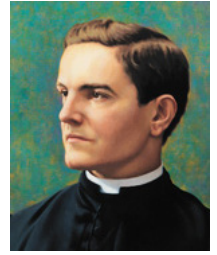




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July 2018



Fr. McGivney

COUNCIL PRESENTS FR. FRANS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



L-R: Charles Lake, Nicholas Cambardella, Jim Blackwell, Robert Anderson, Richard McCarthy, Fr. Frans, Henri Bellavance, Patrick Cunningham, Tom Walsh, Pete Grasso, Joe Windishman, Fred Belzel,

St. Jerome Parish was the place to be Sunday, May 27, after the 12:30 Mass. That was the time selected to honor Fr. Frans for his contribution to St. Jerome and, in particular, St. Pat's where he was the chaplain for our council.

The food was plentiful, the fellowship rewarding, and the love for Fr. Frans overflowing..

Previously, it had been thought that Fr. Frans would be transferring to Spring Hill, but a last-minute change is sending him to Bethlehem, PA, where he will be the chaplain at Sr. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. Needless to say, Fr. Frans will be sorely missed. Our loss is their gain.

KNIGHTS GIVE FUNDS TO PUERTO RICO TO HELP WITH MARIA RECOVERY

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson visited Puerto Rico April 22-25 to review recovery efforts and personally deliver more than \$550,000 of additional financial support to Catholic schools, parishes and apostolates, bringing to more than \$1.5 million the Order's contributions after Hurricane Maria.



WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD HURT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

The Knights of Columbus has a little known policy that is meant for our beneficiaries that costs far less than individual policies. It insures both husband and your wife



Aaron Treherne

so that when both pass away, the beneficiaries receive a much larger pay out. This is ideal for estate planning

to offset tax liabilities, to provide for the care of a disabled family member we may leave behind, or as an asset our children can purchase on their parents to help recover long term care cost. It's also the most powerful asset we can obtain for legacy giving. If Catholics, and Knights understood the value that exists within the Knights of Columbus, we would produce generational wealth and financial security within our Catholic families and communities unseen anywhere else in the world.

This is not a business, it's a brotherhood. What are you doing to grow it?

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INSURANCE



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.

FIRST NAME _____

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Please mail this form to

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GRAND KNIGHT



Danny McConnell GK

Brother Knights:

I can't believe that I have been serving as your grand Knight for a year. Thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me for another term.

Our council owes a big thank you to our outgoing officers for their time and energy given to our council, Thank y'all.

Congratulations to our new incoming officers. I am fully confident in their ability and dedication to our council.

Until next month...

Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight Danny McConnell

AN OPEN LETTER TO GK DANNY MCCONNELL

Worthy Grand Knights,

I would like to tell you how grateful I truly am. You have gone above and beyond everyone's expectations. But, I always knew you could do it because of your love and compassion for the Knights of Columbus.

One of the winners of the Raffle was so grateful to have won because he just had a relative out of state pass away. He will be able to attend the funeral. God always shows up.

It is without a doubt that whatever is needed can be done with your help. I am so proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus because of you Brothers. I look forward to working with you and your replacements. May God keep you safe, healthy and happy.

Vivat Jesus,

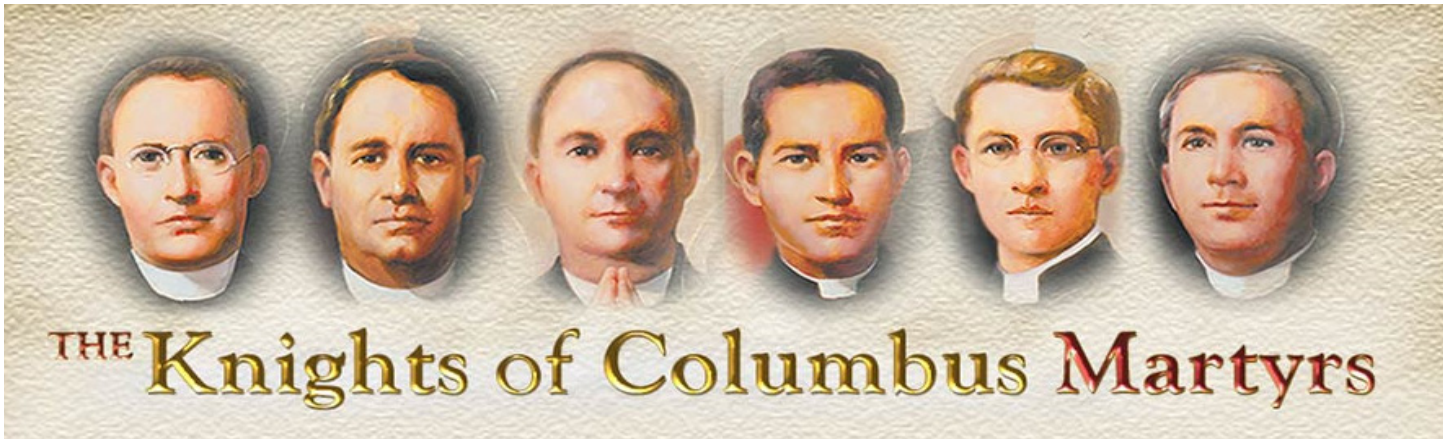
Michael Gizewski

UPCOMING EVENTS



To be held at St. Jerome's Parish in October. More information to follow.

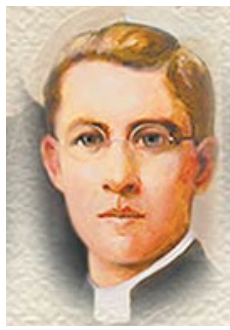
The New Haven Hall has been booked for a Christmas party on December 15. The band will be Two Dog Night. Mark your calendars. More information will appear in the next newsletter.



St. Luis Batis Sainz died with three laymen before a firing squad. His last words were, "See you in Heaven."



St. Migueal de la Mora prayed the Rosary as he was shot within sight of his brother. He bravely admitted that he was a priest.



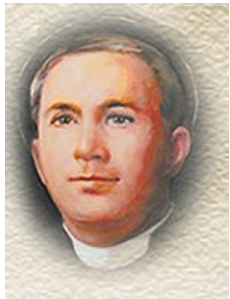
St. Jose Maria Robles Hurtado was hanged in an oak "noble," a Spanish word for one who is a pillar of strength.



St. Rodrigo Aguilar Aleman was hanged as he declared his faith in Jesus Christ and Our Lady of Guadalupe. He pardoned his executioners.



St. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado Lucero died after he was so savagely beaten that one eye was forced out of its socket.



St. Matos Correa Magallanes was executed for refusing to violate the seal of confession.



MEETING MINUTES

A summary of a few of the items discussed at the monthly meeting June 14.

STORAGE SHED



After months of needing a new storage shed, a kit was bought from Home Depot and will soon be set up by council members.

MONEY TO BE SPENT

According to our bi-laws if we spend over \$500.00 we have to vote to do so and then send out a notice and vote at the next meeting. At our last meeting the motion was passed that our council spends up to \$700.00 or whatever it takes to pay half the band and half the food for the assembly/council Christmas party. This will have to be amended. Either we pay up to \$700 or we pay whatever it takes.

Come to our next meeting for the final vote.

CHAPLAIN



As was stated in the last newsletter, Fr. Frans is leaving us. He will be gone by the time you receive this email.

The search is on for his replacement.

WHERE'S WALDO?



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

WHEELCHAIR



Our DD stated that a new wheelchair is available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus for \$150. He stated that even though our council has a few wheelchairs to be loaned out, our council would be liable for any damages that might be caused by a malfunction of a chair. On the other hand, he said, any wheelchair purchased from the Knights would come with an insurance policy that would protect us from a liability suit.

It was not determined whether or not to purchase a wheelchair.

HONOR GUARD



Our assembly's Honor Guard members are getting older and less able to be at functions, so a call is going out to our younger members to consider becoming part of the Honor Guard. Anyone interested should contact our GK Danny McConnell at 812-993-1926.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Knight	Danny McConnell
Deputy GK	Pete Grasso
Treasurer	Brian Higgins
Financial Sec.	Jim Blackwell
Recorder	Jim Hand
Advocate	Tom Walsh
Chancellor	Raymond Spurgeon
Warden	Fred Meyers
Inside Guard	Gene Sanders
Outside Guard	Henry Cajiao
3-year-Trustee	Dave Ruppel
Lector	David Dumont

They will be installed some time in August. The exact date will be forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS

Aidan Zanga, parishioner and Boy Scout from troop 355, has completed his Eagle Scout project. Take a peek at the veterans' memorial near the Holy Family Chapel at St. Jerome's. Congratulations to Aidan Zanga on a job well done!

In the picture below, mourners for the Roger Zimmerman funeral gather at the memorial for the presentation of the American flag and the playing of taps.



THE LIVES OF SAINTS

St. Damien of Molokai

The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. Growing up on the farm, Jozef was prepared to take over for his family, but he did not want the responsibility. Instead, he wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows.

Jozef attended school until the age of 13 when his help was needed on the family farm full-time. He aided his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr. In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same order of religious, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place.

The brothers worried that Br. Damien was too uneducated to become a priest, although he was not considered unintelligent. Br. Damien demonstrated his ability by quickly learning Latin from his brother. He was also devoted in prayer. Br. Damien prayed each day before an icon of Saint Francis Xavier to be sent on a mission. Eventually, his religious brothers agreed to send him and have him ordained.

Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life.

In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. It was still mistakenly believed that leprosy was highly contagious. This belief resulted in the forced quarantine of leprosy patients.

These people still needed spiritual and medical care, so Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony.

Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Other patients



St. Damien of Molokai

took to drinking and became severe alcoholics. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony. There was no law or order.

Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today.

The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine

made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed.

He was supposed to only work in the colony for a time, then he would be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. But the leper colony was to become his permanent home. After

working with the people for a time, Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted.

Leprosy is not as contagious as most people of the period assumed; however, five percent of the human population is susceptible. The disease can also take several years to show symptoms.

Fr. Damien became one of those people. He contracted leprosy in 1885, after several years of work. He realized he had the disease when he placed his foot into scalding water by accident, but felt no pain. This was a common way by which people discovered they were infected. Leprosy attacks nerve endings and a victim may hurt themselves but not feel any pain.

Fr. Damien continued his work, despite his illness, which slowly took over his body. He derived strength from prayer and devotion. He often went to the cemetery to pray the Rosary or spent time in the presence of the Eucharist. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote.

2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of volunteer service provided worldwide.



K of C in the Community

Disaster Relief \$7.5M

Christian Refugee Relief \$6.3M

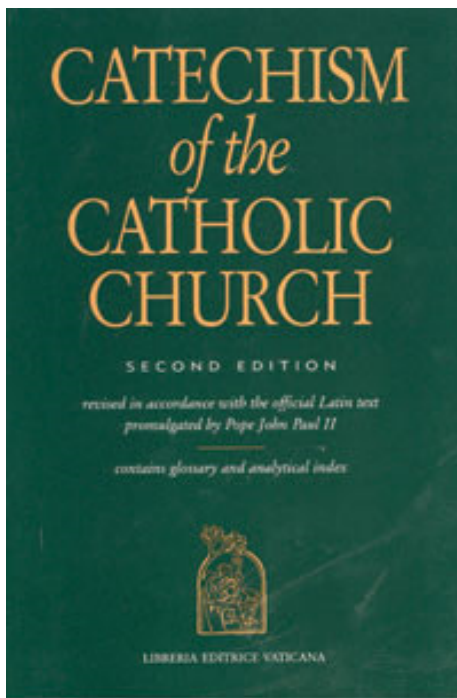
Coats for Kids \$2.5M

Food Drives \$7.6M

Special Olympics \$14.7M

Habitat for Humanity \$0.6M

Global Wheelchair Mission \$1.6M



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

Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.



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