day per week. *The Blessed Sacrament is reposed only during Mass.* Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a weekly Adoration hour of their choosing. Open are Sunday & Monday 12 AM— Mon & Tues 3AM  
Contact Lana Bastin, 839-4995, if interested.

A reminder. To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, join with us in the recitation of the rosary 40 minutes before each scheduled Mass.

## Bingo Schedule



Arrive for Bingo before 7PM and stay until closing. If you can not work on your scheduled night call another Knight or Chuck Pucket  
Bingo is **important** to the Parish and if it is **important** to the Parish it is **VERY important** to the Knights of Columbus.

Mar 27	Tommy Craft	885-8632
Apr 3	Kelly King	889-0725
Apr 10	Greg Jones	885-9175
Apr 17	Chuck Puckett	886-8094
Apr 24	Tom Buehrle	885-4556
May 1	Jim Creighton	886-0454



# MARCH Adoration



Mar 27	12:00-1:00AM	Bob Marko	886-0921	Apr 17	12:00-1:00AM	Dick Dymek	885-5754
Mar 27	1:00-2:00AM	Larry Puckett	886-6440	Apr 17	1:00-2:00AM	Chris Thomas	424-2461
Apr 1	1:00-2:00AM	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523	Apr 22	1:00-2:00AM	Don McCowen	886-4605
Apr 1	2:00-3:00AM	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617	Apr 22	2:00-3:00AM	Jim Creighton	886-0454
Apr 3	12:00-1:00AM	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	Apr 24	12:00-1:00AM	Bob Marko	886-0921
Apr 3	1:00-2:00AM	Tim Barns	885-6606	Apr 24	1:00-2:00AM	Larry Puckett	886-6440
Apr 8	1:00-2:00AM	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	Apr 29	1:00-2:00AM	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
Apr 8	2:00-3:00AM	John Soldo	889-9695	Apr 29	2:00-3:00AM	Karl Prunitsch	886-8617
Apr 10	12:00-1:00AM	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	May 1	12:00-1:00AM	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
Apr 10	1:00-2:00AM	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	May 1	1:00-2:00AM	Tim Barns	885-6606
Apr 15	1:00-2:00AM	Chris Stevens	886-0050	May 6	1:00-2:00AM	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
Apr 15	2:00-3:00AM	Ron Lee	886-5504	May 6	2:00-3:00AM	John Soldo	889-9695

## In Solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI



During this 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, let us recommit ourselves as Knights to growing our Order in service to our Church and communities. Let us also realize that as we prepare for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April, the growth of the Order will be a fitting tribute to our Holy Father. You can be a part of that tribute as we live the dream of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, by expanding our membership.

All First Degree exemplifications through the end of the 2007-08 fraternal year will be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.

For every new or readmitted member brought into the Order until June 30, 2008, the recruiter will be presented with a specially minted medallion commemorating his efforts toward growing the Order during our 125th anniversary year.

Every new member proposed into the Order until June 30, 2008, will be presented with a limited-edition certificate commemorating the papal visit to the United States

### Web Site Honors Pope Benedict on His U.S. Trip

The Knights of Columbus has established a Web site, [www.papaltrip.org](http://www.papaltrip.org), to honor Pope Benedict XVI upon his April 15-20 trip to the United States. It features a History of the Papacy in America and much more about Pope Benedict and his U.S. itinerary.

### [Special Edition of Columbia Coming in April](#)

A special issue of Columbia magazine focusing on Pope Benedict XVI's ministry and his message, a Web site devoted to the papal visit, and financial and logistical support are just some of the ways the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is contributing to the pope's April 15-20 visit to the United States. "We are helping to make sure the Holy Father gets the reception he deserves by preparing the Catholic community for his visit," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

## Big Brothers and Sisters Need Support

A spokesman from Big Brothers and Sisters attended our March meeting. He stated that they are in need of our help. But they do not want dollars. They want Volunteers. Right now there are 78 Children on the waiting list for a volunteer to step forward. Their ages are from 5 to 13.

Applicants will be interviewed to find a match for the child. Call 270-886-8172

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches caring adults with children for one hour each week in school. They read together, play board games or just talk. Children benefit; adults feel like a kid again. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides opportunities for volunteers of all ages to be friends to children who need extra time and attention to succeed in school and with family and peers. Volunteers 55 and older are needed to be school-based mentors to children whose teachers have referred them for individualized one-on-one concentrated time. Typically, an hour each week talking about what is on the child's mind, reading the newspaper together or puzzling over a class assignment, has a positive impact on the child's attitude about school and academic achievement, while putting a little fun and extra meaning into the volunteer's day and week. Volunteers enroll through Big Brothers Big Sisters and following an interview, references and a background check, are oriented to their local school and introduced to a little brother or little sister by BBBS staff. Regular support is available to assure that the relationship builds over time, and any logistical problems are resolved. Teachers report that children with Bigs have an improved attitude about school, better relationships with peer and adults, and improved academic performance.

### Project Playground Volunteer Challenge

**Steve Keel, one of our members, spoke about Project Playground. We donated to the playground but more importantly is the real need is in VOLUNTEERS.**

**Call Steve at 270-707-0316**

**He needs Captains to see the construction through completion.**

We need your help to achieve an exciting local community project, Project Playground: Kid Designed-Community Built. As part of this "grassroots" effort, residents of Hopkinsville, Christian County, and the surrounding area are joining hands to provide our children a state-of-the-art playground. What makes this project truly unique is the playground has been designed by Christian County school children and will be built by community members, like you, your friends, and your neighbors. **The build will take place over five days: April 30 through May 4, 2008! Your volunteer assistance is critical to making this project happen.**

**Fifth Annual**  
***Charity Golf Tournament***  
**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7847**

**Four Person Scramble**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2008**



Tee Time: 8 AM Shotgun Start  
Western Hill Golf Course  
Hopkinsville KY  
(Metal Spikes are NOT permitted at Western Hills)

**Entry Fee: \$60.00 per person**  
**Ladies Welcome**  
**Includes cart & green fees**  
**Coffee and Donuts at Check In**  
**Lunch**

**Entry fee MUST accompany entry form !**  
**DEADLINE: APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Prizes: Longest Drive, Closest to the Hole**  
**Cash and Many More**

**Individual entries are welcome.**

**Make checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus**  
**Mail with Entry Form to:**  
**Tom Buehrle**  
**617 Deepwood Drive**  
**Hopkinsville KY 42240**



**For mor information call: 270-886-4556**

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