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Newsletter for September 2022

Grand Knight's Message – Joe Ottman

Bother Knights,

10 Things you didn't know about the founder of the K of C Father Michael McGivney is a timeless witness to the faith. By Andrew Butler 9/1/2020.

1. Not only Catholic, but Protestants were inspired by Father Michael McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.

2. He was a surprisingly good baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights.

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to Parish Priest, nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed woman to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.

Father McGivney saw the many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, while he was drunk, shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged. Father McGivney ministered to him daily, and on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death with out a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now"

7. He was only 38 years old when he died in a 19th century pandemic.

And that's actually not surprising – life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut during this time in history, when the Catholic population was growing in America, disease was common, and priests were overworked.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

Father McGivney's beatification is the latest development in his cause for canonization.

9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings remain.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from Columbus Magazine):

Employment and finance. Just as parishioners looked at Father McGivney for help when “No Irish need apply” was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.

Substance abuse. In Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.

Return to faith. Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children to return to mass.

Grand Knight,

Joe Ottman

Past Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As you can see, we will be busy in the next month or so. There's no shortage of volunteering opportunities, from Chicken Drive-Thru dinner to serving your time on the Columbian properties board.

Another important event that our Grand Knight has made a priority in this Columbian year is the Membership Drive in October. We need all of you to participate and bring candidates on board so they can attend the initiation ceremony. It's recommended by our council leaders and even by our bishop to wear our badges in the mass you attend. Also, consider volunteering as an usher in your mass, just approach the head usher and let them know you available to help.

I truly believe that the lord has blessed each of us and our council, and in my opinion, one way to show our gratefulness is by volunteering time for the lord.

God Bless,
PGK, Jesse Acevedo

Council News

Chicken BBQ Driver-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

On September 17th we will be having our chicken drive-thru dinner. We need volunteers to make this event successful for our council.

Columbian Properties

Reminder, our council will take nominations from the floor and vote for candidates to join the Columbian Properties Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for Brother Knights to get involved.

Officer's Installation

Here are few pictures from the installation ceremony of our officers from our council. The ceremony took place on August 6, 2022.





Membership Drive and Tootsie Roll Drive

On the weekend of October 8th and 9th our council will have a Membership Drive along with our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We need several volunteers to help recruit members before and after all masses throughout the weekend. More information will follow for this event.

SPECIAL EDITION:

GIL ESQUER – CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

Submitted to Father Heslin Council Newsletter by Don Grishaw

This article is meant to inform the members of our council that one of our Brother Knights is running for office. No political agenda is intended. Please register to vote and participate in the upcoming election in November. Thank you.

Gil Esquer is a Past Grand Knight of Father Heslin Council. He is currently serving as the Year 2 Trustee.

He has lived in Turlock his whole life. Gil met his wife, Rosa, and raised his daughter, Michelle, in Turlock.

Gil was a Turlock City Council member from 2016 to 2020. Gil supports making improvements in all areas of public works such fire, police, streets, parks, and more. Gil is promoting fair representation for all four districts in our city.

Each district elects a city council member to represent the interests of that district. When decisions are made, the four city council members each have one vote as does the mayor of the city for a total of 5 votes. Gil wants all four districts to have an equal voice in the decisions of our city. This can be challenging when districts have needs that may or may not be line with other districts needs or the mayor's vision for the city.

City council members are there to represent the needs and concerns of their individual district, the community as a whole and they should be encouraged to do so. City government requires teamwork even when opposing views are brought to the table. There has been much change in the city during the last two years. All department heads in the city have been replaced. Gil hopes to unify the workings of the city government, make sure that all voices are heard, and work as a team towards a common vision which will benefit all four districts in the city.

The mayor's job is to build a team and let the city manager run the city, that is Gil's goal.



Rosary will begin at 6:15pm before each monthly meeting at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall.

Assembly News

Monsignor Alvernaz-Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm at Fr. Heslin Hall. Please contact Faithful Navigator for Dinner Reservations or use the Band App.

Fr. Giles Assembly-Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm and Dinner is at 6pm. Please RSVP for dinner.

Sacred Heart School/Pre School News

- ❖ Please continue supporting Sacred Heart School and Sacred Heart Pre-school. If you are interested and are considering sending your child to Sacred Heart School, please contact the principal. Her contact information is down below.
- ❖ Sacred Heart School Dinner and Auction is Saturday, October 22 and for tickets, please contact school office.

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Principal

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Vocations Crucifix Program – Angel Delgadillo



Our Vocations Crucifix program here at Sacred Heart is directed by our very own Brother Knight, Angel Delgadillo, and his wife Lupe Delgadillo. They have been working tirelessly on organizing Masses and seeking out families to take the Crucifixes home to pray each week. He has a Vocations Crucifix for the Knights in our council which my family had the honor of launching the program for our council.

If you and your family are interested in bringing home a Crucifix and praying with your family the rosary for the Vocations, please contact our very own **Brother Knight Angel Delgadillo** at (209)484-2948.

Know Your Brother Knight – LEE HENDERSON by Don Grishaw



Lee has been a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus for the past year. He moved to this area 30 years ago and he currently lives in Delhi. He has three grown children who live in Texas, Turlock, and Oregon.

In his profession, Lee buys and sells gold and silver coins. He has run his own shop for the past 12 years and previously bought and sold coins at coin shows throughout the state. Lee specializes in coins made in the U.S. He has been a coin collector most of this life. His shop is part of East Main Street Antiques in Turlock. You can find him there during regular business hours.

Lee especially enjoyed working at the County Fair this summer. He enjoys assisting at council events. He recently decided to begin assisting at the St. Vincent de Paul Society here in Turlock. He is also an usher at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday evenings at Sacred Heart Church.

Lee's other interests include guns. He owns several guns, and he enjoys taking them to the shooting range when he has free time. He also enjoys woodworking. He has his own woodshop where he has built small buildings, various pieces of furniture, and just about anything else that you can build with wood.

Churches From Around The World – Don Grishaw

My wife and I recently visited a small church called “Iglesia El Calvario” (The Calvary Church) on a hill outside the town of Mazatepec in the state of Morelos in central Mexico. Our Lord appeared to a woman of the village in 1826. The image of Our Lord has remained intact on the wall where He appeared centuries ago. The image is preserved behind glass now. At one point a painter tried to touch up the image, but the paint mysteriously drained off the image and would not adhere. The image is now installed in the main altar of the church.



An Editorial – The Way, We See It – Richard Fantazia

“And what have you done since I have been gone” If our founder Venereal Michael J McGivney came back down to earth tomorrow, what do you think his reaction would be to the status of the Knights of Columbus that he left behind? Would he recognize his organization as it is now? Would he be pleased as to what we do?

Would he be pleased that our numbers world- wide has grown to over 2 million from a few thousand when he died?

I think he would be pleased that the Knights of Columbus is still intact and pleased with the programs that we do. I believe that he would be extremely disappointed that our numbers world-wide have been stuck around the 2 million mark for several years and he would question why we haven't grown...say to 20 million just in the USA?

(Note: The Masons have over 6 million members)

This priest of vision, this priest of compassion, this priest of hard work, this priest of the people would question why we are not more attractive to more eligible men and why some clergy do not trust us. I suspect they fear us because they do not understand us and do not allow a partnership to develop.

Though times have changed, evil still exists. In this day and age, it is evil on steroids. Now instead of just discrimination, bigotry, crime, and the war on the Catholic Church, just to name a few evils, we have the introduction of cancel culture, gender identity, and the perversion to make lies the truth and truth becoming the lies. But the most scandalizing evil of them all is abortion. (What kind of society have we become that we can throw away innocent babies like they are trash?)

The clergy cannot correct the evils alone. Also, we should not expect our wives and daughters to carry the load to fight evil. The clergy and women of faith need us in large numbers to not be silent and make know our values and stance. Because they were vocal, we have allowed small groups to gain traction and crush our values. Everyone goes with a winner. Imagine 20 million men proud to state their stance and defend life and defend their Catholic faith as willing partners to our priests and bishops.

We need to be good examples to our faith and good salesmen in selling our good works to prospects. We pray to Fr. McGivney to give us the wisdom of recruitment. Just as in sports, fans fill the stands when they associate with a good winning team. Let the active members be that winning team and draw fans (new members to our fraternal order.)

Please note: We understand that this newsletter is read by just a few members and basically, we are preaching to the choir. We need to update and maintain a council web site so more people can see what the council is doing.

Fr. Heslin History

This segment will return next month.

September Birthdays – Joe Ballas

**Sunday
Mass
TV**

9/2	Lee Henderson	
9/3	Fernando Guevara	Newest member
9/5	Ken Gomes	
9/6	Ron Giannone	
9/7	Rafael O. Martinez	
9/8	Javier M. Lopez	
9/9	Daniel Meneses	
9/9	Ginika Ngene	
9/10	John Bettencourt	
9/10	Paul Dompeling	
9/11	William Ottman	
9/12	Don Grishaw	
9/14	Larry Faria	
9/14	John Borges	
9/15	Jack Miller	
9/17	Artie Romero	
9/18	Joseph Romeo	
9/19	Ronald Tremble	
9/19	Roger Gregg	
9/22	Juan Sanchez	
9/23	Dennis Serpa III	
9/27	Gil Esquer	
9/30	Alan J. Serpa	

Schedule

YouTube - Go to the search box and type in “Sacred Heart Church, Turlock” and hit Enter, and you will see the dates of the Masses as well as images. Just select the Mass you want to see and enjoy Mass with Father Pat or any other of our Sacred Heart priests.

Regular TV Schedule

Local Channel 40KTXL at 5:30am-6:00am

DirecTV Channel 370 EWTN at 5:00am-6:10am

Channel 370 EWTN at 9:00am-10:10am

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Newsletter Staff

Your Newsletter Staff consists of Brother Knights; Richard Fantazia, Gil Esquer, Don Grishaw, Paul Lencioni, Angel Delgadillo, Steve Reyes, and Jesse Acevedo. Our Current Grand Knight's message is done by Joe Ottman.

Our primary purpose is to provide our Brother Knights, who cannot attend our meetings, an up-to-date information regarding our council, our assemblies, our chapter, our Sacred Heart Church, and Sacred Heart school.

We encourage any Brother Knight that is interested contributing to this Newsletter in any way, to get in contact with any member of the Staff. As usual, our Staff will be delighted to hear any suggestions, comments or concerns.

Jesse Acevedo

Comics – Source: Pinterest

