



# Pope John Paul The Great

## Be Not Afraid



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### The Grand Knight's Corner

From The Grand Knight:

Brothers,

Spring has sprung! That, coupled with the recent events of our council anniversary and Pope Benedict XVI's visit, should energize us to look to the future with renewed hope. Several of you have already committed to serving as council officers next year. Elections to formally sanction your future roles as leaders in the council, as well as the church and community, are on the horizon for our next meeting. But there are many other opportunities for our other council members to be involved. Activity Directors and Committee Chairmen are needed to ensure the council continues its strong commitment to serve and help those around us. Your willingness to share of yourself will be multiplied several times over. We are a powerful force when we use our fraternity to unite and demonstrate charity for others. So, it is time to move out and follow our patron's motto and "Be Not Afraid!".

Peace to you and your families,

Mike

### Recent Accomplishments

- 3rd Anniversary
- Hosted First Degree
- Family Mass

### Future Projects

- State Convention (2-4 May)
- Business Meeting/Election (7 May)
- Happy Mother's Day (11 May)
- Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Award (11 May)
- First Degree Host (14 May)
- Adopt-A-Highway (17 May)
- Fourth Degree Exemplification (17 May)
- Altar Server Party (17 May)
- Memorial Day (26 May)

### Degree News

Upcoming Degrees:

#### May

- 14th First Degree (Hosted by Pope John Paul the Great)
- 17th Fourth Degree
- 22nd Second Degree
- 27th Second Degree

### June

- 3rd First Degree
- 8th Third Degree
- 10th First Degree
- 12th First Degree
- 25th First Degree

Note that the Second Degrees in May set you up for the Third Degree in June.

### Fourth Degree

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is May 17th at St. Timothy's in Chantilly. Contact your Assembly Faithful Navigator if you wish to attend to observe.

### Membership

Membership Director position is vacant - let the Chancellor, DGK or GK know when you can schedule your next milestone.

We are in the process of initiating suspension procedures for members not in good standing. Contact a Brother Knight that you haven't seen in awhile and invite him to an event!

Carry an application (Form 100) with you and give it to someone that will help us carry on the great work we do for the church and community.

Honorary Life membership applies to those who are 70 years of age and have 25 consecutive years of service or 50 consecutive years of service regardless of age.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Council Elections**

Election for next Fraternal Year will be held at the next meeting (7 May). Need all members to take an active role in the election process and attend. Additionally, if you would like to be an Activity Director or Standing Committee Chairman, see the GK or DGK.

The Council needs you!!! Be part of the **TEAM - Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!!**

### **Adopt-A-Highway**

Due to sparse participation, inclement weather and other conflicting events, we have gotten off to a slow start this year. Next cleanup is scheduled for 17 May. We need everyone's support to continue our commitment to the city to help keep our environment clean. We will plan on cleanup of Dam Neck Road every month for the next few months. Check the newsletter and planning calendar for the dates.

### **First Degree Team**

We hosted a 1st Degree at FR. Habets Council on 16 April. This is the first time in two years that we have hosted a

degree and the first time that we provided the core Degree Team.

You should all be extremely proud of our brothers who were part of the degree team. Jess Dabu, Lito Magsombol and Ivol Sexton were superb, near flawless, in their speaking roles. Remy Varias and Roger Valdez did outstanding as escorts. Jim Newsham, Bob Evans, and Mars Marcelo were stellar as banner/candle bearers. With the help of a few fill-in team members from Fr. Habets Council, it was a wonderful ceremony to bring four new brothers into the order.

Many thanks for everyone's hard work - especially Lito, Jess and Ivol.

We are on tap to do it again at Pope Leo Council (Church of the Holy Family) on 14 May. We really need to have another stellar showing with more Pope John Paul the Great members in attendance. Anyone interested in taking on the DGK or Financial Secretary roles or filling in as a support player (escort, banner/candle bearer), please let the GK know soon so we can get a quick run through before the next event.

Mark your calendar for 14 May.

### **Pope Benedict XVI Mass**

Many thanks to Gil and Adora Fontimayor for coordinating the Knight's Family Mass in honor of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States. Pictures are available on the website.

## **Month of March**

Knight of the Month is Chris Pewterbaugh and Family of the Month is the Lito Magsombol Family.

Congratulations to all of them.

## **Membership Drawing**

Last meeting the name drawn was Lito Magsombol. The next "pot of gold" will be \$90. Just show up at the meeting (7 May) and you could be a winner!

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Visit the council website and use the link to the planning calendar to get information on upcoming activities.

### **Pope John Paul The Great Council #13784**

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***Grand Knight***

Mike Maliniak

***Deputy Grand Knight***

Bob Evans

***Chancellor***

Mars Marcelo

***Financial Secretary***

Roger Martinez

***Treasurer***

Art Fritz

***Advocate***

Mars Maxino

***Warden***

Remy Varias

***Recorder***

Atlee Ladao

***Outside Guard***

Brandon Newsham

***Inside Guard***

Ivol Sexton

***Trustee—One Year***

PGK Edwin Malixi

***Trustee—Two Years***

Kenn White

***Trustee—Three Years***

PGK Jim Newsham

***Lecturer***

Ted Dumont.

***Membership Director***

Vacant

***Church Director***

Jess Dabu

***Community Director***

Art Fritz

***Council Director***

Lance Spencer

***Family Director***

Gil Fontimayor

***Youth Director***

PGK Jim Newsham

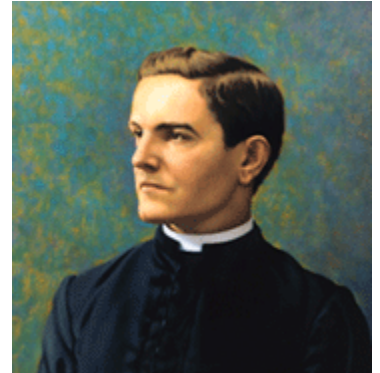
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## **Pope Declares Father McGivney Venerable**

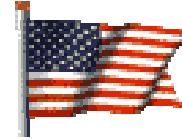
### **Vatican Approves Decree of 'Heroic Virtue'**

Pope Benedict XVI declared Father Michael J. McGivney venerable March 15, approving a decree of "Heroic Virtue" for the parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus. This step significantly advances Father McGivney's cause for sainthood.





*Knights of Columbus*  
*Fourth Degree*  
*Calvert Province – Virginia District*



Worthy Knight of C .....

Congratulations. You have been Knighted as a Third Degree member of the Order and are now known as a full Knight of Columbus. There are, however, four points on the Compass of Virtue. The fourth point on the Compass is Patriotism. To complete your journey to Knighthood, and earn the title of Sir Knight, there is one final step in our Order that you are entitled to pursue. The lesson of Patriotism is exemplified in the Fourth Degree, the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established in 1900, on the principle of patriotism – love for, and devotion to, one's country. Fourth Degree members compose a brotherhood united in their dedication to patriotism enlightened by the Catholic faith. The patriotic spirit of every Knights of Columbus member can be enhanced if he chooses to join the Fourth Degree.

As the Master of the Virginia District of the Fourth Degree, it is my pleasure to invite you to join the 300,000 Sir Knights who demonstrate their patriotism and pride in our Nation by being members of the Fourth Degree. As a member of the Fourth Degree, you would be entitled to become a member of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps, the visible arm of our Order that provides honor guards at civic and religious functions.

The Fourth Degree is organized into Assemblies. In Virginia, there are currently 33 Assemblies. The Grand Knight of your Council can get you information on the Assembly in your area.

Enclosed you will find an information flyer on the Fourth Degree and a membership application (Form 4). There will be two Exemplifications of the Fourth Degree in 2008 – one on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Chantilly and one on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. To be eligible to take your Fourth Degree, you must have received your First Degree at least one year prior to taking the Fourth Degree. A six month waiver can be granted if a waiver application is filed in a timely manner. You are encouraged to contact your Grand Knight and your Council's Fourth Degree liaison as soon as possible to get more information and to process your application.

I again congratulate you on completing your Third Degree and ask that you give careful consideration to joining us in the Fourth Degree.

Fraternally,

Richard G. Head  
Master of the Fourth Degree

Virginia District

## Knights of Columbus Emblem

The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883. It was designed by James T. Mullen, a New Haven native and Civil War veteran, who served the Order as its first Supreme Knight from 1882-1886.

The emblem incorporates a shield mounted upon a formée cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, and the formée cross is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ, through whom all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.



Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy.

Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white, and blue are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the Martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

# The Emblem of the Fourth Degree

The Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus features: the Globe, the Cross, and the Dove.



A Blue Globe with the lands of the Western Hemisphere in White  
A Red Cross with gold borders, and gold knobs at the ends of the Cross  
A White Dove.

The Dove, the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth or Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, like that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher (Christ Bearer) Columbus (Dove of Peace), symbolizing the Paraclete.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead...the most blessed Trinity.

The Globe God the Father, Creator of the Universe  
The Cross ... God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind  
The Dove God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The colors of the symbols are Red, White, and Blue, the colors of the flag of the country in which our Order originated. They are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree: **Patriotism**.

Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian gentlemen in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, bishops and hierarchy of the Church, and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and priests.

Considered under a religious aspect, we have the honor and privilege of wearing on our swords and our lapels the sacred symbol of the Most Blessed Trinity. This should always remind us to live a good Christian life, and that we should never bring dishonor on the emblem we have been privileged to wear. By this, others may see our good works, through which we will glorify our Holy Religion, our Honored Order and our Beloved Country.

## Pictures from the Pope Benedict's Mass Offering





