



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Newsletter—*Rerum Novarum (Of New Things)*

Sacred Heart Parish, Emporia, Kansas  
Meetings: Fourth Monday, Knights Hall, Emporia

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## FATHER RAY MAY – CHAPLAIN

Recently all knights have received the good news that our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney has been declared venerable by the Pope. This is an important step on the road to being recognized a saint. While Fr. McGivney does not yet have a feast day, prayer cards may be printed encouraging the faithful to pray for a miracle by his intercession. When one such miracle is verified, he may be beatified. With another such miracle, he will be canonized a saint. The title venerable is an official recognition of someone's heroic virtue. Isn't it interesting that this is an important first step. It reminds us to desire first holiness and heroic virtue. That is the essence of sainthood and true and eternal greatness.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTES – BILL BROOKS

April is **Vocation Awareness Month**. The Knights of Columbus, is the largest organization of Catholic laity in the world. The Knights have a proud tradition of supporting our bishops, priests and religious in every stage of their religious vocation. Our brotherhood is directly connected to Father McGivney. Recruit a Knights of Columbus member – This will be the experience of a lifetime!

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Matt, treasurer, and Sara Sheeley, for all they do for the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Parish.



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Charlie Mahon for his chairmanship of the Senior Recognition Breakfast.

## PRAY FOR US

- + Protection of unborn children
- + Advancement of Father McGivney's canonization
- + Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

## DEGREE TEAM

Degree team members help in the formation of young Knights. The degree team conveys the values of the world's largest Catholic lay organization. If you're interested in helping inspire new Knights of Columbus members, call Marvin Tajchman, 342-9447.

## OLPE – ALEXIS COUNCIL

- Alexis Council, No. 1589 next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Knights Hall
- Marian Icon, May 15–19

## SR RECOGNITION BREAKFAST CHARIMAN

Charlie Mahon has agreed to coordinate Sacred Heart's Senior Recognition Breakfast. Go, Charlie.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Peter Tuttle, on completing his First Degree

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT (DIST. 24)

From Jim Schlehuder: On March 31, our order

observed the International Day of the Unborn Child. In light of this event, Knights and their families should pray and work to restore respect and protection for unborn children.

## DONATIONS

• Blood – 13 units by: Jim Spence, Gene Steffes, Greg Chadawith, Ron Dinkler, Joe Brooks, Jim Russell, Bernie Collins, Marvin Brown, George Wellnitz, Jean Lindwell, and others. *From: Bev Kerbs, director: "Much thanks to all of the Knights of Columbus participants who helped to save lives in this worthwhile event."*

## DUES *Once again—A friendly reminder...*

...Please pay your dues to Leo Council. Several members still need to be paid up. Knights policy is to deny no one the benefit of membership because of financial difficulty.



## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Columbia magazine is an excellent source of Catholic reading. Several people have asked why the Knights don't advertise their insurance benefits. They do; look over Columbia, read the articles, and see why the Knights are family oriented.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 14 officers meeting – Knights are welcome.
- April 27 after 9:30 Mass – Senior Recognition Breakfast Our speaker is **Mary Helmer**
- May 8–15, Knights of Columbus Marian Icon
- May 18, breakfast, Sacred Heart Parish Hall
- June 14, 4<sup>th</sup> Deg. Exemplification, Overland Park
- June 29, Father Emil Kapun Day, Pilsen, Kansas
- August 2 & 3, The **Kansas Golf Tournament**
- Sept. 20, Fourth Degree Exemplification, Wichita

## ABOUT MARY HELMER

Mary Helmer is assistant state coordinator, Kansas Main Street. She married Tim, a brother Knight, in 1986. They have two children, Jake, and Adam. Mary holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Emporia State University. She's a graduate of Leadership Emporia, and Leadership Kansas. She was Emporia Main Street director for 9½ years, and in 2004 was Kansas Main Street Director of the Year. Her presentation to Sacred Heart Parish's high school seniors will be Leadership and Faith.



## THE FOURTH DEGREE

### JUAN PADILLA ASSEMBLY, NUMBER 3067

- Meeting: April 17, 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall
- Fourth Degree Exemplification – see CALENDAR Contact Vince Hammerl (342-1208), or Rick Moore (342-3894) for information.

## NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 7:00 P.M.

