

Grand Knight's Report  
November 9, 2007

AGENDA:

- **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

Received a letter and packet from the State Chairman, John W. Tobin, requesting that each Council Grand Knight appoint a Father Michael J. McGivney cause chairman: The cause chairman will make every effort to increase the awareness of council members and others of the spirituality of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, and promote the cause initiated for his eventual sainthood.

In addition, the cause chairman should encourage all brother knights and others to join the McGivney Guild. The Guild members will receive a regular Guild Newsletter that will provide ongoing updates as to the progression of the sainthood cause.

Received a letter from Ceremonial Chairman, Skip Hopler regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplifications: Fr. Virgil Genevier Council, 1158 will host a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification on November 11, 2007. The location is U S Highway 70, Globe, AZ 85501. Registration begins at 9AM and the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree begins at 10AM.

Received an email from State Secretary, Gary Boscardin regarding The Annual Mid-Year meeting. The meeting is being held to discuss the status of Programs and other pertinent information. The State Officers strongly encourage Council Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Membership Directors and Financial Secretaries to attend.

Received a letter from OLMC 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Matthew Tucker, requesting Sponsorship as a representative of the U.S. under the People to People International Program. Quoting Matthew: "People to People International was created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. He believed that the only way to bring peace to the world was to learn to understand each other. Over the past 50 years People to People has been sending student ambassadors to 34 countries on all 7 continents. The program includes hands on experience, behind the scenes access, and unique outdoor activities to create incredible educational opportunities. Each year only a certain amount of students are chosen to represent the U.S. as a student ambassador. This year I am honored to be one of them."  
(Discussion Item)

- **SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adoration: Volunteers are needed for security beginning at 11PM. Please contact Pat Kedrowski for scheduling.

November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>: Intellectual Disabilities Drive (IDD), volunteers are needed after all Masses. Please contact IDD Chairman, Pat Malafronte, for scheduling. A pulpit announcement was submitted and approved for this weekend. Thus far \$2424.83 has been collected.

November 10<sup>th</sup>: OLMC Parish Picnic will take place at the SRP Pera Club facility from 10AM to 6PM. The address for the Para Club is 1 E. Continental Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281. The event is a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish celebration sponsored by OLMC Staff. Four Knights are needed to sell 50/50 tickets throughout the event. Please contact Pat Malafronte or Joe Detiege.

November 11<sup>th</sup> KofC Pancake breakfast: Breakfast will be served after the 7AM and 9AM Masses. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. Please contact Dominic Conn or Pat Malafronte for scheduling. A pulpit announcement was submitted and approved.

November 12, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: Fray Francisco Garces, Council 3855 is holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 8069 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Ave, Glendale, AZ. Registration begins at 6:45PM and the Degree starts at 7:30PM. Contact is GK Ed Haywood, 602-710-8962.

November 20, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: Fr. Joseph Patterson, Council 3121 is holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 644 E. Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ. Registration begins at 7PM and Degree ceremony starts at 7:30 PM Contact is GK Dennis Hale, 480-963-4372.

December 1<sup>st</sup>, Mid-Year Meeting: December 1<sup>st</sup>, registration begins at 7:30AM. The State Officers strongly recommend that the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Membership Director and the Financial Secretary attend the Mid-Year meeting.

- **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1) The Nativity Magnets are in: Keep Christ in Christmas is a Program activity that our Council will take on this year. Volunteers will be needed to sell the magnets once we decide on a strategy. Thus far 34 magnets have been sold to fellow Parishioners simply by asking. All ideas on how to sell the magnets are welcomed.

2) Rosary Sunday was a great success. Thirty of OLMC Parishioners took advantage of the bus. The event was well attended, so much so that an onsite Phoenix Fire Marshall turned people away due to the hall room reaching full occupancy. The participants that were turned away ended up saying Rosary at the Basilica. Special thanks to Bob McKay for providing poles for the new Council banner that was used for Rosary Sunday.

3) The Catholic Daughters extended a big thank you to the Knights that were able to attend their special anniversary Mass and breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the

morning. Sandy Consiglio's presentation on the Marriage Tribunal was educational and cleared up misinformation that some of us had.

Foot note: Cathy Oplaski and I discussed when possible that the Knights and the Catholic Daughters participate in joint activities.

Suns Basketball tickets, Brother Brent Starr acquired 30 basketball tickets for a game that is being played on November 13th at 7PM between the Suns and the New York Knicks. The tickets were made possible by Brent's Employer's Favorite Charity Outreach Program. The tickets are being sold for half price to raise funds for the Council. There are 20 tickets left for sale. Please contact me if you are interested.