



# Late Knight News



Knights of Columbus – Columbia Council #7559

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## Message from the Grand Knight

Brothers All,

I want to thank all the brothers who supported me and the council during the past three years of my term as the Grand Knight of the Columbia Council, #7559. I have certainly received more than I have given in this endeavor. I believe the council is in much better shape now than it was three years ago. Not for anything I did, but for the new leadership team that will be coming in during the next fraternal year. Sonny and Alan are both enthused, dedicated and willing to expend the necessary hard work to bring our council to even great achievement.

During the past couple of months I have been working with Sonny to make the transition to the new administration easy and smooth. I can tell you he has a lot planned, has set some very high standards for involvement and programming within the council, and is depending on you the membership to help, wherever possible. He needs the dynamic involvement of all of us to carry out the fraternal and charitable program planned for next year. In a real sense I feel that Sonny's agenda for next year is not just his creation. It is almost an inspired call to unity and fellowship not only within the council but also across our parish community. He has reached out to the church council, the Hispanic Community, and other communities within our parish to try to make our council a meeting ground for all the men and their families within our faith community. I again want to thank those who supported me over the past three years; I have actually done very little. I thank our Blessed Mother for Her help and guidance and offer all that you have collectively done for the Knights, our parish and our faith community to Her. I pray for the continued intercession of Mary, Queen of the Knights, in the activities of our council and in guiding our new leadership team. God speed Sonny and my personal best to you and your new leadership team.

*Nick Clemens, Grand Knight*

Columbia Council 7559

## Message from the Chaplain

Pope Francis is being a true image of the Heavenly Father's love for all His children. His talks and his example to us of God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness is bringing all new hope and comfort. His bringing together Palestinians and Israelis for prayer for peace inspires us all to pray for them and for an end of strife between ourselves and our families and neighbors as well as Nigeria, Syria Ukraine, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and wherever there is war and violence. The power of prayer makes all things possible and Jesus assures us that when we pray, He is in our midst and we will be heard.

Two recent popes have just been canonized, John 23<sup>rd</sup> and John Paul II. They trusted in this promise and helped bring peace to our world. I encourage you to put aside skepticism and doubt, and, as Knights of Columbus, follow our Holy Father's lead and pray daily for peace! Amen.

Fr. Gene

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## The McGivney Prayer

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.

## Officers for the 2014-2015 Columbian Year

During the May business meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, the council voted on the slate of officers for the 2014-15 Columbian Year as presented by the Nominations Committee. No nominations were made from the floor and the slate of officers for next year (beginning July 1, 2014) was approved. The officers are:

*Grand Knight* **Sonny Van**  
*Deputy Grand Knight* **Alan Pultyniewicz**  
*Chancellor* **Harry Lis**  
*Recorder* **Andy Stack**  
*Treasurer* **Hugo Tejada**  
*Advocate* **Tim Lynch**  
*Warden* **Greg Strakna**  
*Guard* **Joseph Toyang**  
*Guard* **Greg Friend**  
*Guard* **Gary Stradone**  
*3rd Year Trustee* **Boni Nwugwo**  
*2nd Year Trustee* **Garland Payne**  
*1st Year Trustee* **Nick Clemens**

Columbia Council 7559 sends a special thank you to our Grand Knight, Nick Clemens, who has served as our Grand Knight for the past three years. Thank you for your commitment to the Knights and for your leadership and guidance during this time. Also, we sincerely thank Cindy, who graciously shared Nick with the council during this time.

## Congratulations!

Columbia Council 7559 congratulates the following brothers who received their Third Degree in May 2014:

**Wilfredo Escobar, Greg Friend, Mirosław Skibniewski, Gary Stradone and Hugo Tejada.**

**Please note:** the First and Second Degree Exemplification scheduled for June 19, 2014 at Columbia Council has been canceled.

## In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the following deaths:

- **Reverend Donald J. Parson** – April 25, 2014
- **Gregory Alan Cassagne** - May 23, 2014

Brothers Fred Gunther and Pat Murphy from Columbia Council 7559 traveled to Oakland for the funeral of Fr. Don Parson who was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 50 years and served at St. John's in the early 1990's.

## 116<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Convention

Nick Clemens, GK, Sonny Van, DGK, Alan Pultyniewicz and Hugo Tejada traveled to Ocean City on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 116<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Convention. An estimated 1,000 brothers from across the state, gave brothers the opportunity to share information about the activities in their respective councils. During the course of the weekend, Nick, Sonny, Alan and Hugo spent time developing the council's budget and activities calendar for 2014-15 which was presented to the officers and membership in May. If you are interested in participating in next year's state convention, mark your calendars for May 1-3, 2015 and contact Sonny Van for information.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights Banquet

Please join the council at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Banquet scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2014 at the Shrine located at 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City. Mass will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person; no charge for brothers that received their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree during the past year (since July 1, 2013) or for their spouse/significant other. Please RSVP to Sonny Van by Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Note: Installation is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014

The Installation Mass and ceremony for the installation of officers will be on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is **MANDATORY** for all officers but all brothers are encouraged to attend.

## Knights in Action



**Repairing bridge for Leprechaun Charity Run**



**Helping to set up for Asian Heritage Mass**



**Recruiting runners for Leprechaun Charity Run**

## May Social Meeting

On Tuesday, May 27, Kathy Feddor and brother Pat Murphy gave an informative presentation and meditative prayer on the Holy Rosary.

Mary, through the Rosary, is teaching us about the gift of her Son and the empowerment He has for us. St. John Paul II wrote: “At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of the Holy Rosary.”

The group spent time hearing about the role of the Rosary in significant historical events. Then, the group prayed a decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries. As Knights, we are asked to carry a Rosary at all times and to pray the Rosary.

### Schedule for Praying the Rosary

**The Joyful Mysteries**  
Monday and Saturday

**The Sorrowful Mysteries**  
Tuesday and Friday

**The Glorious Mysteries**  
Wednesday and Sunday

**The Luminous Mysteries**  
Thursday



<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf>



**Pat Murphy and Kathy Feddor give a presentation on the Holy Rosary at the May social meeting**

## Upcoming Events

- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Council Shed Clean-Up** – Saturday, June 14, 2014; WLIFC; 9:00 a.m.
- ❑ **Father's Day** – Sunday, June 15, 2014
- ❑ **Knights Banquet** – Friday, June 20, 2014  
Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City – Mass at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
(\$30 per person; no charge for brothers that received the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree since July 1, 2013)
- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, June 30, 2014 (note date change due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)  
Zapata's Restaurant - Harpers Choice Village Center, Columbia; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Council Picnic** – Saturday, July 26, 2014; Tim Lynch's house, Clarksville
- ❑ **Installation** – Saturday, August 2, 2014; WLIFC; Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by installation ceremony. **Mandatory for all officers!**
- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, August 4, 2014; Zapata's, Harpers Choice Village Center; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, August 12, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Adoration** – Tuesday, August 26, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 6:45 p.m.
- ❑ **Social Meeting** – Tuesday, August 26, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 7:30 p.m.

For more information about these events and other Council information including minutes of past Business Meetings, visit our website at [www.koccolumbiamd.org](http://www.koccolumbiamd.org).

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