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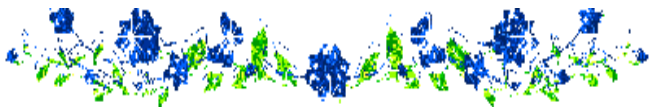
From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bart Hulsmeyer



April meetings on the 8th and 22nd
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul
Building

April is here !!!

April means that winter is gone. Oh, you may get a cold day or two, but winter is gone, at least for seven months.



Put away the winter coats and start looking for the sales on bathing suits and start planing that summer vacation. Get the golf clubs ready.

Wait a minute. Did somebody just say golf clubs? A great way to start off the summer would be to sign up with your friends or relatives to play in the **Knights of Columbus Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament**.



It is on **Saturday May 9, 2009** at Western Hill Golf Course, right here in Hopkinsville. Tee time is 8 AM. Entry fee is \$60.00 per person and ladies are welcome. Your day will include cart and green fees, lunch, and many prizes. Prize for the Longest Drive and also Closest to the hole. **Paying 5 Places.** The deadline is May 2nd and entry fees must accompany the entry form. Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus. You can mail the entry form and check to Tom Buehrle, 617 Deepwood Drive, Hopkinsville Ky 42240. For more information cal 270-8864556. While you are on the phone let Tom know how many are playing.



April Explained

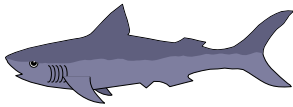
April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar, and one of four months with a length of 30 days. April was originally the second month of the Roman calendar, before January and February were added by King Numa Pompilius about 700 BC. It became the fourth month of the calendar year during the time of the Decemvirs about 450 BC, when it also was given 29 days. The derivation of the name (Latin *Aprilis*) is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the Latin *aperire*, "to open," in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open," is supported by comparison with the modern Greek use of *avoiξis* (opening) for spring. Since most of the Roman months were named in honor of divinities, and as April was sacred to Venus, it has been suggested that Aprilis was originally her month. Aphrilis, from her Greek name Aphrodite (*Aphros*), or from the Etruscan name *Apru* The Anglo-Saxons called April *Ostermonath* or *Eostur-monath*, the period sacred to *Eostre* or *Ostara*, the pagan Saxon goddess of spring, from whose name is derived the modern Easter In China the symbolic ploughing of the earth by the emperor and princes took place in their third month, which frequently corresponds to our April The birthstone of April is the diamond and the flower is typically listed as either the Daisy or the Sweet Pea. April starts on the same day of the week as July in all years, and January in leap years.

The origin of April Fools' Day is obscure. One likely theory is that the modern holiday was first celebrated soon after the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar, the term referred to someone still adhering to the Julian Calendar which it replaced. In the eighteenth century the festival was often posited as going back to the times of Noah. An English newspaper article published on April 13th, 1789 said that the day had its origins when he sent the raven off too early, before the waters had receded. He did this on the first day of the Hebrew month that corresponds with April. Another possible reference to April Fools' Day can be seen in the Canterbury Tales (ca 1400) in the Nun's Priest's tale, a tale of two fools: Chanticleer and the fox, which took place on March 32nd.

May will be the month when one of our Brother Knights will be Ordained a Priest of the Church. Deacon Josh will become Father Josh and celebrate his first Mass at Sts Peter and Paul. Let's be there for him. He has taken a very long journey just to get to the starting line. We should be there to help send him off on his next journey. And keep supporting him after that.

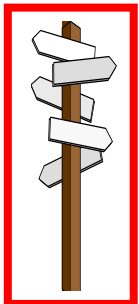


Pray that God sends us many Priests and that young men answer the call of God. "Before you were born, I called your name".



The last Fish Fry of this Lent is coming on April 3rd. Let's make this one the best. So far we have served 591 meals during the other two fish fries. There is only one way you keep that many customers. Quality food and service. It also helps to get our Knights of Columbus some recognition and a couple of new members.

Keep in mind our Special Needs People. We will be taking them to a Baseball Game in Dawson Springs. That is a really fun time and the Softball For the Stars will come again in September. Be kind and generous with your time and help out. Don't let just a few do the work of many. Charity is not only donating funds to a "cause", sometimes it is the "cause" itself.



This is a symbol of all the events in the coming year. Look for them and lend a helping hand.

Also, come to the next business meeting, especially if you have not been there for a while.

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Momentous Milestones
By Thomas P. Smith, Jr.
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This past year has been a momentous one for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Let me just highlight a few milestones.

- The order issued more life insurance than ever before in its history: \$6.6 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$70 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2003, just five years ago, we stood at \$49 billion.
- Our field force grew again, and we finished the year with a net gain of new field agents. The total number of brother Knights now dedicated to serving you full-time is nearly 1,300.
- Our annuity business saw record growth from 2007 to 2008. Annuity deposits received grew 72 percent over last year.
- We introduced a completely revamped series of life insurance products beginning in October. Known as the "800 series", the products have been re-priced to reflect trends in mortality and include several new enhancements to benefit our policyholders.
- When the 2008 totals are included, we can claim that over the past five years, more than 100,000 members of the Knights of Columbus joined the ranks of our insured members—whether purchasing life insurance, long-term care or a retirement product.
- Our AAA rating from Standard and Poor's and our A++ rating from A.M. Best were reaffirmed.
- 2008 was the eighth consecutive year our issued life insurance increased over the previous year.

What does all of this mean to you? First, it means that you can take great pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, in case you haven't already, this would be a great time to get on the bandwagon and have a discussion with your agent. You can contact your local field agent, or Daniel Turnwald, Kentucky General Agent. Daniel can be reached at 859-331-0249.



BINGO

The latest update is that we are not there yet. Still some minor paper work to do and some finger printing to do. But we are working on it and Bingo will become a reality soon. With our members volunteering, we can earn about \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 each night, depending on the crowd.

When the time comes, we need to be able to count on everyone. **That is the KEY.** If everyone helps out, we will not need the women who used to do the "work" for Sts Peter and Paul.s Bingo. We will control the entire process from start to finish. We will know exactly what is going on. Our Bingo Nights are Thursday and Friday from 5 PM to 12 Midnight. **Now don't panic.** Not everyone has to be there at 5PM and not everyone needs to stay until Midnight. It is estimated that more volunteers are need between 6:15 and 8:30. Someone has to be there when the doors open at 5:00. Yeah, that is early, but the bingo players start showing up at that time. So, we need just one person from 5:00 to 6:00. Not bad so far. Then we need about nine volunteers from 6:15 to about 8:30. Yeah, nine. We need to spread the jobs around. Pull Tabs will start selling at 6:30. We start selling the TED's and Paper for Bingo at about 7:00. This will put two volunteers behind the cash register with the TED's and Paper. Three selling Pull Tabs. Plus three selling the Early Bird specials. One volunteer is needed to start the "calling", so nine is the number of volunteers needed each night from 6:15 until 8:30. Once we get everything working like a well oiled machine we can probably drop that number to seven. From 8:30 to Midnight we need about four volunteers, so that means that five can leave at 8:30, and four at Midnight. **Don't panic.** Now Midnight is just a time of day. The games will usually end about 10:30 or 11:00 the latest. We collect the TED's and put them in their slots, fill out the paper work and go home. Clean up is provided in the Rental Agreement, along with Security, Parking, Use of the Building and Bingo Equipment and Insurance.

For those not familiar with TED's, they are **The Electronic Dauber.** Or **T E D's.** Electronic Paper.



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL

3	Fish Fry in the Gym	
4	Clean Up in the Church	
8	Business Meeting	
10	Good Friday	
11	Easter Egg Hunt	
12	Easter Sunday	
22	Social Meeting	
22	Golf Meeting	

MAY

2	Kentucky Derby	
9	Golf Tournament	
10	Mother's Day	
10	4th Degree Meeting	
13	Business Meeting	
15-17	Kentucky State K of C Convention	
16	Armed Forces Day	
25	Memorial Day	
27	Social Meeting	
31	Corporate Communion	

Fourth Degree



Our next meeting will be May 10th at Madisonville in Christ the King Parish Hall. The April meeting was cancelled because it falls on Easter Sunday. The May meeting will be "Mother's Day". As usual, there will be a Repast followed by the Meeting. There should be some new members in attendance. Bart Hulsmeyer, David Allard and Father Shijo did the Exemplification of the 4th Degree.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations are in order.



Marlee Thomas took First Place in 12 year old girls at the Regional and First Place at the State Free Throw Championship

Brooklyn Gardner took First Place in the 13 year old girls at the Regional and Second Place at the State Free Throw Championship.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Remember Deacon Josh, Byron and the rest of the Seminarians in your daily prayers

Saturday, April 4th is "Clean Up at the Church". Why. Because April 9th is Holy Thursday, April 10th is Good Friday and April 11th is Easter. Besides all this, it is your church and you should care of it and be proud to have Priests like the ones we have.



APRIL Adoration



2-Apr	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	Apr 23	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382
2-Apr	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	Apr 23	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330
Apr 7	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	Apr 28	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
Apr 7	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	Apr 28	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754
Apr 9	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	Apr 30	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
Apr 9	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569	Apr 30	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
Apr 14	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	May 5	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
Apr 14	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	May 5	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695
Apr 16	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754	May 7	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
Apr 16	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461	May 7	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Marvin Mahoney	886-2569
Apr 21	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	May 12	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050
Apr 21	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454	May 12	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504

Knight of the Month



Jim Creighton is the Knight of the Month for April. Jim was born in Sacramento, CA and lived there until he was 11. He moved to Phoenix, AZ where he grew up and attended college and met and married his wife, Maria. He received a degree from the University of Arizona in Psychology so now we know where his analytic mind was formed. He entered the Army in 1972 until 1975 then returned to Tucson. In 1981 Uncle Sam called him back and he stayed until retirement in 1999 as a computer systems officer. All in all he had 22 years of active duty. He told me, as he told the Chamber of Commerce, with all the different places he had been he decided to call Hopkinsville, Kentucky his permanent home. Jim and his wife Maria have four children, 2 boys and 2 girls along with 14 grand children. He presently is employed at the Pennyriple Area Development Office where he is the Data Integrator. This last several weeks Jim has chaired our Fish Fry events along with Chuck Puckett. He is the present Council Recorder and has served as our Council's Webmaster. He also serves as Webmaster for the K of C State Website. For those who haven't been there go to www.kofc7847.com. He serves the church through adoration, lecturing and leads us in prayer at the Corporate Communion. He is very active in communicating with our Seminarians.



Family of the Month

The Family of the month is the Tom Folz family. Tom and his wife Julie live with his sons Thomas Allen 14 and Andrew age 2 in Hopkinsville where Tom farms. He was born in Indiana, but moved to Hoptown when he was 1.5 years old. Tom attended Christian County High School and was the offensive tackle on their 1982 4A State Football Championship team. Tom serves the Knights in many ways through assisting his family frying fish each week during the fish fries. He also brings in many of the door prizes during the Monte Carlo Night for the School PTO. He is on the Parish Council and heads the finance committee. Both he and Julie are Eucharistic ministers in church. He enjoys pushing his oldest son in sports, especially football. Thomas Allen played basketball for the Sts Peter and Paul Saints the past couple of years and Tom along with his father were at most every game to encourage him.

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Senior Knight of the Month



John Hall is the Senior Knight of the Month. John was one of our Charter Members of the Council. He told me they needed a few guys from the Cadiz area to have enough members to get the Council started and he and 3 other guys came over to join the group. John was born and raised in Florida where his father worked for NASA in the space program. He said that he was there for the first moon walk and since his father didn't figure they would get to Mars in his lifetime it was time to get out after the Apollo program was completed. In 1962 John came to Ft. Campbell as part of the 101st Airborne when he was 17 years old. He was heavily involved in security at Ft. Campbell as he served in the honor guard. He married his wife Paula in 1965. Soon after marriage got out of the army and spent a stint as a Kentucky State trooper working the Western part of the State. He told me he first became involved with Sts Peter and Paul in 1962 when he took a bus ride from Ft. Campbell to Hopkinsville where he attended mass regularly in the old church. He now lives in Cadiz on a farm that his wife inherited just west of town. His house was built in 1861 during the Civil War. They have a big Easter Egg hunt at the farm each year that draws about 30 participants. He has three grandchildren that attend Heritage Academy and he brings them to school three times a week. He volunteers to help out at lunch at the school and when he is in town he attends 8:00 am mass at Sts. Peter and Paul. He and his wife are members of St. Stephen's in Cadiz where he lectures and ushers for the church. He says his roots are with this council and he enjoys reading the monthly newsletter that he receives in print.



My Team WILL Win This Year

April starts the Major League Baseball season. Start bragging about your favorite team because they all start out in First Place. Once a few months pass by, you never know. Your team could be still in First Place or at the Bottom.

Golf Anyone?



Sign up for the Golf Tournament on May 9th. Maybe you can grab the "bragging rights" until the next outing. The Annual Charity Golf Tournament is always a fun day. If you can not play, we need volunteers to help make the day special, so that the Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament is remembered as the best one around. See if you can get some "door prizes" from places you always do business with. Free oil change, pizza, nail manicure, haircut and what ever else you can think of.