



Knights Watch – October 2021

Knights of Columbus Council 6419
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Our Fifth Annual First Responder Breakfast a Huge Success!

On September 9, we served over 1200 breakfasts to the Hot Springs Police Department, the Hot Springs Fire Department, Life Net Ambulance, Garland County Sheriff Department, Garland County Detention Center, the Arkansas State Police and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers. We also carried food to CHI St. Vincent Hospital, CHI Convenient Care Clinic and National Park Medical Center. Breakfasts were cooked in the St. Mary's Parish Hall kitchen and outside on the sidewalk area. Thanks to Pam Dwyer for all the photos! CHI told Joe Giompoletti it was the best breakfast ever!



Gregg Swale, Lenny Hess, Joe Reyna, Don Borchert, Ed King, Chuck Pavlovich, Bob Koch and George Purifoy making preparations at 2:00 a.m.!



Firemen from Hot Springs Fire Department enjoying breakfast at St. Mary's.



All that remains when you cook more than 1000 biscuits!

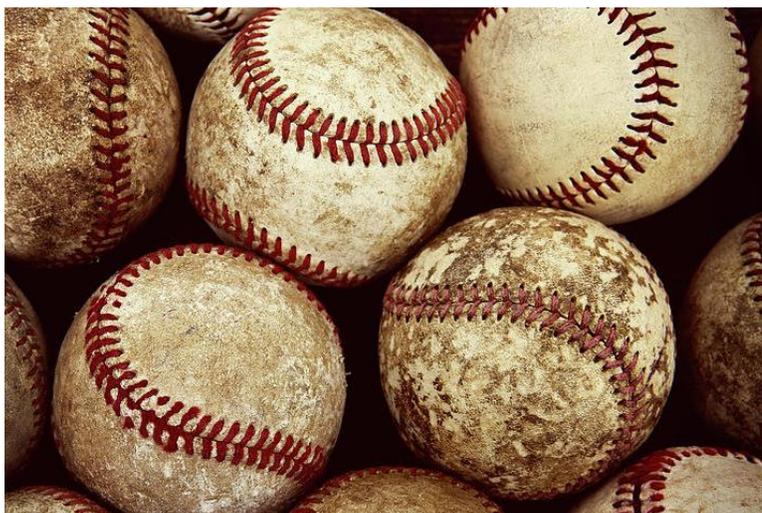
At the meeting on September 7, the Hot Springs Board of Directors issued a Proclamation declaring September 10-12 First Responders Appreciation Weekend! Thanks to Dayton Myers for arranging that!

Knights of Columbus and Baseball: Excerpted from the Online Baseball Exhibit at the Blessed McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, Connecticut: With the beginning of baseball playoffs, thought this might be of interest!

Knights in the Majors

The early days of baseball were ripe for heroes and standard bearers and, at most turns, it was a Knight of Columbus who set those measures of excellence and laid the groundwork for the growth of the game.

The first World Series between the Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Pirates held in 1903 featured Knight of Columbus Fred Clarke — the Hall of Fame manager of the Pirates — and Hank O'Day, a Hall of Fame umpire. However, both men could not compare to the heroics of Boston pitcher, and brother Knight, Bill Dineen.



Knights in the Majors – Bill Dineen

If one were to look at his overall career statistics, Dineen would not be considered one of more stellar pitchers of the era, with more losses than wins when he retired despite four 20-win seasons. In fact, his teammate in the 1903 series was the legendary Cy Young. Yet it was Dineen who, according to the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), “set the standard for World Series excellence,” with three wins — two of which were shutouts — in the nine-game series, including the title clinching game.

Knights in the Majors – “Wee Willie” Keeler

“Wee Willie” Keeler was one of the game’s best hitters in the dead ball era with two batting titles, a lifetime average of .341, and once held the longest hitting streak of 44 games — which was later broken by another Knight, Joe DiMaggio in 1941. Knight of Columbus “Wee Willie” Keeler was one of the best hitters of his era. Keeler’s method of hitting has now become legend in baseball, famously stating, “Keep your eye on the ball and hit ‘em where they aint.”

Knights in the Majors – Hugh Duffy

Hugh Duffy was another stellar hitter, winning the Triple Crown (leading the majors in batting average, home runs, and hits) in 1894 with the Boston Beaneaters, and still holds the MLB record for a single season batting average at .440.

Knights in the Majors – Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers

Two Knights of Columbus — Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers — are etched in baseball legend as members of one of the game’s fabled Tinker to Evers to Chance double-play combination featured in the poem “Baseball’s Sad Lexicon.”

Knights in the Majors – Ed Walsh

Ed Walsh of the Chicago White Sox was one of the greatest pitchers of the era and still holds the record for the lowest career earned-run-average (ERA) with 1.82.

Knights in the Majors – Roger Bresnahan

Roger Bresnahan, also known as “The Duke of Tralee,” popularized shin guards and brought rudimentary batting helmets into the national pastime, an impact still seen today by every catcher at every level of the game.

Knight in the Majors – Harry Hooper and Duffy Lewis

Harry Hooper and Duffy Lewis made up the “golden outfield” that helped win a combined four World Series titles for the Boston Red Sox prior to the Curse of the Bambino.

Knights in the Majors – “Nap” Lajoie

And Napoleon “Nap” Lajoie, considered baseball’s first superstar, was so beloved, the Cleveland changed their name to the Cleveland Naps — the only time a major league team has been named after a player.

Sportswriter T.H. Murnane stated it best in a 1908 *Columbiad* article about Knights’ impact on the national pastime: “Strange to say baseball has a spiritual side. This is a fact, and the Knights of Columbus have done much for the members of the profession, for the player Knights are bound to do their duty, and protect, as far as possible, the young men breaking into the business, making the game cleaner and more wholesome all round.”

By 1916, *Columbiad* reported that Knights of Columbus were “heavily represented” on major league rosters, making up nearly one half of the 336 players in the NL and AL. But the two heavyweights of the dead ball era were John McGraw and Cornelius McGillicuddy, more popularly known as Connie Mack.

Happy Birthday! Birthdays this month:

Stephen Libby: October 1

Mark Layton: October 3

Robert Shamburger: October 3

Ronald Czarnecki: October 5

Dennis Wood: October 7

Charlie Cook: October 8

George Callahan: October 10

Jared Hanig: October 10

Larry Stidman: October 10

Don Borchert: October 16

Thomas Baroni: October 18

Herbert Koudelka: October 18

Ronald Priest: October 26

David Myers: October 31

How you can HELP!

- To help with flags, show up at 7:00 a.m. sharp at Calvary Cemetery on Greenwood Avenue. It only takes about 10 minutes to put up 24 American flags to celebrate the holiday. For information, call Don Sass 767-2780 or Joe Kanopsic 262-5829.
- To help with Exemplification teams, call Larry Nieman 520-1300, Newton White 622-0191 or Joe Kanopsic 262-5829.
- To assist with any part of the Rummage Sales, call Jim Lockwood 282-7027.
- To assist with Corporate Communion at St. John's, call Kevin Touhy 752-2509.
- To assist with Corporate Communion at St. Mary's, call Andy Anderson 425-9368.