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## From the Desk of the Grand Knight...

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My Brother Knights, I would like to thank all the Knights who showed up for our Bowling Night and our Harvest/Halloween Dance. Attendance was pretty poor for both events! It was on our calendar.

As most of you know, St. Linus lost a fantastic cheerleader for the parish and for the Catholic Church. God called back to him Patricia Ventro, wife of Chancellor S.K. Jess Ventro. Pat was in charge of church decorations. She was recently appointed Chairperson of the "Hospitality Committee" for the parish. We could call upon Pat at any hour of the day or night and ask her to do something. When Patricia had a hand on something it would be as close to perfect as was humanly possible. Our prayers go out to Jess and for the repose of Pat's soul. The Knights hosted the Rosary for Pat on Friday, October 31.

Enough Knights were present to line both aisles of the room at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Thank you, my Brother Knights, for showing up for the Rosary. Jess was touched and so were all the visitors to the Funeral Home.

As the Advent season and the Christmas season approach, I want to wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving, a contemplative and holy Advent and a Blessed Happy Christmas

and New Year.

### Sweatshirt Drive

Again we will be collecting hooded sweatshirts for the children at Holy Cross Children Services. We will collect sweatshirts until Sunday, November 30. We will be asking for hooded sweatshirts with a logo. The logos can be college teams or professional teams or manufacturer logos. The GK is looking for some help wrapping the sweatshirts on Sunday, Nov 30, starting at 1:00pm. If you can help please call the Grand Knight at (313) 410-2796; this is his cell number.

### Christmas Cards for Right to Life

B.K. Jim McLaughlin could use some help selling Christmas Cards for "Right to Life". It only takes 10 minutes after Mass and you're done. Contact Jim at (313) 278-8885 if you can help him.

### Major Degree

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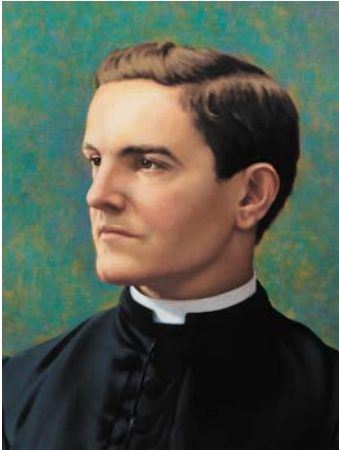
### Special Movie Night

It is in the planning stages; we would like to show the Christmas movie, The Nativity, on Sunday, December 21, after 7:00pm Vespers.

### Knight's Christmas Meeting and Party

Because of the way Christmas and New Years fall this year, we will hold our Christmas Meeting and Party on Monday, December 29, at 7:00pm. It will be a short meeting followed by a dinner. Families are encouraged to come. In the past we have played games and socialized. Wives and family members got a chance to meet and play.

## New Web Site Devoted to FR Michael J McGivney



NEW HAVEN, CT — A new Web site — [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) — devoted to the life and legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, has been launched to promote his cause for canonization and spread the message of his spiritual genius. An assistant parish priest at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven when he founded the Knights with a handful of laymen in 1882, Father McGivney was given the title Servant of God by the Vatican after his cause was opened in 1997. His remains are entombed at St. Mary’s Church.

Pope John Paul II recently praised Father McGivney’s “prophetic vision,” and the Vatican is investigating a possible medical miracle performed through the intercession of Father McGivney, a step toward beatification.

The new Web site is hosted by the Father McGivney Guild, the official organization promoting his cause for sainthood, and by the

Knights of Columbus. It is offered in three languages: English, Spanish and French. The Guild, with 85,000 members worldwide, is responsible for gathering information about Father McGivney’s life and work, as well as personal testimony regarding miracles and other favors attributed to his intercession. An interactive section of the site allows users to post prayer intentions and favors received, and to read the postings of other users.

Father McGivney was a deeply spiritual man who experienced the hardships common to urban families of the mid-19th century. The eldest child of a large family in Waterbury, Conn., he went to work at age 13 in a brass factory before beginning studies for the priesthood. His father died while he was in the seminary, leaving his mother to care for the family. These experiences were among the reasons Father McGivney was determined to

found a Catholic fraternal benefit society that would provide for widows and children when a breadwinner died. The story of his priesthood is told under sections headed “Servant of Charity,” “Joyful Celebrant,” “Confessor of Souls,” “Apostle to the Young,” “Protector of Christian Family Life” and “Man of Pastoral Action.”

His greatest legacy is the growth and vitality of the Knights of Columbus, which today has some 1.7 million members in 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada and 10 other countries. In 2003 Knights raised and donated \$130 million to charity and giving 61 million hours of service to the Catholic Church and their communities. The Order’s insurance program has more than \$50 billion in force covering members and their families.

## Fr. Veryser Council Events

Program Director S.K. Michael Beurer

I would like to express my sincerest thank you for the Brother Knights and their wives who assisted in the decorating, attending, and break-down of this year’s Halloween/Harvest Dance. For those that missed this opportunity it was an evening filled with cheer and merriment.

As we come to a close of the year, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my brothers in their dedication to make this council one of the best. Without your support many of the charitable activities we undertake would never have the opportunity to become a reality. Each of you should reflect on this, as a testament to the first concept of our Order: Charity.

Some of the events that many of you will be hearing about in the next few months will include – A Superbowl Party (February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009), the possibility of a Mardi Gras Party (February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009), the Tootsie Roll Drive over Palm

Sunday weekend, as well as the showing of “The Passion” on the evening of Palm Sunday. In addition to the Superbowl Party, the Fr. Veryser Council will be conducting a raffle with the winners being decided during half-time of the Superbowl. The prizes will be a 42” flat screen television, and two 32” flat screen televisions. Tickets will be on sale shortly with a cost of \$10.00 a piece and be available following Masses and in the Parish office. Please stand by for the start date for selling tickets.

As for the Mardi Gras Party, this event is of course in the planning stages as we already have an event planned in February. This event would replace the Valentine’s Day Dance as a way to mix things up a little. This event would of course take place before Ash Wednesday, allowing for excess before the Lenten season. This is a new event and participation will be needed in order to make this a success.

And finally, as Fr. Veryser Council, presented last year, we will be hosting the annual viewing of “The Passion” at St. Linus. This event was successful and allows the opportunity for people to view a very moving portrayal of the Passion of Jesus Christ. There is nothing else that takes place except for the movie and you attendance is encouraged.

Please note that the aforementioned scheduled is based upon current discussions and are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated through future issues of “Knight Lites” as well as through the Business Meetings. The success of these events and the council remain in the hands of its membership. Again, I would like to express my thanks to those members that have aided the events within the past years, and I look forward to the remainder of the fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

## Sick List

Please remember the sick and recovering from our council and their family members especially,

B.K. Ted Bartek  
 B.K. Richard Chavez  
 Joan Dodson, mother-in-law of S.K. Mike Beurer  
 B.K. Larry Farchione  
 Jack Gardner, father of B.K. Jack and grandfather of Ed Gardner  
 Patricia June, wife of S.K. Dan and mother of S.K. Mike June  
 B.K. Bill Kubek  
 B.K. Bob Percha

If you know of a Brother Knight or member of his family who is in need of our prayers, please contact GK Tom Kramarz or DGK Dave Zmudczynski.

## Deceased List



Pat Ventro, wife of SK Chancellor Jess Ventro



Irene Zmudczynski, Aunt of SK Deputy Grand Knight Dave Zmudczynski

**Eternal Rest Grant onto Thou O Lord  
 You will be Missed**

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
 Defend us in battle.

Be our protection against  
 The wickedness and snares  
 Of the devil.

May God rebuke him,  
 We humbly pray;  
 And do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host –  
 By the Divine Power of God –  
 Cast into hell, Satan and all evil  
 Spirits, who roam  
 Throughout the world seeking  
 The ruin of souls.  
 - Amen

It has been recommended by our Chancellor that his prayer be memorized by the council as it will be recited at the conclusion of our Business Meetings moving forward. Its purpose is to pray for the troops that are answering the call of their country and protect the people in need.

## "The Nativity"

**December 21, 2008  
 Following Vespers  
 Location TBD**

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## Sweatshirts For Holy Cross Children Services

Again this year we are asking you to please take part in the sweat-shirt program for Holy Cross Children Services so each child will receive a sweatshirt for Christmas. This may be the only gift that some children receive. Hooded or fleece sweatshirts are preferred. Adult sizes Large, XXL, and XXXL. Please remember that all sweatshirts should be collected by November 30. Wrapping of the sweatshirts will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Activities Room

## Membership

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If you know any worthy individual the fits in the mold of a Knight of Columbus make no hesitation and have a form 100 in hand.

Any questions as to the process for attaining the 1<sup>st</sup> degree or general questions about the council, the Order, or specific events do not hesitate to contact our Membership Director, S.K. Michael Robinson, or any other member of Father Veryser Council

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*Major Degree  
December 7th, 2008  
8:00 AM Mass Begins  
Immaculate Conception  
Council*

***About Our Organization...***

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. Thanks to the efforts of Father

Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.



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