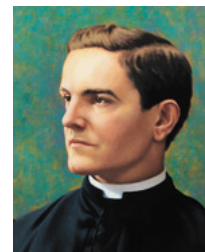




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Fr. McGivney

October 2018

## MISSIONARY RECEIVES MOTHER TERESA AWARD

Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil, who was released after 18 months of captivity in Yemen, has received the Mother Teresa Award for Social Justice by Harmony Foundation Mumbai.

Despite having had the opportunity to leave the country, Fr. Tom chose to serve the elders of the Missionaries of Charity in Yemen. Harmony Foundation recognized his compassionate humanity and dedication and commitment to his work in a location of great danger. On this occasion he thanked God for the opportunity he was given to serve the mission in Yemen and for all those who prayed for his release.

Asked if he ever thought of comparing his experience to that of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan who took the place of a man with a family in a starvation bunker in Auschwitz, Fr. Tom answered simply, "It never occurred to me."

Speaking about the "dark night of the soul" --the period of sadness, fear, anguish, confusion and solitude of approach to God, considered indispensable to be born again--the Salesian said he had no doubts: "I did not know if it was dark. . . but for me it was always bright. I thank the Lord for everything," he said.

Despite the period of suffering and deprivation in the hands of his captors, Fr. Tom instilled calm and serenity.

Harmony Foundation created this award in October 2005 to honor the memory of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and to spread the ideas of peace, dialogue, and community aid without distinction of religion, caste, belief, gender, or ethnicity.



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penance because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and she told him to preach it to others. See complete article on page 7.



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**Men's Retreat at St. Jerome's**  
Saturday, November 3  
(New Date)



**Christmas Party**  
**Msgr. McCall Hall**  
Saturday, Dec. 15



November 29 and 30  
December 1 and 2.

Trunk or Treat  
Friday, Oct. 26  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Jerome's  
parking lot



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso DGK

Greetings Brother Knights.

I am sitting here in the very beginning of Fall wondering how long before the cool weather arrives and we start to see an influx of our friends from the north. This is just not wishful thinking; it allows me to segway into my topic for October.

We are going to be working very hard over the next few months to implement plans on increasing our membership and participation in our council.

What does the start of Fall have to do with membership? Consider the numbers of visiting Knights which come down every year and visit our local churches. How grand it would be to invite our Brother Knights to participate in our programs and initiatives.

My "Claim to Fame" at St. Jerome is the donut ministry. We see a huge influx of Catholic families throughout the season on Sunday morning, and as I always wear my Knights of Columbus shirt, immediately it allows for conversation. I see a good opportunity to invite fellow Knights to events, and we should find other ways to do the same.

I know we have had recent discus-

sions about membership and how we might increase the numbers. As I think about this, two things come to mind. One is that yes, we should increase our roster, but second we should increase the numbers of younger Catholic gentlemen and provide them with the opportunity to continue their faith.

Look around you, brothers, as we sit in our council meetings and observe the talent, skills, and most important, the experience our council presently has. We are all thankful and blessed and must work to continue what those before us have done.

We have a new "Online" membership we should embrace. More to come...

## BOOSTERS

If you would like to be a part of our Booster club, 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 Booster list:

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"As soon as I walked into St. Patrick's, I knew I wanted to be Catholic."

Ray Spurgeon was born in Tulsa, OK. When he graduated high school, he joined the Air Force. He went to many countries while in the service as a crew chief on fighter planes. "I was in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Europe, Germany, and Spain. I found it hard to be religious in those situations. Once the Berlin wall came down, I was sent back to MacDill."

But as he approached 8 years in the Air Force, he began to have health problems, mainly diabetes. After that got worse, he was forced to take a disability discharge. Since he had been stationed at MacDill for a while, he came to love Florida to live after leaving the military, he moved here. That's



when he joined the postal service. Then his old health problems returned, and he was forced to take another disability.

In time he learned that he was a candidate for a double transplant, so he put his name on the list. He waited 5 years with the V.A. and then put his name on a list at Tampa General and found success. On February 13, 2012, he received the news that the organs had arrived at the hospital, and by 3 o'clock the next day, he was preparing for surgery. "I killed two birds with two stones," he laughingly said. Immediately his health improved, and he discovered that he was no longer diabetic. "I attributed this all to God."

He soon was talking to Fr. Dominic and Sr. Kathleen about wanting to grow deeper in his faith. "Even though my transplant was a success, my domestic life began to fall apart," he said. He eventually lost both his vehicles, his horses, and his home from lawyer expenses due to a divorce. The stress slowed down his healing process; he knew he needed help from above. His body was breaking down and he often passed out. Luckily, he said, he wasn't driving in those situations.

One day a friend of his brought him to St. Patrick's for a mass. A few seconds after he walked through the doors, he wanted to be Catholic. So he entered the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) ministry and, after several months, he became a Catholic and a much happier person. He said he had

been brought up a Baptist (in fact, his dad was a minister), but he felt more at home in Catholicism. "I never learned as much about the bible and its teaching as a Protestant." He came into the church a couple of years ago. "I haven't stopped working for the Lord since. I'm in the Knights of Columbus, for two years I have helped with St. Patrick's Fun Fair, I'm in the choir for the second year, and I've helped to feed the poor at Pinellas Hope," he said humbly.

As a Knight, he has recently become an officer, the Chancellor. "The Knights who have helped me the most are Dick McCarthy, Henri Bellavance, and Dave Ruppel. I really love these three men." He is intent on bringing younger Catholics into our council, which is not an easy task. "They always have excuses as to why they don't want to join," he said.

Even though he is still considered disabled, he has found some part-time work with a friend making insurance claims for flood and hurricane victims. However, he is limited to the amount of money he can make per year without losing his disability income. He doubts that his new pancreas and kidney will extend his life too long, so he is doing as much good as he can each day and looking forward to going to heaven.

"I love fantasy football, baseball games, hockey, and any sporting event. For 20 years I went to Daytona to see both races, every year. And I love serving the Lord."

## Belgium Priest Originator of the Big Bang Theory

According to the Big Bang theory, the expansion of the observable universe began with the explosion of a single particle at a definite point in time. This startling idea first appeared in scientific form in 1931 in a paper by Georges Lemaître, a Belgian Catholic priest. The theory, accepted by nearly all astronomers today, was a radical departure from scientific orthodoxy in the 1930s. Many astronomers at the time were still uncomfortable with the idea that the universe is expanding. That the entire universe of galaxies began with a bang seemed preposterous. It is tempting to think that Lemaître's deeply-held religious beliefs might have led him to the notion of a be-



ginning of time. After all, the Judeo-Christian tradition had propagated a similar idea for millennia. Yet Lemaître

clearly insisted that there was neither a connection nor a conflict between his religion and his science. Rather he kept them entirely separate, treating them as different, parallel interpretations of the world, both of which he believed with personal conviction. Indeed, when Pope Pius XII referred to the new theory of the origin of the universe

as a scientific validation of the Catholic faith, Lemaître was rather alarmed. Delicately, for that was his way, he tried to separate the two:

"As far as I can see, such a theory remains entirely outside any metaphysi-

cal or religious question. It leaves the materialist free to deny any transcendental Being... For the believer, it removes any attempt at familiarity with God... It is consonant with Isaiah speaking of the hidden God, hidden even in the beginning of the universe." In the latter part of his life, Lemaître turned his attention to other areas of astronomical research, including pioneering work in electronic computation for astrophysical problems. His idea that the universe had an explosive birth was developed much further by other cosmologists, including George Gamow, to become the modern Big Bang theory. While contemporary views of the early universe differ in many respects from Lemaître's "primordial atom," his work had nevertheless opened the way. Shortly before his death, Lemaître learned that Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson had discovered the cosmic microwave background radiation, the first and still most important observational evidence in support of the Big Bang.





# FAITH IN ACTION



The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action. Knights of Columbus members, parishes, and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through 32 Supreme Council-recommended programs.

Organized into Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

DGK Pete Grasso has agreed to be in charge of the FAITH part of the ministry; Advocate Tom Walsh has agreed to be in charge of the COMMUNITY part of the ministry, and Boone Bowen has agreed to be in charge of both the FAMILY and LIFE parts of the ministry. All three Knights are required to take a one-and-a-half hour online seminar.

FAITH	COMMUNITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building the Domestic Church Kiosk</li> <li>Holy Hour <i>New</i></li> <li>Into the Breach</li> <li>Marian Prayer Program: Our Lady</li> <li>Help of Persecuted Christians</li> <li>Refund Support Vocations Program</li> <li>Rosary Program</li> <li>Sacramental Gifts <i>New</i></li> <li>Spiritual Reflection <i>New</i></li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coats for Kids</li> <li>Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest</li> <li>Disaster Preparedness</li> <li>Free Throw Championship</li> <li>Global Wheelchair Mission</li> <li>Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>Helping Hands <i>New</i></li> <li>Soccer Challenge</li> </ul> 
FAMILY	LIFE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consecration to the Holy Family</li> <li>Family Fully Alive</li> <li>Family of the Month/Year</li> <li>Family Prayer Night <i>New</i></li> <li>Family Week</li> <li>Food for Families</li> <li>Good Friday Family Promotion <i>New</i></li> <li>Keep Christ in Christmas</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christian Refugee Relief</li> <li>March for Life</li> <li>Mass for People with Special Needs</li> <li>Novena for Life <i>New</i></li> <li>Pregnancy Center Support <i>New</i></li> <li>Silver Rose</li> <li>Special Olympics</li> <li>Ultrasound</li> </ul> 

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Men's Retreat

St. Jerome's Parish Hall  
Saturday, November 3, 2018  
9:00 Mass  
Breakfast

Time of Reflection with Fr. Tom  
Break

Final sharing of faith  
Dismissal at 12:15

R.S.V.P. to editorjhand@tampabay.rr.com  
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This year's Fun Fair will be held November 29th and 30th, as well as December 1st and 2nd. More information will be shared in the next newsletter..



The Msgr. McCall 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 at \$25.00 each which includes the meal, open bar, and entertainment. There are only 100 tickets available, so don't wait too long to get yours.



DGK Pete Grasso stated that Erica DiCeglie from St. Jerome's is in charge of this year's Trunk or Treat. He thinks that she would appreciate a few volunteers from our council to help out. It will be held Friday, October 26, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Dick McCarthy, PGK, announced that our annual pancake breakfast will begin October 2. Naturally he needs volunteers to help prepare the pancakes and then to help clean up when the breakfast is over. If you are able to help, please contact Dick at 644-3638.



### TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From September 26 to November 4, Clearwater will take part in 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Clearwater and beyond.

There will be a sign-up sheet soon for those who are interested.



We have heard from Ron Klemm, PGK, that the Christmas parade will take place December 15. We will discuss it further at our next meeting.



Every ten minutes another person is added to the national transplant waiting list.  
8,000 deaths occur every year in the U.S. because organs are not donated in time



On Saturday September 22, 2018 the Knights of Columbus Council 4892 in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Catholic School PTA held its annual St. Patrick's Got Talent Show and dinner. The show was held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

The evening was filled with gifted young men and women showing their talents in song, dance and music. In fact the competition was so close the judges had a three way tie for first place. The students were not the only ones showing off their wares. Several parishioners got into the act by singing songs from Phantom of the Opera and guitar solos from The Who and the Beatles. Even our own Bob Anderson got into the act going from table to table as our



resident "wandering troubadour" singing some really old time favorites.

The dinner consisted of pulled smoked pork, baked beans, cold slaw and of course lemonade. If pulled pork was not to your fancy, the old standby pizza was also available. A cash bar was available with beer, wine and soft

drinks. The monies collected were to go to the school's computer lab.

There were two 50/50 drawings during the evening. Both 50/50 were won by brother Knights, Bob Anderson (our wandering minstrel) and Gil Jones. They promptly donated their winnings back to the school.

The evening, attended by about 100 men, women, and children, was a successful one and for a worthy cause.

A special note of thanks goes out to all the Knights and PTA members and their families for all their diligent efforts.

A special note of thank you goes to Dave Ruppel who made this a most successful fund raiser.

--Bob Lamelle







# MEETING MINUTES

From the September 13, 2018  
council meeting



## Obituaries

Al Pomianowski  
Paul Culotto

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Chaplain Fr. Dominic Corona expressed his concern and sadness at what had been happening in Pennsylvania parishes. Even though he realizes that the number of priests who molest is small, he acknowledges that it is a blight on the church. He emphasized that the DOSP vetts seminarians with great care and that Bishop Gregory has said that no type of molestation will be tolerated. He also said that he still is very proud to be a priest and always wears his collar when he travels so he can exhibit his faith. Finally, he stated that the inside of the church has been painted white and that the work has already been paid for.



### Correspondence from Morning Star School

Dear Knights of Columbus Council Members,

On behalf of the students of Morning Star Catholic School, I wish to thank you for the donation of \$1,223,74. Your donation will help ensure that we are able to provide a quality, individualized education for each of our students. Please know that you are remembered in the daily prayers of the students, faculty, and staff of Morning Star. May you find comfort in God's love.

Sincerely,  
Susan M. Conza, MA  
Principal



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

A 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Orlando November 24. Henri Cajiao, FN, urged all 3rd Degree Knights to consider becoming a 4th Degree Knight.



### Finance Update

Jim Blackwell, Financial Secretary, stated that A Retention Committee has been contacting delinquent members through email, phone calls, and Facebook. We need a written statement from any previous member to delete their name from Supreme's list. Otherwise, we will have to continue paying \$40 a year for them.

We presently have 219 members 64 of whom have insurance, and there are now 28 inactive members. Jim further pointed out that we have raffle booklets for members to take and that our council gets to keep 50% of the amount sold.

### WELCOME new members

Matthew Ligi, a member of St. Pat's has applied for membership. Dominic Gonzalez is a member in another parish and will soon be transferring to ours.

Jim Cullinan, a member of St. Jerome's parish, has applied for a 1st Degree Exemplification.



Henri Bellavance, PGK, stated that he has purchased a door for the rear of the kitchen. The old door is rusted quite badly. He had been given start-up money by the GK for \$1,000. The new door

cost \$630. 11, but Henri felt that he would have more expenses. He concluded his report by saying he felt that the door would be installed next week.

# THE LIVES OF SAINTS

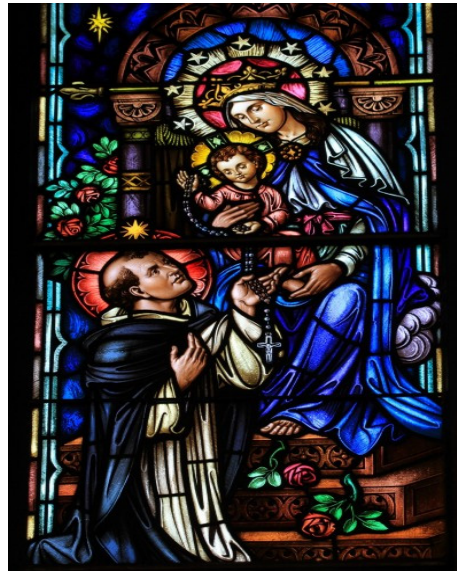
## St. Dominic

While some dispute the historical account of the presentation of the Rosary by Our Lady to St. Dominic, many theologians and Popes have upheld this understanding. History reveals that St. Dominic was the first to preach and teach the Rosary as a form of meditative prayer and the first to see the benefits reaped from meditation upon its mysteries.

In the 11th through 13th centuries, a heretical doctrine developed in Europe. This teaching, called Albigensianism, taught that only the spiritual is good, and that everything material is bad. Therefore, the body in and of itself is evil, and every person's soul is imprisoned in that evil body. The only way in which a person could experience salvation was to be freed from the imprisonment of their flesh.

Dominic Guzman, a Spanish priest, traveled into France preaching against the Albigensian heresy, but his efforts gained few conversions and even fewer followers. In 1208, he went into a forest near Toulouse, France, to pray, asking God to provide what he needed in order to overcome the Albigensian heresy. Ancient accounts tell us that after three days of prayer and fasting, three angels appeared in the sky along with a ball of fire. When they disappeared, the Virgin Mary spoke, telling the priest that he must preach her prayer in order to succeed in his struggle to overcome the Albigensians.

The Marian Psalter was a prayer developed by the Cistercians which involved praying 150 Hail Marys divided into groups of 10 by our fathers. Beads were used to keep track of the Hail Marys. It was not a meditative prayer, though, nor one that would have been "preached." Mary revealed to St. Do-



minic which mysteries should be preached to correspond to the prayers: stories of Christ's life which directly contradicted the heresy of the Albigensians by focusing on the incarnation, death, and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As Fr. Reginald Garrigou-LaGrange, great Dominican theologian of the 20th century said, "What the word of the preacher was unable to do, the prayer of the Hail Mary did for hearts." Ultimately, that prayer would come to be called the Rosary – a "wreath of roses" that would lead to countless conversions and miracles, not the least of which was overcoming the Albigensian heresy.

Pope Leo XIII said, "Thanks to this new method of prayer, piety, faith, and union began to return [to France]; and the project and devices of the heretics to fall to pieces."

In 1213, only five years after St. Dominic was given the Rosary, Catholic forces under the joint command of Count Simon de Montfort and St. Dominic were set to fight the Albigensians in Muret, a small town near Toulouse, France. The Albigensians were determined to take over France, further spreading their heretical beliefs. Catholics, of course, were determined to fight for Christ. Unfortunately, reinforcements had failed to arrive for the Catholic forces, and the numbers were bleak. The Catholics had only 1500 men, while their foe had 30,000.

Confident of their upcoming success, the Albigensians spent the night before the battle celebrating in drunkenness and debauchery. The Catholics, on the other hand, spent their night praying the Rosary. Their celebration was focused on that of the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finally, St. Dominic went to the Church of Saint-Jacques in Muret to pray the Rosary for victory, while the Count went into battle. The Catholics were able to rush upon the hung-over Albigensians, routing the army and declaring a victory for Christ and Our Lady. After the battle, every Catholic in the area attributed the victory to the Rosary.

While the Albigensian sect continued to exist, its territorial expansion ceased and it never again reached the massive numbers it enjoyed prior to the battle of Muret.

As we continue to fight against heretics of one sort or another in our current day and age, St. Dominic remains a hero to be remembered. Even more so the Rosary, a gift given by Our Lady all those years ago, remains a vital tool to winning the battle of good versus evil, and Truth versus falsehood.

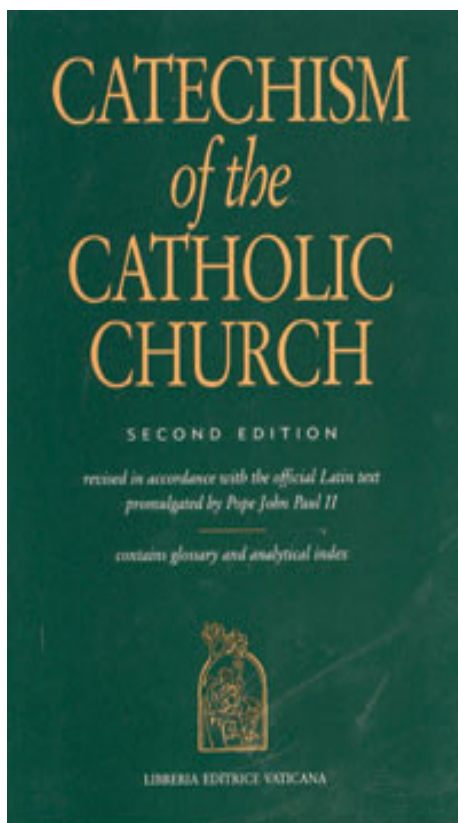
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## What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about...offences against the truth?

2475 Christ's disciples have "put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." By "putting away falsehood," they are to "put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander."

2476 False witness and perjury. When it is made publicly, a statement contrary to the truth takes on a particular gravity. In court it becomes false witness. When it is under oath, it is perjury. Acts such as these contribute to condemnation of the innocent, exoneration of the guilty, or the increased punishment of the accused. They gravely compromise the exercise of justice and the fairness of judicial decisions.

2477 Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. One becomes guilty of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.

2478 To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way. Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved.



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