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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings Brother Knights and friends. I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Cold weather is coming and we are still dealing with the pandemic, but the further we go, the more we learn about how we can work together safely and still meet the needs of our church and community.

Before I go too much further, I want to remind our Brother Knights that we will be holding our first in-person Council meeting this coming Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be following the prescribed protocols including the wearing of masks, social distancing, and cleaning when we are done, but as we voted on during the last meeting, it is time to try meeting in person again. It will also give us the ability to share the "Into The Breach" videos more easily. I know some of you may not be comfortable meeting in person yet, and if you choose to stay home for that reason, I fully understand. For those who can make it, I encourage you to do so and promise we will do all we can to make it safe for those in attendance. We have some important plans to make and I am hopeful that you can attend. If you cannot attend in person but want to attend virtually, I can launch the conference call and you can call in to participate that way. Please let me know ahead of time if you would like to attend virtually and I will make it happen.

As we voted on and approved at an earlier meeting, the front stairs to Our Lady of the Rosary have been repaired and we are contributing \$3,500 from our church fund toward the cost of those repairs. The stairs look great and more importantly, they are safe to walk on again. Next, however, we need to construct new wood stair tread covers for them to prevent winter salt from deteriorating them again. Brother Knight Dan Bouffard is leading the charge on that project, and I am sure he would love some help. Please contact him if you can lend a hand.

Also, in the month of November we typically host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we will be doing it again at **noon on November 15**, with a bit of a twist. The dinner is going to be a take out / drive through event. We are going to serve all of our meals in "to-go" containers and have people "drive through" behind the hall to pick them up. We are still ironing out some of the details, so your participation at our meeting on Monday is very important. I have already confirmed the donation of the turkeys, but we will still need help with the rest of the planning and of course, the food preparation.

The orientation of the Maxwell-Gill Hall would seem to offer a great way to provide a drive-through experience for meals, and I am hoping that if we are successful with the Thanksgiving Dinner that we can start doing our Bean Suppers (or perhaps other suppers) again. Other Councils in our Parish have had very good results so far with their drive-through suppers, and I would like to see if we could do the same. It will provide several benefits, a few of which being—directly serving our community by providing meals again, showing the engagement and activity of our Council which should help us recruit more effectively, and from the donations we collect, allow us to provide services and material support to our church and church community.

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As I touched on, recruitment needs to continue to be one of our top goals. In order to provide these services and programs we need more hands. Now that the church is more open and allowing more attendees, we should look around for those who are making the effort to attend church in person and encourage them to take a closer look at the Knights, since they have already demonstrated a commitment to the church by attending when it is difficult to do so.

I want to thank those who attended the Holy Hour in October at Holy Cross. This month it will be on Wednesday, November 4, at 6 PM upstairs at the Basilica. Fr. John has been doing a fantastic job in hosting these and they are a great way to gather and pray together. We hope you can join us.

I want to congratulate Brother Knight Dan Bouffard for coordinating another very successful Tootsie Roll Drive, and for all the Knights that helped make it a success. After our usual appearance at the Sabattus Credit Union and the church, Dan decided to try and extend the drive to Main Street Market. That made a huge difference and we collected nearly \$600! Way to go!

Lastly, while we are still not out of the woods with the pandemic, please remember our mission to “Leave No Neighbor Behind” during these difficult times. Reach out to Brothers, widows and neighbors in need, and call on fellow Brother Knights to assist if necessary.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours in Christ
Robert Michaud—Grand Knight
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Upcoming Activities and Council Needs:

- ◇ Nov. 2—Brotherhood Meeting 6:30, OLR
- ◇ Nov. 15—Thanksgiving Dinner—noon

Prayer Corner

Prayer for Deceased Knights

In your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in your Heavenly company and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. May the their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Upcoming Degrees

- ◆ Please contact Robert Michaud for more information on the dates and procedures of the degrees under the new format.

Birthdays This Month

Dan Bouffard
Keith Evans
Vincent Taglieri

Knights of the Month

Dan Bouffard—for offering to help build a new set of stair covers for the church.

Family of the Month

Don Champagne and Lena Galipeau—for attending the Holy Hours and helping with our Council projects.

Calendar:

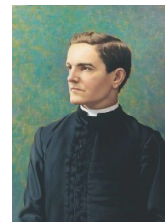
Since all in-person events are canceled, I am omitting the calendar for this month. Hopefully we will be able to publish it again next month. You can always check our calendar online at: <http://sabattuskofc.org/html/calendar.html>

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Please Pray for the canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

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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 his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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