



Pope John Paul The Great

Be Not Afraid



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Grand Knight's Notes

Joe's Jots

Please join me in welcoming four new members of our council. On Tuesday 3/21 three men took their First degree at St. Benedicts council 9056, St. Gregory The Great. Father Rodrigo Mingollo (Fr. Rod), Rogerio Valdez (Roger), and Pacifico Dabu (Jun) joined six other candidates from other councils and went through the degree. Brother Oliver Wendell filed a form 100 for transfer from Kempsville Council to join us. Coming up is some exciting events.

The council will hold an open house on April 19th. This will be a Fraternal Benefits talk by our Agency Field Representative, Brother Paul Mulcahy. I have asked the ladies to help out with some snacks for this occasion. Please come and listen to him. No strings attached.

Elections are coming up. The nominating committee is hard at work putting together a slate of candidates. If you have an interest in taking a position, please contact Deacon Larry, Kenn White, or Art Fritz. The date of elections will be May 3rd. The new officers will take their positions Effective July 1st. All you need is to be a Third Degree Knight. Like every other officer before you on the job training is the way. "DO NOT BE AFRAID".

Thanks to many of you who worked for the good of the order we have been nominated for Star Council an award given by Supreme to councils who fulfill a number of requirements.

Mark your calendar with April 22nd. The Mass and Social will be held at Ascension Church hosted by Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council. All are welcome, please attend and meet the brothers of other councils in District Four. You will have a great time.

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Coming up KOVAR April

An excerpt . . . from the October Columbia Magazine

INSURANCE

"When Father McGivney founded the Knights, he wanted local councils to organize and conduct fraternal activities to benefit members, the parish and the community at large. He was especially concerned with the widows and orphans, because he knew first hand what it meant to lose the father and the breadwinner in the family. His own father died when he was a young seminarian. For Father McGivney, the most important fraternal benefit his Knights could provide was financial assistance to members' families affected by the death of a breadwinner.

Father McGivney had a pastor's heart matched with a penchant for practical and effective action. Under his direction, the Knights of Columbus replaced the practice of passing the hat to help a deceased member's family with a new structure that offered life insurance to its members. The pooling of insurance premiums at the Supreme Council created the basis for a financially sound program, and helped relieve local councils of the burden of supporting its widows and their families.

As membership grew and individual member needs became more varied, the Order responded. **Associate (non-insurance) members were welcomed, but always with the desire and the objective of transferring them to insurance members at the first opportunity.** The availability of insurance was extended to members' juvenile sons and later to their wives and daughters. New products were designed

to make insurance affordable to more members."

More to come from this article in the up-coming months!!

If you are currently an Associate Member and you wish to become an Insured Member, please contact us at the numbers below. We will schedule a confidential interview at your home, office or my office. As of this writing, we are making appointments for December.

Making a Difference!

Products for All Knights

We always talk about insurance and other products to and for all of our Brother Knights. But have you thought about your spouse after you have passed away. What if she wants to purchase insurance, long term care or an annuity? It may be hard for a Brother Knight to realize this while he is alive, but rest assured, I meet with the spouse's, the widows, and more often than not they want to purchase something for themselves.

Unfortunately most widows do not qualify for the opportunity to buy something for themselves because the husband, the Brother Knight did not have the foresight to purchase insurance or any product on themselves. You see the rules are very clear that if an insured Knight passes away then the spouse has all the right to purchase any products for one full year following the death of her husband.

If the Brother Knight is not classified as an insured Knight, then the widow is not eligible to purchase any products.

So the moral to the story is that if you are not an Insured Knight then you are limiting the ability for your spouse to take care of herself after you are gone.

Do not let this happen to your wife. Give us a call we can help you put a plan in place. Our office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Phone 642-4340.

Robert W. Abbate
Field Agent, Knights of Columbus
Serving greater Virginia Beach,
Chesapeake and Hampton

Calendar:

- April 1st Yard Sale at 9056 St Gregory the Great Church 7:30am till 12:00 noon
- April 3rd A 2nd Degree at San Lorenzo Council 7:00 PM
- April 5th Our council meeting.
- April 4th 1st Degree at Pope Leo council 10804 Holy Family Church
- April 19th Our social meeting (Fraternal Benefits Night)
- April 20, 21,22 KOVAR weekend
- April 22 District 4 Mass/ Social Night. Pot Luck at 12117 no admission, See Ad attached
- May 3rd Elections our meeting
- May 10th 1st Degree at 12117 Ascension Church, Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council
- May 17th Our Social Meeting theme TBA
- May 28th St. Luke's 20th anniversary celebration Starting with a mass at 3:00 PM
- May 31st Blood Drive 2:30 PM till 7:00 PM
- June 16th 2nd degree 10515 Kempsville council

For information, contact Grand Knight

March

Family and Knight of the Month

The March Family of the Month is the Kenneth and Joann White family, the Knight of the Month is Bert Salumbides. Congratulations to all of them.

Advice from an Attorney

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE -- NO CHARGE
A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a

first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all : (I never even thought to do this.)

3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell, told me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing! the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271
- 2.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 3.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 4.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Ladies Column

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all the people who helped with Italian Night. As I am sure you are all aware, the event was a huge success. We are looking forward to doing it again. We Ladies are always thinking, and plotting, and I am sure we will come up with another fundraiser in the late summer or fall. Watch your newsletter for further updates!!!

Again we thank you!

Midge
President Ladies Auxiliary

**Pope John Paul The Great
Council**

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor

Financial Secretary

Treasurer

Advocate

Warden

Recorder

Outside Guard

Inside Guard

Trustee—One Year

Trustee—Two Years

Trustee—Three Years

Lecturer

Membership Director

Church Director

Community Director

Council Director

Family Director

Youth Director

**From the Office of
The Supreme Knight**

Dear State Deputy:

Last night, we received some very exciting news regarding Parish Priest, Douglas Brinkley's new biography of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

The New York Times, which compiles the most closely-watched list of best-selling books in America, ranks Parish Priest at number 20 in its most recent survey. That's just short of the top 15 list that appears in The New York Times Book Review section of the Sunday paper each week. The book is now officially a best seller, but we need an all-out effort to get it over the top, and we need your help right now.

Getting into that top 15 list makes all the difference in the world. Books that make the NYT top 15 are automatically carried in book stores everywhere, including airports, train stations, grocery stores. Book stores such as Barnes & Noble offer best-seller discounts and special promotion for books that make the list.

Here's the bottom line: we're very close to putting Parish Priest in that exclusive category. If Parish Priest makes it into the top 15, the story of Father McGivney and the Knights of Columbus will achieve a public profile unprecedented in the history of the Order.

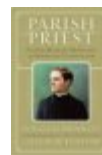
I ask you to do all you can in the next few days to encourage every brother Knight to make a trip to his local book store to buy a copy of Parish Priest. Get in touch with every District Deputy, and ask them to get in touch with every Grand Knight. Ask them to pass the word by phone, e-mail, and in person.

Let's put Parish Priest over the top! The benefits for Father McGivney's cause for sainthood, for the image of the Order, and for recruitment are tremendous. Please get the word out as soon as you possibly can.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson

Here is ordering information for the Parish Priest book:



Parish Priest : Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism by Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster (**Hardcover** - Jan 1, 2006)

Buy new: ~~\$24.95~~ **\$16.47**
Used & new from \$14.77
Usually ships in 24 hours

This is the link to this book on Amazon.com:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=br_ss_hs/104-4881791-4813508?search-alias=aps&keywords=parish%20priest

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Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul the Great Council #13784 is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at Saint Luke Church on Wednesday, 31 May 2006 at 2:30-7 PM. Appointment sign-up sheets are located at the rear of the church. Snacks and a meal will be provided.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life