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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMBERSHIP and DUES PAYMENT

The annual dues statements will be sent to our dues paying members (non Honorary Life) later this month. Look for these around Christmas in the mail.

It is important that every Knight pay their dues annually and promptly. The Council is responsible for paying all State and Supreme Council assessments.

For members who fail to make their payment, the council must pay out of the council's general funds, which reduces our ability to support other programs.

If you do not receive your Due Renewal notice, please contact us and provide us with your current address, telephone number and email address.

CONTACT: Financial Secretary, John Hostovich, hostovichjr@comcast.net

DECORATE HALL FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

– Come and get in the New Year's Spirit as we decorate the hall on December 30th. Pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please text or email Tim Richards for those who plan on attending, we need everyone's help.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE:

First let me apologize for not getting this newsletter out sooner. But family priorities come first with Knights, and the Deputy Grand Knight is no exception. As we enter the season of Advent, preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we are thankful for many things. The busy times of Halloween and Thanksgiving are behind us. Merry Christmas to all and may the blessing of the Good Lord be with you for a prosperous, healthy 2016!

Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Richards, timmy1825@aol.com

Principles of the Knights of Columbus

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

**Unity** - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.

**Fraternity** - In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.
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Shirts and Hats - If you need a Shirt or hat with the KofC Logo & Council name on, please contact Tim Richards. A shirt is $30.00 (small to large and XL to 4XL are more), and if you would like your name on it, it is $6.00 more. Hats are also available for $11.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE  
K OF C SURPASSES $100 BILLION IN LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE!  
THE SUPREME KNIGHT’S PERCEPTION OF OUR INSURANCE PROGRAM  
(EDITED FROM www.kofc.org)

What does this achievement mean for the Knights of Columbus? I think it is a testament to three things: the quality of our business, the trust our members have in the Knights of Columbus, and our dedicated agents who represent us in the field.

For the first, we strive to run our insurance program in a way that is different. That means we put people before dollars, and we do the right things for the right reasons. That is what we mean when we say insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights. That is our promise. That is the Knights of Columbus difference. And that is what gives us our advantage.

In regard to our members, the achievement is an obvious indication that they trust us and that our products meet their needs. We are grateful for that trust, and we take that trust very seriously. We have more than 2,000,000 active contracts that represent the financial futures of hundreds of thousands of Catholic families across the United States and Canada. It is a great honor.

As for our agents — this achievement would never have been possible without them. We do not sell our products directly to our members; we sell through our network of dedicated full-time brother Knight agents who work tirelessly day after day to make sure every Knights of Columbus family has the protection they need. These men have done tremendous work. The best thing about doing business with the Knights of Columbus is that you have one of our brother Knight field agents there for you.

What is the significance of the number itself, of surpassing $100 billion of life insurance in force? This number is the total sum of the face amount of all of our active policies. But perhaps that is not the best way to think about it. What this number represents is the future hopes and financial security of our members and their families. Yes, it means $100 billion of life insurance in force, but it also means $100 billion to protect lives and to save homes. It’s $100 billion of trust and of financial protection for our Catholic families.

What niche does the Knights of Columbus fill in the insurance marketplace? The Knights of Columbus is the premier Catholic life insurer in North America. We are Catholic in the way we do business — we do not invest in companies that participate in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for the aforementioned, or pornography. And we are Catholic in the way we give back, too. The Knights of Columbus has donated more than $1.55 billion to charity in the last decade, much of which was made possible by the proceeds of the insurance business. In fact, a lot of the good work we do is made possible by the success of our insurance program. It is a powerful engine that, along with the ongoing efforts of our brother Knights and their councils throughout the world, makes the Knights of Columbus who we are.

What do you think Father McGivney would think of the insurance program today? He would be proud. This is very much his program. He was looking for a solution to the never-ending financial suffering of widows and orphans in his parish. He labored over the details of the original insurance program. He studied other fraternal benefit societies to see what their programs looked like. He knew this benefit was needed, and he knew that it could provide tremendous value. Don’t forget, he himself was a man who had to leave the seminary and return home when his father died unexpectedly. The need for this type of fraternal benefit was very real to him. He wanted to build up Catholic families — in faith, in fellowship, in charity, but in finances, too, and I think he would be tremendously proud of how his organization has carried on his mission.

What remains important is that we continue forward with Father McGivney’s vision to protect our Catholic families.

Interested in K of C Life Insurance and other products?

Contact our general agent: Ken Scott / General Agent / (724) 719-2324 / kenneth.scott@kofc.org
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The history of the Blue Mass dates back to 1934 when a Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland, organized the Catholic Police and Fireman’s Society while stationed at St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C. Following Sept. 11, 2001, the tradition became more widespread throughout the country.

This year’s event featured a bag piper, posting of an honor guard of Stephen P. Barry Assembly, Knights of Columbus and welcoming remarks by council Deputy Grand Knight Tim Richards.

After a moment of silence, the piper led the honor guard and guests (including a large contingent of the Duquesne Fire Department) into church for the start of Mass cerebrated by council chaplain and pastor of Holy Trinity, Father Joseph Grosko.

At the conclusion of Mass, the piper led all in procession to a reception given by the council.

Membership – Tim Richards

As I write this, we have just completed our membership drive at Christ the Light of the World Parish. While it was some what promising, we do have a few leads for new members, but I still believe the best way to recruit new members is to have that one on one recruiting. Surely you know one good Catholic gentleman who would make a great Knight. Please consider asking that individual to join our council. We need new members and their ideas to continue to be an exciting and vibrant council. If you know of someone who you want to ask, but are a little hesitant, just let me know. I will contact him.

~ Donations Needed ~

Nativity Replacement - Over the past 50 years or so, Council 4210 has put a Creche on the corner of Grant Avenue and Second Street in Duquesne. We have had many compliments on our Creche over the years. The city of Duquesne is willing to let us continue to do so. But the weather has taken its toll on our statues. Over the years, Henry Belback had taken the time to repair the statues. He had fixed broken legs, fixed heads, and fixed cracks and painted them many times. The stable was rebuilt but can’t do this without your help. We are asking all members to help keep this Creche in Duquesne with a donation. No matter how big or small, we need the help of the membership. Help us keep “Christ in Christmas” with your donation. Every little bit helps. The price for a new nativity and trailer is $12000.

Dave Palscey, GK

Why Did You Become A Knight?

Becoming a Knight can transform your life. As a Knight you have the opportunity to support your parish and give back to your community. We are a band of brothers...a network of men dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. Knights are men who get things done....Volunteering our time and talents to serve our parish and community. We are asking each
current and past Knight to step up and bring at least one new brother into the Council.

If you have been an inactive Knight, or know someone who has been and wish to get back in the Council...Contact Dave Palcsey or Tim Richards.

Why Should You Volunteer to Lead or Serve in a Council Service Program?
Your personal involvements as a Knight will provide opportunities, in charity and fraternity for service to the Church at the local, diocesan and universal levels; to your communities; and to the less fortunate in our midst. Your active participation in council affairs: spiritual, fraternal, family, social, civic-oriented, athletic and recreational - will serve as a school of leadership and enable you to develop qualities that enhance your strengths and abilities. You will enjoy a sense of "belonging" in an organization that shares your religious beliefs, brings together like-minded men joined in a common cause and offers the opportunity to develop and cement friendships for years to come. You will share in the sense of pride all Knights feel in knowing that their Order is second to none in support of our Holy Father, our bishops and priests; in working for our fellow man, especially those most in need and in binding together to preserve traditional values in the face of attacks against the family and innocent human life.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is in full swing! The topic this year is "The Importance of Religious Freedom". Entry forms were distributed to 8th grade students at St. Agnes School in West Mifflin. To date, fourteen entries have been submitted to Council 4210 for judging. Our winner has not yet been determined.

The essays will be judged on content, grammar and style. Our winner will go on to be judged at the District level. Preliminary readings of the essays indicate that the students did considerable work in preparing their submissions. Certificates of participation will be given to every student and Certificates and gift cards will be awarded to the top three essays.

The World is at War
Christmas festivities will seem empty in a world which has chosen "war and hate". Pope Francis said.
"Christmas is approaching: there will be lights, parties, Christmas trees and nativity scenes ... it's all a charade. The world continues to go to war. The world has not chosen a peaceful path," he said in a sermon.
"There are wars today everywhere, and hate," he said after the worst terror attack in French history, the bombing of a Russian airliner, a double suicide bombing in Lebanon, and a series of other deadly strikes.
"We should ask for the grace to weep for this world, which does not recognize the path to peace. To weep for those who live for war and have the cynicism to deny it," the Argentine pontiff said, adding: "God weeps, Jesus weeps".

He continued: "Those who make war are damned, they're delinquents. War can be 'justified' for many reasons. But when the whole world is at war, as it is today ... there is no justification."

March for Life
The 42 Annual March for Life is taking place on January 22, 2016 in Washington, DC. A bus from our are is being sponsored by Knights of Columbus 4210 and Stephen Barry Assembly 940. The cost of the trip is $45 a person. The stops for the bus are St. Therese, 1 St. Therese Ct in Munhall at 6:00 AM, St. Angela, 1640 Fawcett Ave, White Oak at 6:30 and St. Robert Bellarmine at 6:45. Fr Terry O'Connor will have mass at St. Therese at 5:30 that morning. We will depart Washington DC at approximately 4:45 PM for our return trip. Anyone interested should contact Dave and Celeste Palcsesy at 412-672-6222. A check payable to Knights of Columbus 4210 can be mailed to Dave Palcsey, 422 26th St., McKeesport, Pa 15132. Seats must be paid by January 15 to be held.

Grand Knight, Dave Palcsey