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Grand Knight Dick Gibson’s Message:

You can sure tell its February around here. Cold, windy, snow, dark and it is hard to get motivated to do much of anything. Except, maybe if you are an ice fisherman or skier. But for the life of me, can’t figure out why anyone would expose themselves to such cold weather. Golf in the 50’s is bad enough.

But February does give one plenty of time to day dream. Going over some notes from last year, came across the article about the order’s founder, Father Michael McGivney. Without rehashing the past, just remember he did much for all of us in the Catholic community. In his short life, nearly 40 years, he was well ahead of his time. Long, long before Vatican II, Father McGivney put into motion his plan to give the Catholic Layman the chance to have a positive influence in his or hers local community. Through his example, he encouraged the Catholics of his day to have a voice in their parish community, take the message of hope and charity and implement it into the society of the times. He saw that strong families could and should be the backbone of the local communities and he saw the need to protect that strong family by keeping it intact. His idea of forming the Knights of Columbus with its insurance beginnings, was sure to solidify that strong family, giving it a chance to overcome sudden hardships. He knew that each of us would at sometime, face tough times and his legacy offers an opportunity to deal with those setbacks. That legacy is Fr McGivney’s dedication to the spiritual and physical welfare of others. His spiritual legacy goes even farther in that he wanted “each Knights heart and mind attuned to greater love of God and his Son, both within the Church and within the family.” (Life and Legacy of Father Michael J. McGivney).

Fr McGivney saw that by giving each of us the means to effectively contribute to our communities, we could make an impact. He believed that the strong Catholic family could help build a better world, one community at a time. He was a man ahead of his time.

“Father McGivney’s vision remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today’s Church and society.” Pope John Paul II.

Just a reminder to get your reservations into me for our Anniversary mass and breakfast being held here at the council on Sunday February 17 at 9:30AM.

Ambassador of Cuisine

Tickets are now at a heavy premium. It appears that many of last year’s attendees just couldn’t get enough and now the second seating, is completely sold out. If you don’t want to be left out of this year’s classic event, get your tickets NOW. Hurry on up to the members’ lounge and make your reservation(with a prepaid ticket.) The classic cooking craftsman has settled on a very popular Italian theme for this night to remember. Tickets are still available for the 6:30 seating of Vendalli land for only $10. Three course Italian dinner, salad and desert for only $10? We must be nuts. Limited number of reservations available with a cutoff date of February 3.

Anniversary Mass Sunday February 17

Is your wedding anniversary celebrated in the first 6 months of the year, dating from January through June? If so, it is the wish of the Council’s Church committee Chairman, John Dupuie, that you and your spouse attend our wedding anniversary celebration. The Council is offering you the opportunity to celebrate the sanctity of Marriage with this special Mass. Breakfast will be available. Please, please call the Grand Knight at 248 348 0085 prior to February 14 to let us know that you will attend so special certificates can be prepared. To be clear: All members are encouraged to attend this mass, whether you will be celebrating an anniversary or not. Family and friends are also invited. Your attendance will show that you support our efforts to celebrate the Eucharist here at the Council. Mark the date: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 9:30am

Fundraiser for The
St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Sunday, Feb. 24th–1 p.m.
Irish Food • Continuous Live Music
• BLARNEY at its BEST • And a wee drop of Irish Truth Serum Available
$15 at the Door • $10 Advance
(Available at Monaghan)

Proceeds from the Fundraiser are used to help defray the expenses for the Parade on Sunday, March 16th
The annual State Raffle is underway and again this year it is spearheaded by State Advocate Mike Malinowski, who has great plans for its success. But with this raffle, we actually get money back. Each of us has received our yearly tickets in the mail from the State Council soliciting your support. Well, this is how the Council can benefit. You buy one ticket, Monaghan Council gets one dollar. Each ticket you buy, the Council gets one dollar. In last years drawing our members bought/sold so many tickets, the Council made around $1200, and we didn’t even advertise it. We get money back and Lord knows we can use it. Don’t forget to write “2690” on the stub.

**STATE COUNCIL Raffle Tickets**

**COFFEE TIME**

**FEBRUARY 3, 4PM-7PM HORS D`OEUVRE CASH BAR PRIZES IN THE LOUNGE**

**DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND IN THE HALL 3-6PM $15**

**Acceptance Prayer**

Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me. I am not wronged until I accept that person, place, thing or situation as being exactly the way it ought to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God’s world by mistake. Unless I accept life completely on its terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM 2007**

Dec 21, 2007 was the day set aside to pack and prepare the assistance for the needy in our community. Chairperson Vicki Gibson and those who pitched in, Tom Palmer, Bob Solak, Tom McKeown, Warden Bill Bauer, Don and Joan Hall, Lecturer Dan MacDonald, PGK Norm VanRiper, PGK Roy Wilson, Paul Wilson, Kevin Hanigan, Mike Callahan, Ron Schmidt purchased and packed the necessary food and presents to deliver 31 baskets. In addition, two packages were prepared for military personnel in Iraq. St. Leo, St Patrick, St. Anne, Holy Trinity, Gesu, St John Bosco and St Aidan parishes benefited from our fundraising. Specific items of comfort were also made available to area homeless shelters, C.O.T.S. and Peggy’s Place, Southfield dropped off a donation for our Thanksgiving dinner for the needy as well as sponsoring a Vietnamese Ward to assisting all of us in increasing the extra advertising, that is also welcomed. Placed it. Of course, if you have a business that could use some real reasonable rates. Afterall, this isn’t exactly unique to buy? Purchase and ad to see if you can find it. Of course, if you have a business that could use the extra advertising, that is also welcomed. Placed an ad last month, got a couple of calls. The more we can take advantage of the Monaghan News, the easier it is to lower our costs. Call our editor Pat Towneey for any other reasonable real rates. Afterall, this isn’t exactly the Wall Street Journal.

**SMOKE-FREE BINGO Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**EUCHRE Monday Evenings at 7 pm—Everyone Welcome!**
Thanks for the Memories  
February 1972

Let’s take a stroll down “Memory Lane” and visit the “Old Clubhouse” on Leisure and Grand River and see what our Knights and their families were doing that winter 36 years ago.

At that time Robert G. Spear was District Deputy. Our officers were James R. Wearn, Grand Knight; Frank A. Sheridan, Deputy Grand Knight; John E. Chouinard, Treasurer and P.G.K. Charles P. Nugent (1957-1958), President, Building Association.

Our Pre-Lenten St. Valentine’s Dance took place on Saturday evening, February 19th starting at 9 p.m. The popular all girl dance band called “The Chavelles” provided the music. The Valentine Dance was co-chaired by the Golf and Bowling Leagues. Frank M. Molloy was President of the Golf League, Early Bowling League President was Earl J. Knecht and Late League President was Russ A. Wearn. The General Chairman was Director of Council Activities, Harold F. Meyer. I wonder where “The Chavelles” are today.

Our Knight of the Month was Brother Donald A. McDonald who joined our Order in 1919 at Cobalt, Ontario, Canada. He transferred to Monaghan in 1940 from Detroit Council 305. Don was an active member of the Rosary Chain and he was also Sick Committee Chairman. That month we had ten members in the hospital or at home. Home visits were made whenever possible. He retired from the Detroit Police Department as Lieutenant after 26 years of service.

On February 19, 1972 our Financial Secretary, John A.V. Cooley passed away. Jack was a convert to our faith. He was appointed Financial Secretary on May 18, 1964 by Supreme Knight, Doctor John McDevitt. Larry G. Guthrie was our 18th Grand Knight at that time. Jack held the offices of Deputy Grand Knight (2 years), Chancellor (2 years), Rosary Chairman (2 years), and Rosary Co-Chairman (2 years). He served us well. His daughter Peggy and her husband Dick Whitney attend our Memorial Mass at Monaghan.

On Sunday February 20th a District Major Degree took place at Bishop Foley Council #2660 Dearborn. Mass was celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at St. Clements Church. Breakfast and the Degree followed at Foley Council. The banquet followed that evening.

Sunday February 6th Chatham Council arrived at our Council with their 50 strong Euchre players to try to take home the International Trophy. Bob Lariviere started this tradition years ago. The Chairman was Trustee Earl A. McIntyre. The Rosary was recited for 11 Brother Knights reported Rosary Co-Chairman Byron McDonald.

That’s the way it was back in February 1972.

Until That Time, Good Luck and Thanks For The Memories

Henry V. Lencione P.G.K.