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News and Views

Duquesne / West Mifflin Council #4210, Knights of Columbus
P. O. Box 105, West Mifflin, PA 15122

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The McGivney Prayer
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Financial Secretary Report
We had our election of officers on June 13th and these Brothers will hold the following offices effective July 1, 2016. Come to a meeting and congratulate these gentlemen.

COUNCIL 4210 OFFICERS FOR JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017
Grand Knight - Timothy Richards
Deputy Grand Knight - DJ Palcsey
Chancellor - Tom Smith
Warden - Matt Tomko
Advocate - Dave Palcsey - appointed
Treasurer - Frank Conti
Financial Secretary - John Hostovich - appointed
3 Year Trustee - Steve Slinski
2 Year Trustee - Matthew Gracan
1 Year Trustee - Thomas Schmitz
Recording Secretary - Gary Hawthorn
Inside Guard - John Engel
Outside Guard - George Wagner
Lecturer - Pat O'Leary

State Convention Delegates - GK and DGK
Alternate SCD - Frank Conti and John Hostovich

The following knights were nominated and elected for the PA State Council Officer’s positions for the next fraternal year – 2016-2018.

State Warden Frank J. Rozzo
State Advocate Michael J. Kish
State Treasurer Jeffrey C. Blaze
State Secretary Paul J. Sharum
State Deputy Charles J. Vagnarelli

The 2017 PA K of C State Convention will be held at Kalahari resort in Mount Pocono.

Grand Knight’s Message
Dear Brother Knights, First of all, thank you, for the trust you have placed in me to lead the Council for the fraternal year that began July 1st. The one thing I know is that it will take all of us to continue to make the Duquesne / West Mifflin Council the strong council it has become.

My thanks goes out to David Palcsey Sr., now PGK, for his effort and hard work to guide this Council to where it is today.

As we start the new fraternal year we need to focus on who we are. The Knights of Columbus are a Fraternity of Catholic men. Nearly 1.8 million men world wide, and more than 60 thousand here in the State of Pennsylvania. The Knights must keep growing stronger by new members each year. The State uses a statement "one new member each month". As one of my goals I ask all Knights to help me increase our membership to 24 new Knights for the 2016/2017 fraternal year.

We start this fraternal year strong, not only
financially strong, but our programs under the leadership of our Program Director, Tom Smith will be stronger than ever. Over the next month, your officers will be working to finalize the calendar and budget for next year. If you have an idea for a Charity to support, a project you’d like seen done, or an event you would like to see us host, then THIS IS THE TIME to speak up and get it on our agenda! If you are interested in taking a leadership role in the Council, then THIS IS THE TIME for you to speak up and volunteer! This is your Council. I am your Grand Knight and I want to be sure that your voice is heard. Please call me at 412-896-6332 (home) or 412-414-4919 (cell) at any time to talk. Email me at timmy1825@aol.com.

If you know of a friend, a brother, a son, a nephew, or a golf buddy that you think would make a great knight, approach them and ask them if they would consider becoming a Knight. Asking a person one-on one is the most effective way to recruit a new Knight. Once he shows some interest, get his name, phone number, and email. Then forward the information to me. I will be sure to have someone contact him and we will do the rest.

To increase our insurance goal, consider starting an annuity with the Knights of Columbus. This will change your status from an associate to an insured member. You can start an annuity with a $300 deposit. After that, you no longer have to make any more deposits if that is your wish. There are other rules associated with the annuity, but the bottom line is that you will get a good return on your investment. If you have funds sitting in a money market account earning very little interest, here is a good opportunity to transfer some of that money into a fund with higher interest than your money market. At the same time, you will help our council meet its goal. It is easy to get started on an annuity. Just contact our General Agent Ken Scott at 724-719-2324 or email him at Kenneth.Scott@kofc.org for more information. The whole process takes less that one hour and would go a long way to benefit our council.

**Something for the Heart**

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room’s only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm a midst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn’t hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.”

Epilogue . . . There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can’t buy. "Today is a gift, that’s why it is called the PRESENT".

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Vivat Jesus
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Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

July 2
Richard A Allen

July 3
William C Barnett

July 5
Joseph J Barron
John Luciow

July 7
Owen B Kelly

July 10
John T Engel
David S Murphy

July 13
Robert J Chisler
Robert W Guzewicz

July 17
Stanley P Horvat
Richard P Moran

July 18
Charles B Sasse

July 22
John X Chuha

July 26
Charles W Hertzler

July 27
Charles J Sullivan
Charles E Woolsey

July 28
Andrew Fedor, Sr

July 30
Rev. Stephen Chervenak

Upcoming July Council Events
Knights of Columbus Council #4210 Car Show – July 19 will take place on the 3rd Tuesday Knight of each month --- July 19th, August 16th, and September 20th. The Car Shows run from 5:30 PM until dusk at Holy Trinity Church Parking Lot, 529 Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin, PA 15122. All shows are open to the Public, bring your camera. There is a five dollar ($5.00) Entry Fee for cars, with “Goody bags” and Dash Plaques to the first 50 cars. The top three (3) cars get trophies in the first four (4) shows and forty (40) trophies at the Extravaganza Car Show in September. There will be “Giveaways” – Raffles - 50 / 50 Raffle - Game of Chance Raffle Tickets, and as always, great food and drink available. The BEST MENU in town! Music is provided by Disk Jockey Glenn Raymer of WKFB's Rock-in Golden Oldies Show”. Of course it’s always Weather Permitting. The end of Season “Knights of Columbus Council #4210 Car Show & Chili Cook off” highlights our Extravaganza Car Show which is scheduled for September 20, 2016. For that show there is a $10 Entry Fee -- and Class Awards For: Best Pre-40’s -- Best 40’s -- Best 50’s -- Best 60’s -- Best 70’s -- Best 80’s -- Best Post 80’s -- and Special Awards For: Best Back Seat for Making out -- Best Clean Trunk -- - Best Overall People’s Choice. Questions? Please call (412) 414-4919

DUQUESNE/WEST MIFFLIN
COUNCIL 4210 KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
BENEFITING: Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
FOOD FOR FAMILIES
The Knights of Columbus Council #4210 is committed to ending hunger in our local communities by asking the public to participate in the Order-wide Food for Families Program. Please make contributions of monetary donations to help the Knights of Columbus Council #4210 make our goal!

Nursing Home Bingo — August 18 Each month the council will run bingo ten games for the seniors at the Locust Grove Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on third Thursdays of each month at 6:15 pm to help out. We are usually finished by 7:30 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Richards at (412) 414-4919 to volunteer.

Nativity Set
The Council hopes to purchase the new Nativity Set this summer. The items considered are anticipated to cost over four thousand dollars ($4,000.00). To date, we have received approximately thirteen hundred dollars ($1,300.00) in contributions from the membership. Should you wish to help with this much needed purchase, please send your donation to the Grand Knight, Tim Richards, at 3311 Eisenhower Drive, White Oak, PA 15131 – 2207.

Knights of Columbus Council 4210 Car Show that was held on June 21, 2016 a good time was had by all, Father Tom Lewandowski blessed the cars at the show and everyone in attendance. We had Gary Hawthorne and Pat O’Leary on the grill and they were putting out the Burgers, Hot Dogs, and the Hot Sausage sold out. Matt Tomko was at the front gate, John Hostovich was selling the 50 / 50 tickets and my daughter Samantha did a great job selling COAL tickets. A big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered! It’s teamwork (Unity) and support (Fraternalism) like this that will make this upcoming Fraternal Year a success. Please plan on attending our next show on July 19th always the 3rd Tuesday of the month, bring your cameras and your appetite!

Installation of 2016-2017 Council Officers with Dinner afterward
The installation of 2016-2017 Council Officers is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM in Holy Trinity Rectory with a reception afterward. Incoming officers are requested to wear coat & tie, others business casual.

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal
As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you’re married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse’s contract in the event of the insured’s death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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