

Knights of Columbus

Newsletter

Council 7926

St. Martha's Church

August 2007

Grand Knight's Message

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Jesus spoke these words to his disciples on the night before he was to be crucified for our sins. Knowing full well what he was to endure in the coming hours, Jesus spoke not of revenge or violence or hatred against those who would torture and kill him. Jesus spoke of love. Therefore, let us follow Jesus's words to the Apostles and practice that love which he advised us to do.

I would like to extend special thanks to...

- ❖ Tony Decresci for running the Flea Market and everyone who helped out with that event.
- ❖ Everyone who helped out with June and July Breakfasts.
- ❖ PGK Bob Molzon for running the Retarded Citizens Collection at the St. Martha and Sacred Heart Churches and to everyone who helped with the collections.
- ❖ Bob Kehoe, Tony Decresci and Mike Tuohy who helped out with the 2nd Degree on 28 June.
- ❖ DGK Bill Wright and Chancellor Rich Stanton for covering various meetings for me while I was in California last month performing my Annual Training for the Navy Reserve.
- ❖ PGK Rick Mastronardi, PGK Frank Cicalese and Tony Decresci for organizing the Parish Picnic and to everyone who helped out with that event.

By virtue of my authority as Grand Knight, I hereby make the following appointments...

Church Director	Tony Decresci
Council Director	John Pierro
Youth Director	Ed Callahan
Family Director	Mike Tuohy PGK
Program Director	Carl Apgar
Membership Director	DGK Bill Wright
Respect Life Director	Jim Larkin
Religious and Civil Rights Director	Robert Morris PGK

Our Deputy Grand Knight has a couple of excellent ideas for future events which I would like him to share with you: an Oktoberfest German Dinner and a Veterans Appreciation Day in conjunction with our November Breakfast. More details to follow.

Sunday 12 August is the 155th Birthday of Father Michael J. McGivney. In recognition of his birthday and the 125th Anniversary of the Founding of our Order, I am planning two small celebrations. First, since his actual birthday falls on the same date as the August Breakfast, I have ordered a short video about Father McGivney from Supreme which we will show at the Breakfast. For the August Social Night – 23 August, I will order a birthday cake and we will show the video again. This little gathering shall be open to all Council members and their family and friends. I have also invited Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly to participate.

Vivat Jesus!

Bryan J Dickerson

The Grand Knight's Special Report on the Parish Picnic... **or How We Survived the Great Rainout of 2007**

First I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped out with the annual St. Martha's Feast Day / Parish Picnic Parish Picnic on Sunday 29 July 2007 at Windward Beach Park in Brick. This event is always one of the most challenging operations that our Council undertakes. Thanks to the hard work of our Council members, we have always been able to host a very special day for the members of our Parish community.

At this year's Parish Picnic, however, we ran into a challenge that was daunting even for our highly proficient team of logisticians and food preparers: namely, the weather. We were in the midst of preparing to serve our guests when a series of thunderstorms began to threaten our peaceful gathering. With thunder booming all around and the safety of our guests, families and brother Knights imperiled, the Park Supervisor advised us to evacuate the park immediately.

As our many Brothers who were present that not so fine Sunday afternoon can readily attest, evacuating the park under these conditions required a Herculean effort. The Park Staff assisted us in packing up our gear and supplies. (The next day I personally called the Director of Recreation to express our appreciation for their help.) Everyone pulled together and got the mission accomplished. Having a rental truck available also proved to be a major benefit as we were able to load most of our gear and supplies into that one vehicle. We were able to pack everything up (tables, food, refrigerators, paper goods, people, etc.) in about a half-hour. Just a few minutes after our last vehicle left the park, the storms struck with high winds, torrential rains and dangerous lightning. With a lot of hard work and a lot of help from the Almighty, we managed to evacuate the park before the storm struck with no injuries and no one being struck by lightning.

In the seven years that I have served with St. Martha's Council, I have witnessed our Brothers perform some pretty amazing feats but evacuating the park under those circumstances in that short of time beats them all. I extend my thanks again to everyone who helped out during the Great Rainout of 2007 and to our Heavenly Father for delivering us from the storms.

Lakewood BlueClaws Game 2 September 2007

St. Martha's Council has reserved the picnic section for the 2 September game. Tickets are \$25 each and include admission to the game and a barbeque in the picnic section of the stands. For more information and tickets, please call PGK Rick Mastronardi at 732-899-4428.

Help Needed with Baptisms

Help is needed with the Church's Baptisms on the first and third Sundays of the month following the 12 pm Mass. It has been a long-standing tradition in our Council to make a brief presentation during the Baptism to each mother and father of the baptized children. We need volunteers to serve at these Baptisms. Please call the Grand Knight to volunteer.

First Degree Team

In the coming months, we will be re-activating our Council First Degree Team. New members are needed. If you are interested in participating, please call the Grand Knight at 732-295-4574.

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Please Pray For...

Deacon Jack Haney, Brothers John Comerford, Angelo Lamalfa, Warren Frey, Joseph O'Brien and family, Ed Garguilo, and Tom Tamburo.

Need a Prayer?

Do you or someone you know need prayers for health, personal difficulties or a deceased loved one? If yes, please submit your requests to our Past Grand Knight at bmorris69@verizon.net, or call him at 732-295-1103. He will then send an email to everyone on the Council email list to request the prayer.

Schedule of Coming Events

- August 9th Council Business Meeting
- August 12th Communion Breakfast
- August 12th 155th Anniversary of Father McGivney's Birth
- August 23rd Council Social
- September 2nd St. Martha Council Night at Lakewood BlueClaws
- September 9th Communion Breakfast
- September 13th Council Business Meeting
- September 27th Council Social
- October 6th-7th Birthright Carnation Sale

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