



**THE KNIGHTS
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Breathing New Life into the Church **OCTOBER 2009**



From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights, what a job you did at the Spirit of Christ 35th Anniversary Picnic on August 30th! You started the day at 8:00 a.m. by moving the homeless people from SOC to the Northglenn United Methodist Church. At 9:30, a large group of Knights and Ladies Auxiliary began the major project of setting up the south parking lot area for the picnic. Two large tents were erected along with five smaller ones. Tables and chairs were set out. The beer tent was assembled along with the children's play area. We were finished at noon, ready for the grilling of hot dogs and hamburgers to begin. When the picnic ended, you completed the job by taking everything down and cleaning the area.

On September 10th we returned to SOC for our monthly business meetings. We will continue to use the Frances Cabrini room on the second Thursday of each month, except for October when we will meet on the third Thursday, October 15th. Please mark this date as a Special Night with a different time schedule. Our 1st Degree Team will conduct its initial 1st Degree Exemplification in the Frances Cabrini room, beginning at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend and arrive by 6:45 p.m., as the doors will be locked once the Degree process begins. We

anticipate that 5-7 new men will become Knights that night! We will follow the Degree process with a short snack time and business meeting at 8:00 p.m.

We would like to see a large attendance of Knights. This would be a great time for all of us to again view the 1st Degree and to welcome our new brothers. I will try to keep the business meeting as short as possible.

Vivat Jesu,
Tom



Lecturer

The web site www.fathermcgivney.org can give us some very interesting facts about the history of the Knights of Columbus and its founder, Father Michael McGivney. Here are a couple of facts gleaned from the site.

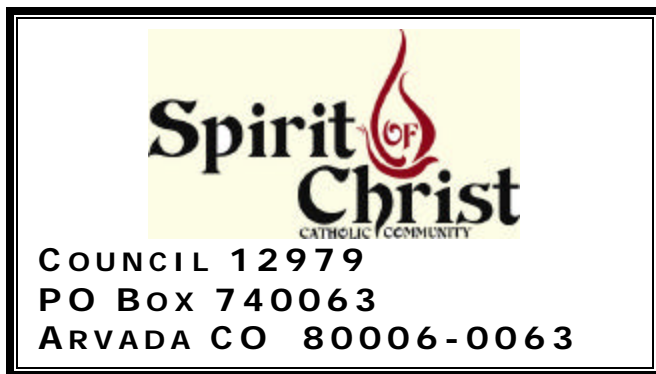
First, Father McGivney had originally suggested the name of Sons of Columbus for the Order. He felt that this name would bind Catholicism and Americanism through the faith and bold vision of the New World's discoverer. However, the word "knights" replaced "sons", because

key members of the organizing group, who were Irish-born Civil War veterans, felt it would help to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty.

Another fact is interesting. One of the responsibilities of St. Mary's priests was the pastoral care of inmates of the city jail. In a notable case, a 21-year-old Irishman, while drunk, shot and killed a police officer. James (Chip) Smith was tried for first-degree murder in 1881, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged. Father McGivney visited him daily. After a special Mass on the day of execution, the priest's grief was intense. The young offender comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me. I must not break down now.

Grand Knight's Bullet Points

- † Congratulations to past Grand Knight Tom Lyons for being named State Knight of the Month for July 2009.
- † Congratulations to Mark Piontek who took his 2nd and 3rd degrees on September 12th. Mark, you are on your way to achieving the Shining Armor Award!
- † Congratulations also to Larry Crawford who became a 1st Degree Knight on September 12th. Glad to have you aboard, Larry!



- † Special thanks go to Libby Schultz, wife of Mark Schultz, our council's Financial Secretary. Libby has been helping the Grand Knight with the lay-out of the newsletter. She understands the process much better than the Grand Knight. Many thanks!
- † Our peach sale fundraiser netted \$2,740.50. Many thanks to all of the Knights who sold those peaches. Special thanks to David and Cindy Dudden who supervised the fundraiser.
- † Get your Football Frenzy Sweepstake tickets by October 15th.
- † The council's officers have decided to suspend the Glad Knight/Sad Knight program. Too often the name pulled belongs to a member who is not present at the business meetings. The Grand Knight hopes to inaugurate something that only the meeting attendees will have the opportunity to win.
- † Sadly, last month's Sad Knight was Tom McCarthy. Sorry, Tom!
- † Special thanks go to all of the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary who helped make the SOC 35th Anniversary picnic the huge success it was. According to one administrator's estimate, the crowd was at 2,500.
- † Mark your calendars. Our council is planning a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, October 27th, in the Spirit Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All member Knights and their families are invited. RSVP sign-ups will take place in the Gathering Space area on the weekends of October 17-18 and 24-25. Watch the SOC bulletin!
- † We are inviting all men, who might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, and their families, to

join us at the October 27th spaghetti dinner. As a Knight, do you know of a Catholic man who wants to join us, but has never been asked? Now is the time to approach a friend about getting involved in a great organization that helps people.

Did You Know?

? As a Knight of Columbus, you created the \$20 million "Knights of Columbus Vicarius Christi" fund — the earnings on which are conveyed annually to the Holy Father for his charities. Since its inception, this fund has generated more than \$43.1 million for the Pope's good works, and the corpus remains intact.

? Did you know that Babe Ruth, Connie Mack, Floyd Patterson, and Vince Lombardi were all Knights! The *Columbia* magazine we all receive contains some very interesting facts and articles. Do you read it?



Summary of September Financials

As of September 10th, we had \$1,887.71 in the checking account and \$888.15 in the savings. The following bills, totaling \$7,161.33, were read and referred: \$100.00 to Holy Trinity School for use of their athletic field; \$51.92 to Todd Mullen for food at the Softball camp; \$126.00 to Tom Lyons for fair trade coffee purchase; \$69.20 and \$35.20 to Tom Dedin for softball camp expenses and postage; \$6,733.00 for peaches; and \$46.00 to Monograms to Go for clothing.

The Financial Secretary reported receipts totaling \$10,266.00. This

included \$30.00 for the sale of two hats; \$55.00 for shirts sales; \$36.00 for dues; \$9,305.50 for peach sales; and \$795.00 from the softball camp entry fees.

Completed Projects and Events

Homeless Move, August 30th: The Knights moved the homeless from SOC to the Northglenn United Methodist Church on August 30th. Thanks to all who helped: Ron Hayduk, Ken Krizman, Bill LaGrange, Jerry Flamming, Joe and Storm Sutherland, Gil Gagnon, and Gerald Stephens.

Spirit of Christ 35th Anniversary Picnic, August 30th: Look at the list of Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who were involved in making the picnic a huge success. My apologies go to those who are not mentioned. We tried to get everyone to sign the sign-up sheet: Harold Armenta, Dennis Jones, Carol Melton, Cormac McCarthy, David and Cindy Dudden, Mike Abruzzi, Diana Fratini, Charlie Sheridan, Dave and Marcy Robles, Chris Barrett, Dan Pocrnick, Ed Tezak, Brian Deahon, Scott Ditch, Jerry Flamming, Jody Loza, Roger Burgard, Ken Krizman, Alan Trenary, Thelma Lucci, Gil Duman, Pat and Bobbie Dougherty, Kevin Murphy, Dave Reneke, Mike Dishburger, Rick Fuller, Ed and Sharon Lindeman, Marge and Steve Feldman, Bill Prynak, Eric Johnson, Mike Contreraz, Andy McClaflin, Tim Vettel, Patrick and Michelle Feldman, Price and Jeannie Hatcher, Troy and Patti Hayes, Tom Lyons, Ginny Trumpolt, and Tom and Mary Fran Dedin. WOW! What a group!

Peach Sale Distribution, September 1st: We work to sell the peaches and then we help Dave and Cindy Dudden distribute them. Thanks to Tom Lyons, Mike Abruzzi, Mike McCarthy, Ron

Hayduk, and Tom Dedin. Special thanks to Jacob Starkovich who worked right up the end!

Ministry Fair and Coffee and Doughnuts, September 19-20th: The Knights served wine and cheese (September 19th) and coffee and doughnuts (September 20th) to all who attended the SOC Ministry Fair. The Knights also had an information table about the Knights of Columbus. Many men volunteered, including Scott Ditch, Tim Vettel, Jerry Flamming, Charlie Sheridan, Larry Crawford, Price Hatcher, Rich Boespflug, Mike McCarthy, Pat Dougherty, David Dudden, Tom Lyons, Ron Hayduk, Randy Weinert, Jacob Starkovich, Ed Tezak, Phil Sanchez, Cormac McCarthy, David Robles, Patrick Feldman, Bill LaGrange, and Rudy Sanchez. Thanks also to the Ladies Auxiliary who had a table: Cindy Dudden, Connie St. Louis, and Marge Feldman.

Knight's Pancake Breakfast, September 27th: The Knight's made a very successful return to SOC for the first pancake breakfast to be held in the Spirit Center since the remodel. We had the privilege of being the first group to use the new kitchen. Approximately 500 parishioners enjoyed the pancakes and sausages prepared by the Knights. Thanks to the many volunteers from the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary who made this event successful: Knights Charlie Sheridan, David Dudden, Troy Hayes, Roger Brugard, Dennis Jones, Joe Rausch, Rich Boespflug, Jerry Flamming, Dan Pocrnick, Alex Guetlein, Jim Gumpert, Tom McCarthy, Ron Hayduk, Bob Blanchette, Bob Johnson, Randy Weinert, Alan Trenary, Mike McCarthy, Gill Duman, Duane Knight, Mark Piontek, Michael Abruzzi, Tom Dedin,

Jr., Tom Dedin, Sr., Pat Dougherty, Tom Lyons, and Patrick Feldman. =

Ladies Auxiliary and other helpers: Gina Guetlein, Audrey Duman, Lara McCarthy, Michelle Feldman, Mary Fran Dedin, Pattie Hayes, Cindy Dudden, Samantha Snyder, Taylor McKenna, and Kerri Feldman. Hopefully, we did not miss anyone. If we did, our apologies.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities to Serve

† **October 10-11 and 17-18**: It is Tootsie Roll time! As we did last year, we will conduct our annual Tootsie Roll drive on two consecutive weekends. On the weekend of October 10-11, we will be at two sites from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: King Soopers stores at both 64th and Sheridan and 80th and Sheridan. On the weekend of October 17-18, we will be only at the King Soopers store at 80th and Sheridan. KNIGHTS, we need help. Please call Todd Mullen at 303-463-4355. I know we can count on you! All donations will go to help the mentally disabled.

† **October 15th**: We will conduct our very first 1st Degree Exemplification with own 1st Degree Team. The Degree process will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the regular business meeting starting about 8:00 p.m. Please arrive by 6:45 pm.

† **October 17th**: The Knights will prepare and serve a dinner for the Knights of Columbus State Officers at SOC in the Spirit Center. We need some volunteers. Please call Todd Mullen at 303-463-4355.

† **October 17-18**: A Knight will speak briefly before all masses on this weekend, informing the men of SOC

parish about the Knights of Columbus. Interested non-Knights and their families will be invited to attend an information spaghetti dinner on October 27th.

† **October 27th**: We are planning a spaghetti dinner for all of our Knights and their families, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center. We will also be inviting all Catholic men, who are not presently Knights, and their families. Our purpose is two-fold: we want a nice family social night for our membership and we also will use a few minutes to explain to the non-Knights who we are and what we do as Knights. There will be sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekends of October 17-18 and 24-25. We need to identify some numbers to prepare for the dinner. Again, we will need volunteer help!

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Knight of the Month

September: Cormac McCarthy

Cormac is a 3rd Degree Knight. He took his 1st Degree May 14, 2008, and quickly followed with his 2nd and 3rd Degrees on October 25, 2008.

Cormac has been very active with the council, volunteering on a number of events. Earlier this year, Cormac brought a new concept to our business meetings. He has put together a picture board of friends and fellow workers who have either strayed from the Catholic faith or who have very little religion in their lives. At the business meetings, Cormac presents additional photos of new men, requesting prayers from the men of the council. These men are then put on the prayer list for our "For the Good of the Order."

Cormac and his wife, Heather, have two children, Isabella and Ava.

Congratulations, Cormac, on the exceptional Catholic example you are demonstrating.

Family of the Month

For September: Dennis Jones and Carol Melton

Dennis Jones is a 3rd Degree Knight. He took his 1st Degree February 16, 2008, and quickly followed with his 2nd and 3rd Degrees on October 25, 2008.

Dennis became our council's first Knight to earn the Shining Armor Award. His plaque is proudly displayed in the council's display case outside the Spirit Center.

He has volunteered to run our phone tree, and he and his finance, Carol, have volunteered for many projects over the past year. Our council truly congratulates Dennis and Carol for being named Family of the Month.

For the Good of the Order

At the September business meeting, prayers were offered for the following: Lorann McCarthy, Tim Seamon, Jean and Derek Olson, Carolyn Mueller, Luanne Dilling, Yvonne Costello, Brother Joe O'Hayre, Brother Harlan Ross, Fr. Richard Ryan, Fr. James Cuneo, Brother Ryan Carrick, Fr. Steven Voss, Gene Ditch, Ryan Carrick, Deacon Rex Pilger, Kathy Starkovich, Connie Mullen, Airline and all employees facing layoffs, families facing illnesses and medical hardships, Gene Mendenhall, Tony Therlault, Aimee LaFosse, Leroy and Louise Acree, Price and Louise Hatcher.

Special intentions: Ed Tezak, Rose and Dan Springer, the Thompson family and the soul of Joe Thompson, a thanksgiving

for favors received, for those in transition, and for Susan Castleberry.



From our Field Agent

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Ladies Auxiliary

Since the Knights are planning a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, October 27th, there will not be a Ladies Auxiliary meeting on that date. The Ladies are encouraged to attend the dinner. Bring your husbands and family. Cindy Dudden indicated that the Ladies would be contacted by e-mail regarding the November activities.

Many of you have asked about The Discoverer — one of the latest additions to the Order's portfolio. The Discoverer is a new plan of insurance offered to you and your family. In a nutshell, it is the most modern method of protecting your life — a custom-designed package of life insurance at low rates. You decide how much coverage you want, the amount of your premium, we will match the two, and The Discoverer will do the rest by blending whole life and term insurance just for you. Another thing, The Discoverer can also be considered "money back term". I would like to tell you about The Discoverer and how it can serve your needs. Call me today for an appointment.

Vivat Jesus,

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