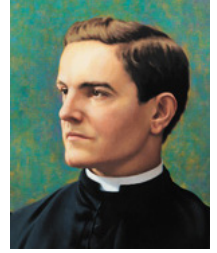




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Fr. McGivney

HELPING WITH THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Catholic Charities agencies serve at every point in the housing continuum: from quality project real estate development to conducting homeless outreach. From this wide perspective, we see the emotional, physical and financial toll being levied upon millions of families and individuals because of America's affordable housing crisis. Catholic Charities works to prevent homelessness by providing financial assistance for rent and utility payments. We also help to resolve issues that may lead to homelessness.

Having a stable, affordable home is essential for both individuals and society. A safe and decent home allows parents to maintain jobs, children to stay in the same schools, and the local economy to be supported. Having a home also underscores the inherent dignity of the persons who live there.



Pope Francis Ponders the Question About the Eucharist for Non-Catholics

The question of allowing Protestants married to Catholics to receive Communion at Mass in special cases has to be decided by each individual bishop and cannot be decided by a bishops' conference, Pope Francis recently told reporters.

During an inflight news conference June 21, the pope was asked about his recent decision requesting the Catholic bishops' conference of Germany not to publish nationwide guidelines for allowing Communion for such couples. He said the guidelines went beyond what is foreseen by the Code of Canon law



"and there is the problem." The code does not provide for nationwide policies, he said, but "provides for the bishop of the diocese (to make a decision on each case), not the bishops' conference."

"This was the difficulty of the debate. Not the content," he said.

Pope Francis expanded on that by saying it will have to be studied more. He said he believed what

could be done is an "illustrative" type of document "so that each diocesan bishop could oversee what the Code of Canon Law permits. There was no stepping on the brakes," he said.



Installation of new officers
Thursday August 16

Christmas Party
New Haven Club House
Saturday, December 15



**Men's Retreat at
St. Jerome's**
Saturday, Oct. 13



SPOTLIGHT on Dannie McConnell Grand Knight

"I'm sure glad I came to Florida when I retired," Danny said. "I was plenty tired of shoveling snow."

Danny McConnell was born in Memphis, TN, and after graduating from high school, he went to a mechanic's school for about a year and a half. "I had to buy all of my tools," he said, "but after the school training was over, I didn't pursue that type of career."

Still living in Memphis, he found a job at Wayne Feeds as a millwright. It's a company that sells food to dogs, cats, horses, almost any type of animal. "I was a Jack of all trades there."

He worked there for about 6 years. He was forced to leave that company because they shut down.

Having recently married Suzanne, Danny decided it was time to move on. Suzanne's sister, Shirley, lived in Bloomington, IN, so they moved there and became Hoosiers, whatever that is.

Danny said he found a job with the



**Danny McConnell
Grand Knight**

city at the wastewater plant. When asked how he got that job, he replied with his ready grin: "I have no idea." And then he laughed. He was a mechanic there. Suzanne got a job at Indiana University, but that didn't last long, for she became pregnant.

Danny, Suzanne, Shirley, and her husband Jack often came to Florida and rented a condo on the beach while they still lived in Indiana, so when it was

retirement time, they easily chose Florida for the spot. They live in Imperial Point.

Danny is a convert, having gone through the R.C.I.A. ministry. "I became a Catholic in 1989," he said. When he and Suzanne married, he had to sign a paper that he would raise the children Catholic. So when they began to grow up, he knew it was time to fulfill that promise.

Danny became a Knight in 1992. A friend talked him into joining, a comment many of us would make. During the many years between then

and now, Danny has been an officer wearing many hats: Financial Secretary, Trustee, Treasurer, Guard, and as a 4th Degree Knight, he was a Faithful Navigator, a comptroller, and Purser, to name a few. Presently he is beginning his second term as Grand Knight.

Laughing once again, Danny said, "I told myself a few years ago that it was time for me to just sit back and become an ordinary member." That has yet to happen.

Spotlight will be a monthly feature, highlighting both officers and members.

FAMOUS CATHOLICS

Joe Biden
Galileo Galilei
Cardinal Newman
Celin Dion
Leonardo da Vinci
G. K. Chesterton
Tom Brady
George Clooney
Kelly Ripa
Bruce Springsteen
Alois Alzheimer
William F. Buckley, Jr.
Bill O'Reilly
Leonardo DiCaprio
John F. Kennedy
Brett Favre
Clarence Thomas
Leah Remi
Don Shula
Johannes Gutenberg
Flannery O'Connor
Maria Shriver
Vince Lombardi
Floyd Patterson
Joe DiMaggio
Guglielmo Marconi
Nicole Kidman
Babe Ruth
John von Neumann
John Boener
Stan Musial
René Descartes
Paul Ryan
Louis Pasteur
Jeb Bush
Marco Rubio
Louis Braille

WHERE'S WALDO?



Just for fun I will hide Waldo somewhere in each newsletter. Children aren't the only ones who can have fun!

Several Knights of Columbus members affiliated with Major League Baseball served as K of C field secretaries as part of the organization's relief efforts during World War I. Among the most famous was Hall of Fame second baseman Johnny Evers, of the Chicago Cubs' famed Tinker to Evers to Chance double-play combination, and Hall of Fame shortstop Hughie Jennings, who played for the Baltimore Orioles and managed the Detroit Tigers. Others included Bill Coughlin, former third baseman for the Tigers and Jack Hendricks, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds.



FROM THE DESK OF OUR DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso

Welcome to all Brother Knights as we begin a new year. I am especially grateful to all for having the confidence in my selection as Deputy Grand Knight. I hope to take advantage of all the former Grand Knights in gaining the wisdom and insight into this position and to continue to make this a great council of fellow Catholic gentlemen. One of my characteristics is that I am very "Pro Life" and will be working towards promoting saving lives through education and proper action.

Fr. Tom reported on our departed Fr. Frans in Pennsylvania. He is doing well and already misses Florida. The facility he is now living in does not have air conditioning, as with most of the places in the north (that's what I am

told), so he spends a lot of time in his room with a single "window shaker." Along that same line, we are very excited to welcome our very own Fr. Dominick as the new Chaplain of the council to provide our spiritual direction.

One thing I would like to mention is that only about half of the members have paid their dues. I have done this so I get it. I get the statement and set it aside to pay it another time, then forget. Please make sure you are up to date. I don't have to tell anyone that it costs a lot of money to mail out those notices.

God bless everyone, and as a final thought, when you say your prayers, please pray for our council to carry out our responsibilities.



BOOSTERS

We have begun our Booster Club again. What is a Booster Club? It is an opportunity for like-minded individuals who want to help our Knights of Columbus charities to have a contribution noted each month in this newsletter.

If you would like to be a part of this, your first donation (you, for example) would be \$5.00; each additional name (your wife, for example) would cost \$3.00. Also, this would be a wonderful way to remember loved ones by posting their names for all to see. Please fill out the form below to submit names.

Here are our names for the new Booster list:

Bob Anderson, Vice Supreme Master PSD

Edgar Lecuyer

Anne Lecuyer

Dave Dumont, PFN

Thelma Dumont

David Ruppel

Patty Ruppel

Henry J. Cajiao

Tom and Mary Walsh

Henri and Judy Bellavance

In Memory of Earl D. Lochner, Henry Cajiao, Sue Anthony, Henri Bellavance Jr., David McConnell, Carol Anderson.

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HEARTWARMING PHOTOS





MEETING MINUTES

A summary of a few of the items discussed at the monthly meeting July 12, 2018.

Family Faith Fest

This event is being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This free event will be held at the beautiful Al Lopez Park of Tampa on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each council in Pinellas County has been asked to contribute \$100 toward the success of this event. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to do just that.

The Doicese would also like Knights to consider going to Al Lopez Park to physically help in the putting together of this event.

There is more information on page 5.



Jim Blackwell, Financial Secretary, stated that we have 133 members, insurance participants of 66, and 28 inactive members. We have 81 members who have not yet paid, so notices will be sent to them.

Also a retention committee is being formed to get delinquent members to state whether or not they want to permanently be removed from our membership list.

NEW STORAGE SHED



Assembly has agreed to pay for the shed's sub floor. The shed itself has been delivered, so soon volunteers will be asked to help put it together.



Raffle books are available for \$12 each. Council keeps 50% of sales. See Jim Blackwell.



Three-year-Trustee Dave Ruppel stated that an audit will take place the first week in August.

RUNNING FOR JUDGE



GK Danny McConnell has received a letter from Rebecca Hamilton who is a lawyer in St. Petersburg. She is running for judge in Pinellas County. The primary is August 28..

She is asking to come to our council's next meeting to speak to us. She is also looking for yards to place her sign in.

In her letter she stressed that she is pro-life, so we didn't know if she wants to come to talk about that or to ask for votes. It was determined that if she is stressing pro-life, she can come anytime; if her visit is political in nature, it didn't seem appropriate.

NEW CHAPLAIN



Fr. Dominic Corona of St. Pat's



Bob Dash, Past Grand Knight, stated that 4th Degree will soon be having installation of new members, so he needs to know how many wives are coming so he can order enough food.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Family Faith Fest

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m

Bishop Parkes invites everyone to a faith and music festival commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This free event will be held at the beautiful Al Lopez Park of Tampa. Festival will also include games and activities for children, fun, food, music, entertainment, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and the celebration of the Eucharist as a community in a special way with Bishop Gregory Parkes as principal celebrant. Al Lopez Park is located on 132 acres of a natural preserve with plenty of trees, Florida wildlife, open green spaces, playgrounds, walking trails and two scenic ponds. It is centrally located between the major metropolitan areas of the Diocese with easy access to major highways. Visit www.FamilyFaithFest.org to learn more about the Family Faith Fest and to register for tickets and prizes!



The New Haven Hall has been booked for a Christmas party on December 15. The band will be Two Dog Night. Mark your calendars. The tickets are now on sale. There are only 100, so don't wait too long!

Installation of Officers

Installation of new officers will take place August 16, 2018. Dress for the officers will be shirt and tie; for regular members it will be polo shirt and dress pants. Wives are invited. A meal will be served.

QUESTION



What is our country coming to?

ANSWER



THE LIVES OF SAINTS

St. Alban

St. Alban was the first martyr of England, his own country. During a persecution of Christians, Alban, though a pagan, hid a priest in his house. The priest made such a great impression on him that Alban received instructions and became a Christian himself.

In the meantime, the governor had been told that the priest was hiding in Alban's house, and he sent his soldiers to capture him. But Alban changed clothes with his guest and gave himself up in his stead. The judge was furious when he found out that the priest had escaped, and he said to Alban, "You shall get the punishment he was to get unless you worship the gods." The Saint answered that he would never worship those false gods again.



"To what family do you belong?" demanded the judge.

"That does not concern you," said Alban. "If you want to know my religion, I am a Christian." Angriily the judge commanded him again to sacrifice to the gods at once.

"Your sacrifices are offered to devils," answered the Saint. "They cannot help you or answer your requests. The reward for such sacrifices is the everlasting punishment of Hell."

Since he was getting nowhere, the judge had Alban whipped. Then he commanded him to be

beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the Saint was converted himself, and he too, became a martyr.



ANOTHER FAMOUS CONVERSION TO CATHOLICISM



Alexis Carrel

unable to make the trip at the last moment, convinced Carrel to go on a "white train" to Lourdes. The white train carried scores of sick from Lyons to Lourdes. Twenty-three year old Marie Bailly was dying of tubercular peritonitis and through the ruse of a nurse she was snuck on board a few seconds before the train departed. During the night, Carrel gave Bailly morphine injections so she would not die.

When Marie Bailly was taken to the grotto and baths, she was literally dying. After her hugely swollen abdomen had been washed three times with water from the baths, she began her spectacular recovery. By the evening she was sitting up, talking, eating, and not vomiting at all, although she had hardly been able to keep any food down for

the past five months.

On the next morning, she got dressed and, a day later, with no one's help, she boarded the train back to Lyons, getting better and better on the 24-hour train ride. On arriving in Lyons, at noon on May 31, she walked through the station without leaning on anyone, took the streetcar to the home of her relatives who could not believe that it was Marie Bailly—and threw herself in their arms. There was no medical explanation for the change. Carrel had witnessed a miracle.

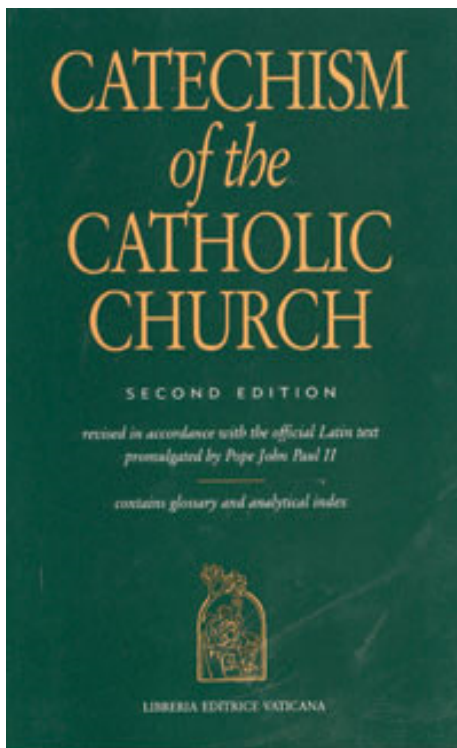
By 1942, Carrel had expressed his faith in the Catholic Church. He had experienced a miracle, but it took years for him to profess a belief in God.

From Carrel's example, we should learn to discern the miracles that occur in our own lives.

Alexis Carrel was born in 1873. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1912 pioneering blood-vessel surgery in humans, organ transplants in animals, and in keeping alive tissues from warm-blooded animals. Additionally, with the assistance of Charles Lindbergh, he developed the heart pump making bypass surgery possible.

For most of his life Carrel was an agnostic. In 1902, a colleague, when





What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about.... angels?

329 St. Augustine says: “Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit,’ from what they do, ‘angel.’” With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word.”

334 The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.

335 In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the funeral liturgy’s *In Paradisum* deducant te angeli . . . “May the angels lead you into Paradise . . .”). Moreover, in the “Cherubic Hymn” of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).

336 From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.



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