



# Pope John Paul The Great

## Be Not Afraid



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### Grand Knight's Notes

#### *Joe's Jots*

There is a truism that says "you get out what you put in." This is just what the Knights get. Many brothers are getting a lot of graces by helping whenever they can. There are a few who haven't experienced the joy of joining their brothers in a project or meeting. I know that in this day and age it is not possible for many people to give a lot of time to one project or organization. The Knights never ask members to do anything that will take away from their faith, family, job, or etc. If each member gives a few hours a year it is all right. What do you think the world be like if all of the 1.7 million brothers put a little effort into a project or two. WOW. The K of C has opportunities in five categories which in essence cover everything: Family, Church, Community, Youth, and Council. Jim Newsham has a great idea for a very worth while project. He believes that there should be Faith Formation Classes/discussions for adults. Why you ask? Well, it is all a good possibility that we have either forgotten what we have learned or haven't learned everything. Are all of us very familiar with Vatican II. I know that I am not. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. After the liturgy we will sit down with anyone who wishes to join us and discuss the possibilities. Ginny James, head of the Faith Formation Ministry, has been notified and invited. Lets talk.

Speaking of Wednesday, it is our normal meeting day. Of course, this won't happen. Instead we will have our business meeting on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the church, beginning at 7:30 PM with the rosary at 7:00 PM.

We are preparing for the coming elections in May. Anyone interested in becoming an officer in the K of C please contact Kenn White, Remy Varias, or Deacon Larry, or

Art Fritz. The only requirement is that you are a third degree Knight by July 1. We have several openings.

Lastly, there is a state meeting in Newport News on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested in going please contact me we will car pool. For this meeting I would like to have someone come with us who is interested in running the KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Citizens who are Mentally Retarded).

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### **An excerpt . . . from the October Columbia Magazine**

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#### **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."

#### **INSURANCE (Cont.)**

**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.

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#### **Upcoming Degrees**

**1st Degrees:**  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, (12117)  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, (9056)  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, (12117)

**2nd Degrees:**  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, (12378)  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, (10515)

**3rd Degree:**  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, (367)

For information, contact Grand Knight Joe,

## **February**

### **Family and Knight of the Month**

The January Family of the Month is the Ivola and Amy Sexton 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

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## From the Office of The Supreme Knight

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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.

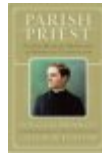
I ask you to do all you can in the next few days to encourage every brother Knight to make a trip to his local book store to buy a copy of Parish Priest. Get in touch with every District Deputy, and ask them to get in touch with every Grand Knight. Ask them to pass the word by phone, e-mail, and in person.

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:

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