



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Dates and Times

APRIL

- 21** Building & Grounds Work Day at Holy Spirit Special Olympics Track & Field Event
- 30** 4th Degree Living Rosary 7pm at Thomas Moore Church with Bishop Finn attending.

MAY

- 2** **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 4** Knights at the Royals game \$12 per ticket
- 5** Grill Hotdogs at First National Bank
- 6** 2nd/3rd Degree at Tri County #3414 1PM Need to be there at 12:30pm. Dinner afterwards.

JUNE

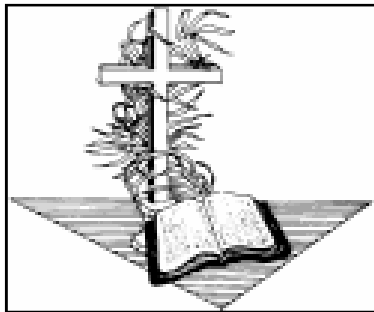
- 6** **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 29** Fireworks booth Fundraiser Jun29th-Jul 4th 8am-11pm

JULY

- 11** **Regular Business meeting 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Rosary at 7pm before meeting, please attend.**
- 21-22** Strotherfest at Holy Spirit—A 2-day festival with food, games, entertainment and fun for all ages.

AUGUST

- 3-4** State Golf Tournament. Hosted by Raytown Council #4962 at Royal Meadows with Social on Saturday.



District Deputy Notes

My Brother Knights:

I am happy to report that the reactivation of council 8334 at Holy Spirit is going well. On Feb 1st they had 16 men take their first degree, plus 14 reactivation and another 15 new members awaiting their first degree. They now have approximately 85 members for their new charter.

A second and third degree was held February 18th with class of 94 one of the largest I've ever attended.

The 4th degree was held on February 24 with a class of 106.

These are outstanding events and we all should be proud to be apart of the Missouri Knights of Columbus council.

On April 30th an Honor Rosary will be held at St. Thomas More @ 7 PM with 4th Degree Honor Guard present.

Don Vogel, District Deputy # 9



NEW EVANGELIZATION

(excerpts from Columbia Magazine)

Simply put, the term "new evangelization" is the fresh announcement of the Gospel for today's world. It is a spiritual openness and a readiness to do what is required for a renewed and vigorous proclamation of the Gospel. Christ must be allowed to touch our daily lives in the regular duty & routine - - - his message must shape our choices and decisions.

Pope Benedict recently said, "When man is entirely caught up in his own world, with material things, with what he can do, with all that is feasible and brings him success, with all that he can produce or understand by himself, then his capacity to perceive God weakens."

Many have heeded his words and embraced the vision he sets forth as the vicar of Christ & head of the Church. As Knights of Columbus, we too should embrace the new evangelization being spread under Pope Benedict's leadership. Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, was a man of similar spiritual vision. Like Pope Benedict is doing today, he challenged the young people of his time to hear the Gospel afresh and do something new to proclaim Christ to the world. The concrete expression of this vision is found in the Knights of Columbus' fundamental values: the dignity of human life; the sanctity of marriage & the family; and the compliment of men & women in God's plan.

The challenges that faced Father McGivney were more subtle and complex than just the negative feeling & bigotry against the Catholic Church and its clergy. He was ready to face the enemy of the family, the working man, the widow and the orphan. He had a vision that echoed Christ's teaching that "...as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me". Father McGivney expected his Knights to be evangelizers, one to another and to the rest of the world.

Pope Benedict advises us to "Make an effort above all to listen to the Lord in prayer, in participation in the sacraments, and in learning the sentiments of God in the faces & the suffering of others." We possess the dependable compass of Father McGivney's spirit and his vision for Catholic men, their families and their world.

As Knights assume their role in the new evangelization, let us listen to Pope Benedict and stand with him.

Grand Knights Report from April Meeting

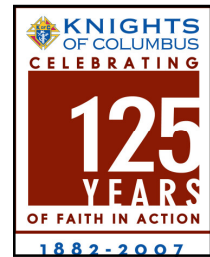
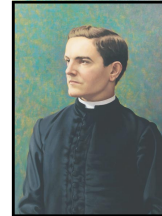
Fr. Tierney was presented the Chaplain council jewel and his Honorary Life Membership Card.

The following 8 members took their 1st degree on March 13th at Lee's Summit Council: Ty Cooper, Ralph Gossman, Frank Van Pelt, Dan Stacks, Glen Lampton, Dan Hagerman, Tom Sheehan and Shaun Lovelace. *Congratulations!!*

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Rosary with Ladies Guild at 7:00 PM before all monthly meetings.
- Council reactivation is still being processed by Supreme and membership cards are still pending. State of MO incorporation is complete.

Fraternally, Tom DeDonder, Grand Knight



Financial Secretary Report:

Not all membership transfers have been received. Reviewed listing of unpaid dues. Questioned if anyone is receiving letters from the MO State Council. A catalog of K of C materials available was circulated.

The Grand Knight stated that all receipts for reimbursements must be dated, signed and presented before meetings commence.

Don't let your dues fall behind

- Name tags are \$7.00 and T-shirts are \$5.00.
- Make Checks payable to Knights of Columbus.

Committee Reports:

Membership Director:

- 1st Degree on April 10 at Cardinal Glennon and April 15 at Raytown.
- 2nd/3rd Degree May 6th at Gladstone. All first degree members should attend. Contact Tom Davis.

Church Director:

- Fr. McGivney rosary was held on March 29. There will be a rosary prior to the monthly meeting with the Ladies Guild @ 7:00 PM .
- **The 3rd Saturday of each month will be a work day at Holy Spirit.**
- A seminarian from MO studying in Connecticut has serious financial problems and #8334 has been requested to help. A \$190 donation was approved.
- A Transitional Deacon ceremony will be held on June 2 at St Raphael's by Bishop Finn. Doug Langner (intern at Holy Spirit several years ago) will be participating in the ceremony. The Council will send card & gift. We will adopt Doug as the council seminarian.

Community Director:

- Promote youth awareness of Deacon Rich Akins Heifer International Fundraiser.
- Possibility to open blood drive to other churches on Hwy. 150.

Council Director:

- Council will sponsor highway clean up on Hwy 150 between Ward and Pryor for 3 years, including the frontage of the church along Hwy 150. A sign should be up in 2 months.
- A softball team may be formed to play in the church summer league on Tuesday nights (first game May 20). A motion was made for the "Council to pay the \$450 entrance fee" and seconded. Discussion on fees, equipment, etc., followed. The motion will be voted on at the May 2 meeting if there is enough interest. Contact Jeff Reed to sign-up.
- A council newsletter is being started and will be distributed the week after the meetings via e-mail. Contact Ray Theiling with information, ideas, or articles for the newsletter.
- A council web page is up and running through the church website. Thanks to Forrest and Ken.

Family Director:

- Council is invited to the Royals game on May 4; must order by April 15. Cost is \$12/ticket in upper deck, \$7 parking pass. This is a Friday night fireworks night. Call Jeff Kaminski to sign-up.

Youth Director:

- Youth Director volunteer is needed.

Fundraising:

- The Council netted over \$1,400 at the Fish Fry on Mar. 30th. Dan Stacks thanked the Council for its help at the Boy Scouts sponsored Fish Fry.
- Council will sell fireworks at a booth June 29- July 4 from 8 AM to 11 PM. Council will receive 10% of net revenue. Lots of volunteers will be needed.
- Council is pursuing bingo licensing for Strotherfest and other events. Volunteer's names will need to have a background check by the MO State Police. Lots of volunteers will be needed.