

OUR LADY OF THE GROVE COUNCIL #13448

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Orderwide Church Drive

This month, all across the nation, local Councils of the Knights are organizing an order wide drive to increase membership.

Here at St. Mary, our worthy Past Grand Knight Dave Kukral will be speaking after each of the Masses one weekend and will be inviting the men of the parish to join us on October 22nd at 7:30 PM in the school lunchroom for an open house.

This meeting is meant to be a showcase of the Knights and the activities we do, which include:

- Charitable works
- Religious works
- Youth programs
- Fraternal fellowship
- Respect Life activities
- Family activities



Grand Knight's Message

October is the month when the Knights have an Orderwide Drive to increase membership.

Our Council intends to use the October Social meeting as an open house to explain to interested men of the parish why they should join the Knights.

We need a good turnout for this meeting. I hope to see each of you there!

The Knights have established a new program **"Building the Domestic Church"**. I hope to have the Council explore this program in the coming months, to strengthen our family lives and possibly as a vehicle to attract younger men with families to the Knights.



Chaplain's Message

September is gone and here we are in the month of October. Many exciting events took place in September and we are in for more exciting events in October. The highlights of the visit of Pope Francis was exciting to see him move around through the crowds, challenging in what he said in very plain terms.

He left us with thoughts that need to be dwelled upon, and more important to ask ourselves what can we do about them?

Come October we begin with the feast of Saint Therese on October 1, followed by the Holy Angels on October 2, Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4, and Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary.

Reciting of the rosary is a form of meditation prayer. Centered around the mysteries of the Life of Jesus Christ while on earth, we pray the Hail Mary numerous times to seek the intercession of Mary the Mother of the Church who leads us to Jesus.

It is a simple prayer we are all encouraged to recite as we pray for our family, the world and ourselves.

We end the month with Halloween to lead us into All Saints and All Souls on the November 1 and 2. **Let us spend October praying for each other and for the world at large.**



ID Drive Update

Thanks to all Brother Knights who assisted us with the ID Drive.

We collected over \$6700, which will be divided equally among three charities:

- Laremont School
- Mount St. Joseph
- New Hope Center

You can still help out by making a donation or by buying a sleeve or case of Tootsie Rolls, \$5 a sleeve of 50 or \$25 a case of 300 Tootsie Rolls.

Halloween is coming!



October Birthdays

Oct 3 Gerardo Balbin
Oct 7 John Adamski
Oct 7 Mike Brown
Oct 22 Ron Soccorso
Oct 23 Don Bartelt
Oct 26 Robert Krueger
Oct 27 Leonard Schiller



RESPECT
LIFE



Knight of Patriotism

As a reminder, Seton Assembly will be hosting the annual **Knight of Patriotism benefiting Honor Flight** on Friday October 30th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Social Hall for dinner, dancing and silent auctions.

See Commander Mike Bryscan for more details.

Please save the date.

FOR THE GOOD
OF THE ORDER...

Keep in your prayers

Cy and Marie Schmid,
Mel Cea, Mary Jean
O'Brien, wife of Jack
O'Brien.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Family Fully Alive

Pope Paul VI, in his great apostolic exhortation on evangelization, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, quotes the Second Vatican Council's description of the Christian family as the domestic church. For Pope Paul VI, this means that to truly become a domestic church "there should be found in every Christian family the various aspects of the entire Church."

The Second Vatican Council also taught that every Catholic is called to holiness. And since the great majority of Catholics live out their lives in families, it is clear that the family should be a place in which each family member can grow in holiness.

As the saints have shown throughout history, holiness in life leads inevitably to witness in our daily lives. In our time, the work of evangelization is not reserved only for an elite few, but is the responsibility of all baptized Christians.

In a very real sense, we are all called to be missionaries. We are all called to "proclaim" the Gospel to those around us through our lives each day, and the privileged place for most of us to do this is within our own families.

The Catholic family is essentially missionary in character and is able to reveal and communicate this love in a special way because it is founded upon sacramental marriage. Christian spouses first receive this love as a divine gift, but they also receive this love as a task. The task of Christian spouses to live and communicate this love first to each other and their children and then to others is at the center of the family's mission in the world.

To help our families better become what they are called to be, the Knights of Columbus has launched this initiative entitled: *"Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive."*

Through this program, our families can realize more fully their mission to be an authentic domestic church through daily prayer, catechesis and Scripture reading, as well as through monthly charitable and volunteer projects they can do as a family. Please visit kofc.org/familyfullyalive to view the materials sent directly to local councils.

This initiative can help all families, whatever their difficulties, deepen their relationship with the Lord. It can especially help divorced parents meet their obligation to raise their children in the Catholic faith and reassure them that their communion with the Lord is not severed, but rather can continue to grow stronger through prayer, scripture reading, participation in the parish community, service to others, and evangelization. In these ways, they too can be a part of our initiative and grow in their faith.

In founding the Knights of Columbus, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond in both a temporal and spiritual way to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his mother faced as a single parent raising a family after the tragic death of his father. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community arising from poverty, violence, substance abuse, prejudice and discrimination.

With creative genius and determination, Father McGivney responded to this situation with a variety of pastoral initiatives within his parish and most importantly by empowering generations of Catholic laymen to support the practical Catholic life of their families in founding the Knights of Columbus. *By advancing this new program, the Knights of Columbus continues to advance Father McGivney's mission and remains true to his vision.*

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson