



Knightly News

The official Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus
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Summer 2008

CHAPLINS' CORNER

For those of you that don't know me, I'm Fr. Philip Pacheco, OFM I am associate pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry, NH. I was ordained in May 2007. It is a great honor that I've been asked to be your chaplain and I look forward to working with all my Brother Knights and their families.

I had the pleasure to attend the Steubenville East Conference in Attleboro, MA in July with 33 teens from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. It was an incredible weekend and it truly was a renewal for me. The theme of the weekend was "Witness" which was quoted from Acts 1:8, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We are all called to be witnesses by the promises that were made at our baptism.

My dear brothers as Knights you do great things for the church but it can't stop there. It has to go beyond a "knights' event." First of all you must be men of prayer. How much time do you give to prayer? If your answer is I go to Sunday Mass then that is not enough. Yes, the Mass is the most important prayer that we can participate in but we need to be in constant dialogue with our loving and living God. Without that strong relationship with God, how can we help others when we ourselves are empty within? Then we must go into our workplaces, neighborhoods, homes, etc and bring the good news that we have experienced in our lives. It is to bend down and see what is wrong with the person that sits at the corner of the street. It's to not rush that telephone call because you are just too occupied but

to give that listening ear to that person that needs someone to talk to. It's speaking out against the injustices that occur each and everyday in our society.

My dear brothers we don't need to be missionaries and go to foreign lands to be witnesses but we need to witness right here in our State of New Hampshire and within our communities. So let us go out there and be "witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

Peace,
Fr. Phil

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

We are off to a great start with our first prayer breakfast for the men held July 26th! We want to especially thank all of the women that worked in the kitchen for us. The food was fantastic. I know the women that were unable to be there were praying for us and we thank them very much.

I also want to thank each and every member that accepted a responsibility this year as Officers, Directors and Chairpersons. We have an awesome responsibility to our Church, our Priests, and our whole community. Most importantly is our responsibility to God! As Knights we must always remember that we are Catholic Gentlemen and do all things in His name. This year I challenge you all before you start any project get on your knees and pray. There will be a difference, Believe me!

With Love in Christ,
Dave

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From the Lecturer

Father Michael J. McGivney / Knights of Columbus
"A Timeline"

- 1852** Born August 12th in Waterbury Conn.
- 1877** Ordained December 22nd St. Mary's, New Haven Conn.
- 1882** Founded Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Church*
- 1884** Transferred to St. Thomas Church in November, as Pastor.
- 1890** Died on August 14th at the age of 38.
- 1900** 5000 people attend the first annual pilgrimage to his grave in Waterbury.
- 1982** Fr. McGivney's body is re-interred at St. Mary's Church in New Haven.
- 1996** Cause for sainthood begins. Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP is "promoter."
- 1997** U.S. Bishops unanimously agree that cause should proceed.
Vatican declares "No obstacles to process."
Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. formally opens cause.
- 2008** Pope Benedict XVI declares Father Michael J. McGivney, "Venerable Servant of God" an important step toward beatification and canonization.

*At the first council meeting, Council #1, in 1882 Father McGivney was acclaimed "Founder" by 24 men. In the year 2008 there are more than 11,000 fraternal councils in 13 countries with more than 1.6 million Knights!

More history to come...

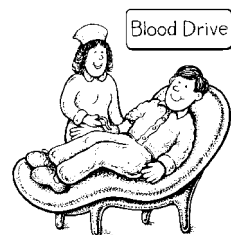
May God Bless and Keep You...

- Deacon Gary

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Priests
Brother **John Cadieux**
Our troops
All those are hungry and homeless

Please send prayer intentions to:
knightsarepraying@yahoo.com



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Derry Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Aquinas Center on Monday, August 18th, from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Help is needed for set-up starting at 11:30 AM through clean up, which usually is done by 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August business meeting. Any questions, please contact the Blood Drive Chair, **Bob Modrak**, at 432-8935 or cell 479-3560.

Blood supplies are critically low during the summer months due to vacations, so please come and "GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE"!

'Kans for Knights'

Our continuing efforts are really paying off. The trailer is getting full again and we could use some volunteers to help empty the trailer. Please call **John Berner** at cell 490-2420.

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Sonshine Soup Kitchen

Friday August 22 is the next time we will serve meals at the Baptist Church in downtown Derry. We can use help from about 4PM till 6PM

Mike Gagnon, Meal Coordinator
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Also several times a month we drive meals to the shut-in folks that are unable to get out. We are always looking for drivers. This usually takes less than an hour and starts a around 4:30PM.

Roger Marston, Drive Coordinator
Tel. 887-3253.

NHMS RACE WEEKEND

As Knights we need to always be ready to answer the call of charity. This project is one of our biggest opportunities to raise the funds that we need to continue our good work. The next race weekend is September 12th, 13th, and 14th. This August you will receive a phone call asking you to commit to one of the two days and to bring a friend along... Please don't let this opportunity slip by. It may be a sacrifice or hardship for you to relinquish a Saturday or Sunday. Do it anyway. Help us help those in need.

Please wear khaki pants or shorts, white collared sport shirt with no markings and closed toe shoes or sneakers. Anyone age 16 and older is encouraged to help – Knights, wives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends, and neighbors.

Any questions or advice please call **John Berner** at 490-2420, **Randy McClellan** at 361-0909, or **Dave DeJulio** at 289-6748.

DERRYFEST 2007

Saturday, September 20th is Derryfest 2008. The Knights will again be cooking hamburgers. Please mark your calendars for this fun, community fundraiser, and pray for a sunny day. Sign-up sheet will be available at the September business meeting.



August Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held Wednesday, August 13th **starting at 7:00 PM** in the Aquinas Center. The budget for this fraternal year (July 1st 2008 through June 30th 2009), as discussed at the July Business meeting, will be voted on at this meeting.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events for Council #3023:

August 9, Prayer Breakfast for women
August 9, Knights Barbeque for Steubenville youth
August 13, Monthly Business meeting
August 13, Semi annual audit (Trustees)
August 18, Blood Drive
August 22, SonShine Soup kitchen

September 6, Prayer Breakfast for Men
September 6, Council Picnic (Steak Tips, etc.)!
September 7, Installation of Officers
September 10, Monthly Business Meeting
September 12, 13 and 14, Racetrack
September 20, Derryfest

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