

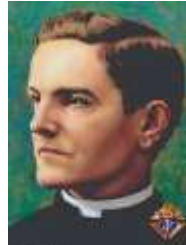


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Blessed Michael McGivney
Feast Day, Aug 13
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BUSINESS MEETING, Aug 3, 7:00PM (DINNER SERVED!) ♦ ALL MEETINGS IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

Meet IN PERSON or on Zoom! Zoom Meeting ID 805 406 5230; passcode is VjfUN3
Business Meeting, Aug 3, 7pm; Home Meeting, Aug 10; Officers' Meeting, Aug 24.
MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM TONY DICICCO REGARDING MEETING REMINDERS.

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✠ *From the Desk of the Grand Knight* August 2023

Brothers:

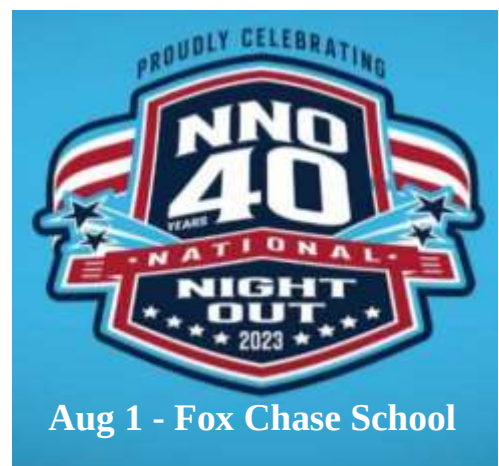
As the new fraternal year has kicked off and is already in gear, I wanted to let you know our target recruitment goal is nine new members. We have started strong with three new members joining us in July, two made their degrees before our business meeting and one did it online. Last year's goal was eight and we surpassed that with 11 new members.

Our monthly food drive at Resurrection is continuing to go well. In July, we collected and donated to Catholic Social Services over 600 pounds of food and well as baby supplies. This after 1,000 pounds in June. Thank you to Brother Dennis Franklin for spearheading this charitable endeavor on behalf of the Council.

We begin August, as you receive this, with National Night Out, at the Fox Chase Schoolyard on the 1st. We follow that up with our business meeting Aug 3 at 7:00.

Upcoming events for your consideration:

- September 16 at Resurrection - St Peragrine Day
- September 30 Our Lady of Czestochowa Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
- October 14 at St Cecilia - Fall Festival
- October 16 Harrisburg - Pro Life March
- November 11 St Cecilia - Our biggest fundraiser ever - Knight at the Races/Monte Carlo Night. All hands are needed for this event.



Aug 1 - Fox Chase School

Brothers, remember this is your Council. The officers look forward to hearing from you with any ideas or suggestions you might have. Please reach out to us.

Vivat Jesus,
Tony DiCicco
Grand Knight



Feed My Sheep Collection, gathering at Resurrection. Thanks to the Knights for all you do to collect this much-needed food.



Volunteers Needed!!! Saturday, November 11
 1st Annual Knight at the Races/Monte Carlo Night
 St Cecilia's Hall

This is an "all hands on deck" event. We need all the Knights who are available to volunteer in some capacity for this fundraising event. Please contact Todd Ellis at 919-215-4161 to sign up for the event. **Thank you for your support.**



Having been raised to the honors of the altar, Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he passed into eternal life (in 1890).



Top: Our newest members.

Bottom: Check presentation to Special Olympics.



Reconciliation: Let God Love You as You Are

Paragraphs 1446 to 1470 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church talk about Confession. I am reminded of things I learned over 70 years ago and other things made clearer, and even learned something new. Did you know your confessor prays for you and does penance with you when you go to Confession? “He must pray and do penance for his penitent...” (CCC 1466).

God loves you, wants you. He pursues you, searches for you. No matter who you are or what you’ve done, He’s eagerly seeking you. So much so that He will even take just a glimmer of contrition from you to have you back. Our goal is to love God for Himself, not for our sake, but He will accept our selfish contrition.

I want to be sorry because I love God and offended Him (Perfect Contrition), but I’m afraid that like most of us, I fear Hell more than I want Heaven (Imperfect Contrition). Mine is a contrition of fear. I’m in it for me, but God still gives His grace because He is so loving, so kind, and so merciful. If you are here, this is okay, it is a beginning, a step in the goal to want God above all else. Take it.

In Matthew 12:31 Jesus tells us that “...every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.” What is that sin? It is any sin for which we do not allow God’s forgiveness.

I may feel my sin was so horrendous that God can’t forgive it. I’m not allowing God’s forgiveness. God’s love goes deeper than any sin and failing and transforms me. If you knew Him and His love for you, it would overcome and overwhelm you with emotion. There is no sin too great for God’s love. And that melts me, humbles me, excites me! God loves you just as you are.

God welcomes you with open arms. He runs towards you as the Forgiving Father in the parable of the Prodigal Son/Forgiving Father. Read the story in Luke 15:11-32, and meditate on the son (you), and the father (God). Reflect on Psalm 103 and how far God will go in his love for you. It’s incredibly tremendous that God loves us that much. His love is more than my sin, He runs towards me with open arms. Will you give God permission to love you as you are?

Go to Confession. Run to your Father now. He eagerly awaits you with love and compassion. He’s running to you. He seeks you out, He wants you. He loves you.

Jesus Lives!
Will Schmitt, PGK
2nd Year Trustee



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Please pray for victims of gun violence.

Please call or email Tony DiCicco with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

Through "Prayers Unite the World" www.prayersunitetheworld.org,



*TO ALL WHO WERE
BORN IN AUGUST!*

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John F. Carroll
Antonio Di Sandro
Joseph G Efkowitz

Richard K Girkin
William D Kuhar
Rev. Robert F Lucas
Alexander D Rigney

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If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at council5036@gmail.com.

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Prospect Landing Page has been updated by Supreme.

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