

# **Knightly News**

**Marian Council 9522**

**Serving St. Joseph Parish**

**Manchester, MO**

**June 2011**



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## **Marian Council 9522**

### **Monthly Planning Meetings:**

Generally scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Emmaus House at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monthly Council Meetings:**

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are currently held at the Emmaus House and are preceded by a Rosary at 6:20 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Family Mass</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>Business Mtg./ Election of Officers</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>June 13</b>
<b>Officers Installation And Dinner</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>June 17</b>



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- ❖ Mike Book
- ❖ Robert Breen
- ❖ Anthony Breitbach
- ❖ Keith Dibble
- ❖ Tony Grinstead
- ❖ Bill Hardin
- ❖ Bob Maixner
- ❖ Richard Marquard
- ❖ Donald Mueth
- ❖ Jim Muir
- ❖ John Ottenad
- ❖ Dave Phillips
- ❖ Greg Recker
- ❖ Tom Voller

**Happy Birthday, Brother Knights**

## Family Mass/ Memorial Day Service

Please note that the Family Mass/ Memorial ceremony to honor those members of the armed services from our Parish who have given their lives for their country will take place at the **9:00 a.m. Mass** on Sunday, May 29, not at the 11:00 a.m. as previously reported.

## St. Joseph School Awarded Mancuso Grant

From the beginning, the education of Catholics has been a primary focus of our Order. When Father Michael J. McGivney began our Order, one of his major concerns was for the children of men who suffered early deaths; the Knights' early emphasis on Catholic education became a legacy.

"When he was State Chaplain, Monsignor Joseph Mancuso saw the need for continued faith formation. Costs in parochial schools were escalating, and it was his desire that there be a permanent trust fund established, so that grants could be awarded to deserving Religious Education programs throughout the State of Missouri. This program was to be supplemental in nature, not for simply purchasing books which would be necessary for the carrying out a course of study, but something truly supplemental, e.g., religious videos or DVDs, specific editions of the Bible, copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, items for enhancing a School's Liturgy, etc.

In 1984 the State Convention approved the formation of this program. From the time of its first grants in 1991, almost \$450,000 has been awarded to Religious Education programs for the YOUTH of the State of Missouri." (The preceding quote is taken from the State website <http://www.mokofc.org/>)

**This year we are proud to announce that our St. Joseph School has been awarded a \$1000.00 grant from the Mancuso Fund.**

## FIRST DEGREE INITIATIONS

- ❖ June 7 Arnold
- ❖ June 13 Washington
- ❖ June 28 Wentzville

## SECOND/THIRD DEGREE INITIATIONS

No 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Initiations are scheduled in the St. Louis area until later in the year. Contact Larry Moore for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree initiations outside the St. Louis area.

## SOUP KITCHEN

Jim Schuessler reports that on May 9, four knights (Jim, Larry Moore, John Kaestner, and Gerry Wilkes) helped serve 48 meals. John Kaestner and Jim Schuessler also replaced a number of damaged or missing floor tiles in both the main building and in the adjacent shelter home. Also on hand were six St. Joseph eighth grade students and three parents who helped with the yard work and in the kitchen.

Our next scheduled visit to the Soup Kitchen is May 30 (Memorial Day). If you have time that morning please show up to help as we will likely be short-handed. Meet at the American Legion Post on Old Sulphur Springs at 7:50 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

At the May 12 Meeting, a slate of nominees was read to the assembly. These men have been nominated by the current officers, have agreed to serve if elected, and have achieved Third Degree knighthood, a requirement to serve as an officer. The election of officers shall take place at the Business Meeting of the Council on June 9. The nominations are still open. Anyone wishing to serve as an officer may arrange to have his name placed in nomination prior to the balloting at the June 5 Meeting.

### Slate of Nominees

Grand Knight	Dave Gockley
Dep. Gr. Knight	Art Bowles
Chancellor	Pete Bitzer
Treasurer	Brian Carroll
Advocate	Jim Winkler
Recorder	Mike Bick
Warden	Brian Kriegesies
Inside Guard	Jack Burke
Outside Guard	Paul Listenberger
1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. Trustee	Dave Shaw*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Trustee	Gerry Wilkes*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr. Trustee	Phil Desloge

\*Trustess elected to three-year terms

**ESSAY CONTEST PRIZES  
PRESENTED AT ALL-SCHOOL  
MASS**

**On May 19, after the All-school Mass, Grand Knight Phil Desloge presented checks to the outstanding performers in the Essay Contest sponsored annually by our Knights of Columbus council.**

**The following students received the awards:**

**EIGHTH GRADE**

**First Place      Lorna Dalton**

**Second Place    Rebecca Marcolina**

**SEVENTH GRADE**

**First Place      Michael Hayes**

**Second Place    Kaitlyn Perrier**

**OFFICERS INSTALLATION  
AND DINNER – June 15**

Because of a scheduling conflict in the church, the installation of officers shall take place in the **church basement at 6:00 p.m.**

The Installation Dinner will once again be held at *Tuckers* immediately following the ceremony.

If you have not yet made reservations for the dinner, contact [Tom Brown](#) as soon as possible

**MARIAN COUNCIL AND &  
DISTRICT 37 RECEIVE  
AWARDS AT STATE  
CONVENTION**



At the State Convention held in Jefferson City, Grand Knight Phil Desloge received several awards acknowledging outstanding performance by our council in the 2010 MR Drive. Among these was a plaque for **FIRST PLACE** in terms of dollars collected per council member.

Joe Caratenuto, our District Deputy, was awarded a plaque recognizing District 37 as the **top gross dollar collector in the MR Drive.**

Unfortunately, this year our council was unable to “three-peat” as the top gross dollar collector in the MR Drive. We finished a close second. The Webster Groves Council donated \$5,000.00 from its own treasury to edge out Marian Council by \$512.

We now have the 2011 MR Drive store collection dates. Please **save these dates** on your calendar...and get your competitive juices flowing again. Webster Groves, you’re going down!

**FRIDAY, Sept. 30, SATURDAY Oct. 1, and SUNDAY, Oct.2**  
**WALMART, BOTH SCHNUCKS LOCATIONS, STRAUBS, AND DIERBERGS**

**THURSDAY, Oct.6, FRIDAY Oct.7, and SATURDAY, OCT.8**  
**SHOP & SAVE**



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**JUNE 17**

If you are not signed up to play in a foursome, please be prepared to help out in preparing food, distributing drinks, etc. Dave Shaw will have sign-up sheets at the June 9 Meeting. This year the availability of our Hot Dog Chef, Harold Sharpmack, is in doubt. Harold has been placed on the "I.R." list, having been involved in a collision with a speeding dog. The dog was uninsured.

Here is a link to the [Crescent Hills Farm website](#).

## WORK-RELATED ACCIDENT

Don't try to pass off your Costco Card or your AARP Card in place of your Knights' Membership Card at the June Meeting. Art Bowles has recovered from a temporary lapse of perspective (scratched cornea) and will spot any miscreants.



## GROUND BREAKING

Knight John Kaestner, a member of the Parish Capital Campaign committee, announced at our May council meeting that *Foundation for the Future* is sponsoring a weekend of celebration to mark ground breaking for the new Parish Center. On June 4, the program will begin with a 5:00 p.m. "Mass on the Grass" (upper soccer field), celebrated by Fr. Santen. After a brief ground breaking ceremony, an outdoor (weather permitting) parish party, featuring free hot dogs and bratwurst, will commence .

Marian Council has agreed to supply the labor for the grilling on Saturday evening (First shift: 4:30 p.m.). You've all received a sign-up sheet via e-mail. If you can help with either the cooking or the serving of the food, contact [Dave Gockley](#) or [Phil Desloge](#) or [Larry Moore](#).

## Walt's Corner

For the better part of 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 1998:

"When you lose, don't lose the lesson."

## MEETINGS

What caused you to stop coming to council meetings? Were you offended by the content, by the personalities? Did you find the assembly cliquish, unapproachable, or argumentative? Were the meetings too long, too boring? Or did you just become too busy? You doubtless had what you believed to be good reasons for staying away.

Well, that was in the past. Now we are asking for another chance to earn your participation in what has become a vibrant, effective group of men who genuinely support each other in worthwhile causes. We won't waste your time. The most recent meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Come back home!



## TWO NEW KNIGHTS

At our May 12 Meeting, applications from two new prospects were read to the assembly and approved by unanimous vote to proceed to initiation.

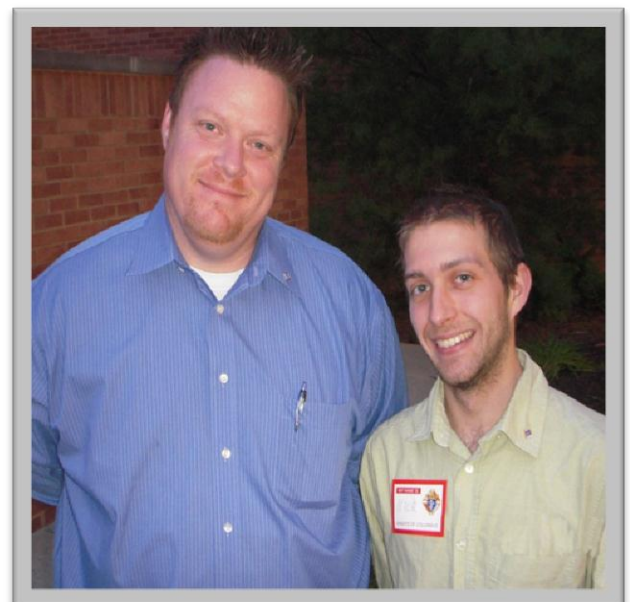
The applicants were initiated in a First Degree ceremony at Christ Prince of Peace on May 17. We hope that they will both be able to attend the June 9 Business Meeting so that they can be formally introduced to the members by Jim Winkler.

They are David Sillery (on the left) and Nick Brammeier.

## Insurance

At the May Meeting, Field Agent Mark Guilford thanked the council for its ongoing cooperation. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Co. now has more than \$80 Billion worth of insurance in force and ranks as the 45<sup>th</sup> largest insurer in the nation.

District Deputy Joe Caratenuto confirmed that we have exceeded our insurance quota for 2010-2011.



## Sulphur Springs Cleanup

On Saturday, March 21, four knights who were skeptical regarding the [prediction that the world would end at 5:00 p.m.](#) turned out at 1:00 p.m. to pick up trash on St. Joseph Lane and on Sulphur Springs Rd. (Manchester to Coventry). The “unique” award went to George Lindh for his discovery of a bag of concrete. On hand to witness George’s prize pickup were Jim Schuessler, Mike Wilkes, and Gerry Wilkes.

## June Reflection

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have though it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

— [Mother Teresa](#)

## Valediction From

## A Very Worthy Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I joined the Knights of Columbus to fill a void in my life. While I couldn't have asked for a better family and had achieved a degree of success at my work, there was something missing in my life. Like each of you, I realized I needed to start to give back. Through Marian Council, I was able to serve God through support of our Church and give to society through true charity to others. Four years ago, Dave Shaw asked me if I would volunteer to serve a term as Deputy Grand Knight with the intention of assuming position of Grand Knight. In a few weeks, this cycle will be complete and I will step down as your Grand Knight.

It has been an honor to represent you and to try to help Marian Council fulfill its mission. I am in awe of your generosity and personal commitment to serve. I've had many people in the community tell me how much they admire the Knights of Columbus for the work they do. It's humbling for me to be thanked for how you touch the lives of so many other people. It's humbling to be in the presence of those who embrace God and live their daily lives in service to him. It's humbling to be associated with you who allow the council to persevere despite the loss of those so meaningful. It's humbling to have your support and help when it's needed most. Brothers, thank you for enriching my life beyond expectations.

YBIC,

Phil Desloge

Grand Knight

## *Felice Cuores* Completes Eighth Season

The final dance of the *Felice Cuores* 2010/2011 season took place on May 14.

Gary Smith writes that there were 222 guests that night which put the total attendance for the eight years at 11,021 guests. It was just recently at the December dance that the 10,000-guest milestone was reached. Attendance on a year-to-year basis continues to grow exponentially. What a tribute to Bob and Gerry Villaire and to all those Knights and Ladies who helped launch this great enterprise!

Gary notes that there were 31 volunteers last Saturday, 12 from Marian Council and the Ladies Auxiliary. He wishes to thank all the volunteers who "...have given their valuable time to *Felice Cuores*."

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