



***KNIGHTLINE***  
***February 2006***



*Knights of Columbus*



***COUNCIL 7432***

## **The Different Levels of Ecumenical Activity**

### ***Opening Prayer***

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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### **The Reading**

*(to be read by the Leader)*

This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle (I am speaking the truth, I am not lying), teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument. (1 Tim 2, 3-8)

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### **The Reflection**

*(to be read by the leader)*

Christ is the one and only mediator between God and man, therefore there can be only one way of salvation, Christ. Although there are many different functions of individuals in this one church they have to be harmonized to achieve their goal. In this reading Paul admonishes the men "to pray lifting up holy hands without any anger or argument". Here Paul tells the men what their task is; prayer, blessings and no angry or argumentative debates. The bishops may discuss ecumenical topics with the leadership of other denominations. The priests may come together for ministerial meetings with the ministers of other churches to pray, to reflect, to discuss, to organize events. But the laity, and most of you are lay persons, what are we to do? First, like Paul, suggest prayer. Maybe once or twice a month you offer up your rosary for the unity of Christians. In your active dealings with non-

Catholics give an example of true Christian living. Show what it means to have your clear convictions and still respect the other person. When we try to understand the orthodox Christians, why not start with getting together with our Byzantine Catholic members to learn something about their liturgy, which they call Divine. Where are we the same? Where do we differ?

How is it at your workplace? Do you defend your faith when others tear it down? Are you standing up for Catholic moral principles or are you silent? Can you discern the goodness in others even when they do not share your convictions? It is only a few years ago that I heard a man calling a Jewish person a Christ-killer. We have to get away from stereotyping people. And as laity it might be easier for you to work together in any given social and civic context.

Just let us be aware that we all have to contribute on a personal level for the unity of all Christians.

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### **Meditation Period**

*(The leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme)*

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### **Fraternal Sharing**

*(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)*

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### **Closing Prayer**

*(Recited by all)*

Father, may the prayer we offer you, through your Son, the one mediator, free us from sin, let us be a blessing to all and bring us together that we can share in the mystery of the Eucharist. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

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## Grand Knight's Message February 2006

As most of you are already well aware there is a wonderful new biography out on our founder Father Michael J. McGivney written by New York best selling author Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster. I, for one, cannot wait to read it. No doubt some of you have read it already, or have read the excerpt from the book (chapter one-"A friend of the family" in the January Columbia magazine. If you have not read the excerpt as of yet I would encourage you to do so.



We know that the process began in 1997 to have Father McGivney elevated to sainthood. Most feel this will come about, thus making him the first American Catholic priest to be conferred sainthood. You know I have always thought Father was an extremely stern figure looking at the paintings and the photographs of Father McGivney. I was pleased to learn although extremely determined and serious regarding his vocation he had a tremendous sense of humor and loved to laugh. I can really identify with his love of baseball. In fact he was an excellent player as well.

Chapter one of the book relates a story that seems to have given Father McGivney the inspiration to look at starting a men's group in his parish of St. Mary's in New Haven. With the death of a leading member of his parish, Edward Downs Sr., Edward's wife and children were left penniless and deeply in debt. The state had the power to institutionalize all the six children unless individuals would come forward to become guardians. This happened except for one of the sons, Alfred Downs. On the appointed court date Father McGivney stood up and promised guardianship of Alfred. It was extremely rare to find a Catholic priest in a state court but that did not stop Father. With the financial help of another of his parishioners the court granted the guardianship.

This story is a prime example of Father McGivney's strong belief in family, and that "...he was a man of action, born with an unrelenting sense of compassion, embraced by an entirely practical turn of mind." I know we will be asked to look at the possibility of selling this book to others. Stand by for possible details.

Thanks to all of you who gave of your time for the latest fellowship pancake breakfast. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Ladies Appreciation Night February 4, at 6:15 PM and don't forget our day at the Mustard Seed February 26. See you all February 14<sup>th</sup> for the general meeting.

Vivat Jesu,

Michael Kelly,  
*Worthy Grand Knight*

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[http://  
kofc7432.netfirms.com](http://kofc7432.netfirms.com)

# Council Basketball Free Throw Championship

Well, another successful Council Basketball Free Throw is in the books.

On an evening when the Canadiens and Flames were on the tube, we still had a terrific turnout from both kids and Brother Knights. In all, 65 young men and women, ages 10-14, represented St. Bonaventure, St. Philip, St. Boniface and Don Bosco schools; all with an eye to advance to the District Championship. In the end, thirty kids will represent our Council at the District competition. The schools put in a lot of effort in conducting their own qualifying competitions and we are very appreciative of their continued support for this youth activity.



As in previous years, I once again enjoyed tremendous support from my Brother Knights, who covered all the required tasks flawlessly. I thank you very much.

Following the serious part of the evening, the Brothers performed their own rendition of a free throw competition – the Dribble ‘n Dunk skills competition. Oh sure, there were the usual flashes of mediocrity exhibited, but mostly it was just a whole lot of laughs. In the end, *Smoooooth* Syd Howlett buried the field with lay-up and free throw prowess not seen around these parts since...oh, last year I suppose. Veteran

hoopster Bro. Barry Redmond and Rookie Bro. Eugene Kuhn rounded out the top three.

The District Free Throw Championship is set for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Matthew school. It would be great if 3 or 4 Brothers from our Council could pitch in to lighten the load for the host Council of this event. If you are able to spare a couple hours that evening, please give me a call at 271-6047 or email [timmons5tribe@shaw.ca](mailto:timmons5tribe@shaw.ca).



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## Knightline Submission Deadlines

Just a reminder to my Brother Knights that submissions for the Knightline are due by the following dates (note that deadlines always fall on a Tuesday):

<b>Edition Month</b>	<b>Article Deadline Date</b>
<b>March 2006</b>	February 28
<b>April 2006</b>	March 28
<b>May 2006</b>	May 2
<b>June 2006</b>	May 30

Thanks very much,  
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## The Mustard Seed Visit February 26

We will be sending our second contingent of this Columbian year to help prepare and serve lunch for the patrons at the Mustard Seed on Sunday, February 26 from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM. We invite Knights, families (children 14 and over) and friends from our Council to help out this very worthy ministry. The enthusiasm of the Mustard Seed's staff is infectious and a joy to share.

It will be a particularly heart-warming visit, as we will be bringing the "Soap for Hope" donations with us. These donations are being solicited from the parishioners and consist of personal hygiene products of all types, excluding any alcohol-based or aerosol products. The Seed's patrons are in constant need of these products (and warm socks as well). You can conveniently participate in this drive by bringing your donations to the next General Meeting on February 14.

Please contact me if you wish to be included in this or in subsequent visits to be on our ongoing volunteer list.

You can find out more about the Mustard Seed Street Ministry and its goals by visiting its webpage at <http://www.theseed.ca>.

Bro. Ray Martin



## St. Bonaventure Family Skating Party



St Bonaventure Parish's annual Skating Party, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7432, was held at Lake Bonavista on Sunday, January 29, 2006. The Event was an overwhelming success as 178 eager parishioners signed up to strap on their blades. The skating conditions were ideal as clear blue skies let the sun shine through with above freezing temperatures.

A number of attendees revealed some of their hockey skills while others just enjoyed the skate around the lake.

As a break from the skating all were treated to hot chocolate and a variety of cookies. It was evident that all were having a good time as many of the skaters thanked the Knights for Columbus for the opportunity to have an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with family and friends at the Lake. Hot chocolate was still being requested to a little past 4:30 in the afternoon.



I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who helped to put on this event, those who signed in, as members of Lake Bonavista, so that we could satisfy the guest ratio requirements, those who manned the signup sheet and those who helped with set up and cleanup. A special thanks to the knight lady (Sharon) who assisted with the hot chocolate and cookies.

Brother Don Rasko



## Taking Care of Widows

Most advisors would say a key part of their business is helping couples plan for the financial consequences should a partner die.

Women live longer than men and are usually younger than their husbands, so they are most often left on their own. However, women whose husbands die young are much more likely to experience a drop in income than those whose husbands are 70 or older when they pass away.

Those are the findings of a new study by Statistics Canada that looked at how the average widow in the 1990's fared financially after the death of her husband. The study, written by

**Replacing income  
when a husband dies**  
Household income replacement  
rates for women at the median

Husband's age at death	United States		Great Britain Canada	
	United States	Germany	Britain	Canada
25-49	0.87	0.80	0.97	0.82
50-61	0.83	0.83	1.04	0.75
62-69	0.89	0.95	0.92	0.94
70 or older	0.94	0.95	0.76	0.96

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA  
INVESTMENT EXECUTIVE CHART

Philip Giles of StatsCan with Richard Burkhauser and Dean Lillard of Cornell University and Johannes Schwarze of Otto-Friedrich-Universitat Bamberg in Germany, compared four countries and focused on household income in the year before and after the husband's death. Household income is measured after government transfers and taxes are taken into account and is adjusted for the size of household, which, of course, is smaller after the husband's death.

The income measure does not include life insurance or income that might be generated if the widow sells assets to cover living expenses.

Excerpt from article by Monica Townson.

To properly understand life insurance at the death of your husband a \$1 million life insurance policy at 5% interest guaranteed generates \$50,000.00 of taxable income. If your husband has a \$200,000.00 policy, why not call me to review your life insurance using our new Forecaster Planner.

Bro. Peter G. Tremblay, Field Agent. Phone 726-0533

## Religious Vocations – Fathers and Grandfathers Help

Brothers. This is part 2 of a series of articles on Vocations of relevance to brother knights. It is from “All in the Family”, about how family life can influence young men in answering the call, written by Joseph Pronechen, a Knight who lives in Trumbull, Connecticut and writes for the Catholic press.

“At first, Chet Weber didn’t think his being a Knight had any bearing on his son Zachary’s vocation. “But a letter he had written as a senior in high school gave some insight,” Chet reported. “He was talking about the example my wife Terri and I set with the Knights of Columbus and the Church. We think it was more of a calling itself.”

Growing up in a K of C family fanned the vocational flames for Zachary, who is studying for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He is a member of Archbishop Purcell Council 2798, where his father and grandfather both served as grand knight.

Did their Knightly example have a bearing on his vocation?

“Certainly it did,” Zachary said. “It was part of the whole experience growing up Catholic for me.” He remembers going to many K of C Christmas functions and helping his father raise money for people with intellectual disabilities.

Zachary pointed out that the general qualities of a Knights of Columbus family can make a tremendous difference. “Just the religious climate — going to Mass together on Sundays as a family, eating together as a family — that unity, that faith in God might seem small, but today when people are busy running around, it’s important to stay close to the family.”

“The Knights of Columbus considers itself the right hand of the Church, and our council is big on family things,” his father explained. “So kids growing up around the Knights see that whole demeanour, practicing faith. Just being around it is helpful.”

Next Month: “Daily Mass and the Rosary ”

For information on contemplating becoming a Priest or Religious Brother or Sister, visit the Vocation website: <http://www.vocationoffice.com/discernment.html> or contact Father Myles directly by phone: 245-2753 or by e-mail: [mjgaffney@telusplanet.net](mailto:mjgaffney@telusplanet.net)



## SEDER SUPPER - Celebration of the Passover Meal

On **Saturday, April 8th, 2006**, **St. Bonaventure Council 7432** will celebrate its **17th Annual Seder Supper**. The celebration of the Passover meal, or Seder, recalls the night the angel "passed over" the homes of the Jews, and the rescue of God's chosen people from Egypt. From a Christian view, we celebrate God's rescue of his people, through Jesus, so we may "pass over" from death in sin to life in Christ.

During preparations for Easter and Holy Week, Christians and Jews celebrate their own feasts and we see in these celebrations the common bond of the symbolism of the Exodus. Jesus was a Jew, and through our celebration we draw upon the traditional Jewish Seder and the words of the New Testament to help us more fully appreciate Jesus' observance of His Jewish heritage.

*Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus to say, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" (Matthew 26:17)*

Few of us appreciate that the Last Supper was a traditional Seder. It was through the powerful symbolism of this celebration and the passion of Jesus that He introduced us to the sacrament of communion where we all share in the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many symbols are present at our Seder meal: the seven canded **Menorah**, which is lit to represent the light of God and his shining countenance; the **Holy Bible** linking the teachings of the Old Testament (Jewish Law) and the New Testament (the basis of Christianity); the **Paschal lamb**, symbolizes the traditional sacrificial lamb, and for us Christians, we know that Christ is our Lamb, who sacrificed Himself for us; **Matzos** is consumed in memory of the unleavened bread eaten during the flight out of Egypt. It is broken and shared as an expression of unity, the beginnings of our Eucharistic celebrations; **Bitter herbs** are to remind us of the bitterness of the Jews in slavery. We, who are followers of Christ, do not hesitate to taste of this bitterness as a reminder of His passion and death; **Haroses** (a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine) symbolizes the mortar the Jews used for bricks to build the pyramids; **Fresh green herbs** represent the products of the earth and life from God; **Salt water** is the only condiment used, representing the tears of the Jews while in bondage.

The Seder meal is a "**festive Feast**", so participants are requested to **come prepared to eat**, as tradition dictates that all the food prepared is to be consumed. This is not a problem for our Seder, as we enjoy the culinary magic of our own master chef, Bro. Sean Toner.

The evening is always very rewarding, giving those present a greater appreciation of the traditional Seder meal and the resulting ties to Christianity and its spiritual significance during Holy Week.

The celebration begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. **Call Ron Gagnon at 271-3040 for more information or to reserve your spot at our table.**

Ron Gagnon – Seder Supper Chairman

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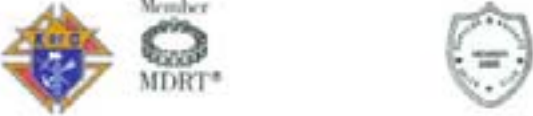
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**Father  
McGivney**

### Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

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 neighbour. 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 servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favour I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## February 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 6:15 PM Ladies Appreciation Night
5	6	7	8 7:30PM Executive Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30PM General Meeting	15	16	17 Padre Night	18
19	20 Family Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00AM Mustard Seed Visit	27	28				

## March 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 8:30 AM Major Degree
5	6	7	8 7:30PM Executive Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:30PM General Meeting	15	16	17	18

**Please call the event chairman if you can help at the following events:**

Feb 4	Ladies Appreciation Night	Greg Fisher
Feb 26	Mustard Seed Street Ministry Support	Ray Martin