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UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Mass	July 31
Cardinal Glennon Hospital Tour	July 31
<small>(Depart from church following the Family Mass. Transportation is available.)</small>	
Soup Kitchen (second Monday)	August 8
Business Meeting	August 11
Feast of the Assumption	August 15
Planning Meeting	August 25
Family Picnic (Schroeder Park)	August 28
Soup Kitchen (fifth Monday)	August 29

MARIAN COUNCIL MEETINGS MONTHLY PLANNING MEETINGS

Monthly Planning Meetings are generally scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. **The July 28 Planning Meeting** will be held in the Notre Dame House (last house on St. Joseph's Lane).

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monthly Council Meetings (or "Business" Meetings) are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Archbishop May Room (lower level of the church) and are preceded by a Rosary at 6:20 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday, Brothers

Michael Bitter

Jeffrey Heideman

Robert Breen Jr.

Frank Holland

David Devereaux

Charles Kantz

Michael Frick

Brian Kriegesies

Rowland Tait

MOST IMPORTANT MARIAN HOLY DAY



THE ASSUMPTION

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, August 15, is an ancient feast. Universally celebrated since the sixth century, it commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It is regarded as the most important Marian feast and is a holy day of obligation.

The feast was first celebrated in the East where it is still known as the Feast of *Dormition*, a word which means “falling asleep.” The earliest reference to the belief that Mary’s body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century in a document entitled *The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God*. The document recounts in the words of the Apostle John – to whom Christ on the cross had entrusted the care of his mother – the death, entombment, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

In the United States and other countries, the bishops have received permission temporarily to waive the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass on certain Holy Days of Obligation when those Holy Days fall on either a Sunday or a Monday. This year, because the Assumption falls on a Monday, the requirement to attend Mass on that day has been waived.



INVITATION

Following the 11:00 a.m. Family Mass on **July 31**, all Council members and members of the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to a tour of the Cardinal Glennon Hospital’s Knights of Columbus Wing.

In last month’s issue of the *Knightly News*, Grand Knight, Dave Gockley, called upon us to focus on the principles of our order: *Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism*. Whereas many would extend top grades to our Marian Council in some of these categories, we probably merit only a “B” in Fraternity. Let’s have a good turnout for this outing and generate some momentum for our Council’s fraternal year.

The afternoon tour promises to provide attendees with a better understanding of the role which our annual M.R. Drive (n/k/a *Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities*) plays in securing the best available care for challenged children.

It will be necessary to RSVP to this invitation so that The Hospital can reserve a conference room of suitable size.

For those who do not wish to drive to Cardinal Glennon, transportation will be available from the Church after the Family Mass. Please contact Phil Desloge as soon as possible to RSVP and/or to arrange transportation.



Wine and Cheese Party



On June 29, in the school cafeteria, the Council hosted a *Wine and Cheese Party* for the purpose of recruiting new members for both the Council and the Ladies Auxiliary. The idea for the event germinated during a meeting between Larry Moore and Mark Guilford, our District Insurance Agent, in which Deacon Guilford had recounted the economic suppression of Catholics in 19th Century New England and the circumstances which had led Fr. Michael McGivney to found the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Larry writes, "Listening to Deacon Mark's very moving story made me think that more knights should hear this..." Deacon Mark suggested that our council host a "Wine and Cheese" recruiting party where he would present a brief history of our order, and we would have the opportunity to present to prospective members an outline of the many community and parish activities undertaken by our council. A final portion of the program would deal with the role which the Knights play "... in getting the Pope's message to the world and the very impressive amount of money given to charity from any profits derived from the order's highly-rated insurance program."

Judged by any criteria, the evening was a solid success. The program proved Informative, entertaining, and inspirational; and the informal atmosphere seemed to put the prospects perfectly at ease. Five couples had responded either to an ad in the parish bulletin or to a personal invitation. Of these, Brother Larry states that two of the prospects have already submitted membership applications and another has committed verbally. The remainder are scheduled for follow-up meetings.

Larry is quick to give credit for the successful event to: Deacon Mark; Joe and Stephanie Caratenuto; Pat Muir; G.K. Dave Gockley, who assisted with the slide presentation; Carolyn Desloge and Cindy Bick for getting the Ladies Auxiliary on board; all those who brought wine and finger food; and especially his wife Paulette for slicing 5 pounds of cheese and for creating a very pleasing presentation.

Ultimately, however, the big "Thank You" must go to Brother Larry Moore. He arranged for the advertising in the Church Bulletin, reserved the venue, organized the format, extended invitations by phone to ACTS members, arranged for food and drinks, **created a truly professional power-point presentation**, and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

In recognition of his outstanding service, Brother Larry has been named July's **Knight of the Month**.

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WALT'S CORNER

For almost two decades, Walt Viazanko served as the editor of the *Knightly News*. We were blessed with his talent, wit, and wisdom. Here is a sample from August, 1998:

"Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jello to a tree."

DEGREE INITIATIONS

FIRST DEGREE

Aug. 8 Cottleville

(7:30 p.m.)

Aug. 9 Holy Infant

(7:00 p.m.)

Sept. 9 Bishop's Council

(7:30 p.m.)

SECOND & THIRD DEGREE

Sept. 18 St. Peter's

(1:00 p.m.)

Contact Larry Moore for detailed information .



Soup

News

On July 11, Jim Schuessler, John Kaestner, George Lindh, and Gerry Wilkes helped serve 40 meals to guests who had braved the heat. Fortunately, the air conditioning was working. Sister Celine John, never without an extensive list of "projects," kept Jim and George fully occupied. They patched wall cracks, replaced vinyl base trim in the dining room, and plugged holes on the outside of the building to prevent birds from nesting above the ceiling.

George Lindh returned the following week to repair a door which would no longer close properly.

Jim Schuessler writes, "We always welcome new workers."

A SUBJECT FOR REFLECTION

Two hundred ten years ago, Alexander Tyler of the the University of Edinburgh wrote:

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 250 years; they progress through ten stages. From bondage, people develop great spiritual faith, from spiritual faith they gain courage. Through courage, they win freedom and from freedom they find abundance. But from their abundance, they develop selfishness, which leads to complacency, to apathy, to dependency and from dependency back again into bondage."

ROSARY



Once again the "6:20 Rosary" preceding the July 14 Business Meeting was well attended. We prayed both for our departed brothers and for those members of our council who are sick or infirm. Consider joining us prior to the August meeting.



Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I was apprehensive when I decided to take on the task of Grand Knight and was really worried about conducting my first meeting, but after the first meeting I can truly tell you that I am really excited about the next two years.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and with the committees. We are a group dedicated to the service to others, but don't forget that we as a council also rely on the generosity of our members to give their time to make our council function.

I am asking all who may have some time to assist any of the committees with their programs to contact the chairman.

We have needs with membership, family, community, church, youth activities, MR, and council activities. What better way to share one of our core principles "Fraternity" than working together for a common goal.

Hope to see everyone at the Cardinal Glennon tour after family mass on the 31st.

YBIC,

Dave Gockley

First Degree Team

Our Council's First Degree Ceremonial Team wishes to add one or two new members.

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has consistently stressed the importance of the First Degree Ceremony. As a new member's first contact with our Order, the experience must make him aware of the unique nature of our Catholic fraternity. The sincerity and dignity displayed in that first contact should reflect "...the special kind of friendship among men that is based upon Christian virtues of charity and unity."

For more information on how you can enhance our Degree Team, contact [Dave Gockley](#) or [Larry Moore](#).



Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program

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At the July Council Meeting, District Deputy Joe Caratenuto announced that our District will be taking part in fund raising efforts to participate in the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program.

In 2009, on the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision, the Knights of Columbus launched an initiative to allow women considering abortion an opportunity to view a "sonogram" of the life growing within them.

Up to 90 percent of women considering abortion choose to have their baby after seeing a sonogram. They realize that it is a child, not a "choice."

The Program is essentially a partnership between a local council – or group of councils – and the Supreme Council. At least one half of the cost of an ultrasound machine must be raised on the local level. First, of course, a local Pregnancy Care Center must be contacted. Then the Center must be qualified through the local diocese to make certain that the Center's policies reflect the values of the Catholic Church. Then, not only the Center's need for an ultrasound machine must be determined but also the exact cost of a specific unit must be established.

When the funds representing at least one-half of a negotiated purchase price of the specific unit have been raised, Supreme Council will match the funds.

Because the cost of some of the more sophisticated ultrasound machines approaches \$25,000, this is an ambitious -- but not daunting – undertaking. Holy Infant Council independently has already placed one machine in a Pregnancy Care Center through the *Ultrasound Program*. The suggestion has been made that perhaps Marian Council could partner with the remaining councils in the District to accelerate the raising of funds for another placement.

[District Deputy Joe Caratenuto](#) would value your creative input in supplying fund raising ideas and, most important, your participation in this impressive Pro-Life initiative.

MEMBERSHIP

SAM TEDESCO

We will miss his energy
and commitment.

Sam Tedesco is stepping down from the chairmanship of the Membership Committee where he has served well and faithfully for many terms. We will miss his energy and commitment in the recruiting of new members.

Grand Knight [Dave Gockley](#) would like to see someone step forward to take on the duties of this important position. He would very much like to discuss this opportunity for service with you.

FYI: The "Supreme" website has an excellent discussion of ideas for new-member recruitment: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/membership/guide.pdf>

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