



# Knights Newsletter

## Grand Knights Report

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- Council Officer Elections on June 15th
- Tennessee State Council 106th Convention
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Brother Knights,

Well my term is fast coming to an end. I would like to thank all my officers for the great job they did for all of us. I couldn't have asked for anyone who could have done a better job and I am so proud to have led such a great group of Knights.

On May 17th, we had The Ladies Appreciation Dinner. There were approximately 88 guests there. John Paloian and his crew: Bill Davidson, Jim Fiala, Ron Davis and John Meyers did a great job. If I've left anyone out, please accept my apology. As usual Nancy Weisenburger did a great decorating job. The food was great and done to perfection. I hope everyone really enjoyed themselves, I know I did.

Gina Rossetti was our guest speaker at the May 18th social. Approximately 50 guests attended. Gina spoke about The Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Gina received the names of 15 women at the meeting and 6 others prior to the meeting so she has reached the goal for a beginning court. She feels that there will be more names added as other

functions are presented with the facts.

Tony Fitton, Bill Davidson and I attended the 106th Tennessee State Convention May 29, 30 & 31. We received a State Deputy Award.

There will have a second degree in Elizabethton at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm. All 1st degree Knights who wish to be there to make their second degree, please contact me. (H 423-968-2771; C 423-366-2099).

Our election for new officers will take place at the June 15th meeting. Anyone who wishes to become an officer, please let us know and be there for the nominations from the floor at this meeting or call me if you are interested.

There will be a training session for all present officers and anyone thinking of becoming an officer in the future.

Supreme Representative Bill Sukel will be teaching the class on June 22nd. The location is TBA at our next meeting.

There will be an Awards Banquet for the Knights and their significant other on June 28th at The Bristol Columbian Center at 5pm. I hope to see all of you there.



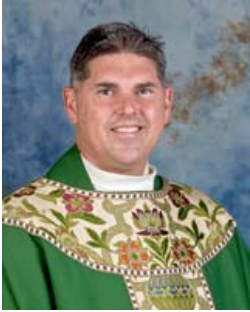
Grand Knight—Lou Pingo

MAY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: George Dickert

MAY FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Bill & Karen Davidson

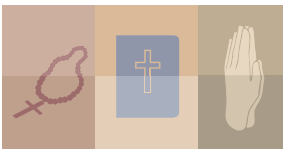
Vivat Jesus,  
Lou Pingo, GK

Note: If you have contributions for the newsletter, please contact Tony Fitton [tony@antnet.com](mailto:tony@antnet.com) with your submissions.



Fr. Tim Keeney

Chaplain



*“ Congratulations!  
Father David Cupps.  
From all at Council  
6695 ”*

## Prayer for Choosing a State of Life

From all eternity, O Lord, You planned my very existence and my destiny.

You wrapped me in Your love in baptism and gave me the Faith to lead me to an eternal life of happiness with You. You have showered me with Your graces and You have been always ready with Your mercy and forgiveness when I have fallen.

Now I beg You for the light I so earnestly need that I may find the way of life in which lies the best fulfillment of Your will. Whatever state this may be, give

me the grace necessary to embrace it with love of Your holy will, as devotedly as Your Blessed Mother did Your will.

I offer myself to You now, trusting in Your wisdom and love to direct me in working out my salvation and in helping others to know and come close to You, so that I may find my reward in union with You for ever and ever.

Amen.



## Father David Cupps Ordination and 1st Mass

Congratulations and God’s blessings to our latest seminarian... on his recent ordination in Richmond.

### Father David Cupps!

Father David we pray that you be truly blessed by God with a holy priesthood.

Our prayers are with you now

and always—Council 6695.

David is a brother Knight and will always have a special place in all our hearts.

The photos on the left show Father David during his ordination ceremony.

Father David went on to celebrate his first Mass and is pic-

tured below celebrating this first Mass and also delivering his first Homily.

Congratulations! Father David Cupps. From all at Council 6695



## Council 6695 Officer Elections - June 15th

**Officer Elections** are to be held on June 15th 2009 at our second meeting in June. **You have to be present at the meeting to be eligible to vote.**

**Please make an extra effort to be there so that we can obtain your valuable support for the vote.**

All positions are still open for further nominations.

A special thank you to all the officers for their hours of dedicated service throughout the past year.

It is vitally important that you participate in the elections of your officers. Only by electing good officers can we build a better and stronger council for the future.

**NOMINATIONS** (please note: all positions are still open for nominations)

**Grand Knight**  
Lou Pingo & Tony Fitton

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Ron Davis

**Chancellor**  
John Meyer

**Treasurer**  
Jim Ritter

**Warden**  
Mike Ellis

**Recorder** (open for nominations)

**Inside Guard**  
Nelson Harris

**Outside Guard**  
Lee Kyle

**Advocate** (open for nominations)

Vivat Jesus.



## Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship was won this year by Matthew Bradley.

Pictured here with Lou Pingo GK (left), Father Tim Keeney and Dr Fenchak (right) .

Congratulations to Matthew on your magnificent achievement.



*The Boys and Girls Club recently presented us with a framed certificate of appreciation for our continuing support!*

## Birthdays

**In May** 13 birthdays were celebrated... David Browne, Kevin Hess, James Johnson, Donald Monroe, Keith Joslyn, Gary Sproles, David Snyder, Walter Mitchell, Robert Booher, David Mooney, Jaime Kuzio, Gary Hinch and John Meyer. Birthday

congratulations from all your brother Knights.

**In June** there are 14 brother Knights celebrating their birthdays. ... Donald Moore, Clayton Arnold PGK, Daniel Tester, Michael Kaul, Gerald Austin, Cliff Carmack, David Tester Sr,

Donald McElheny, Richard Edmondson, Jerome Chorosevic Sr, Nelson Harris, John Grayson, Dan Emmel and Donald Hunt.

Be sure to congratulate them all when you see them!





The Awards Banquet is this Month!

**OFFICERS**

**Grand Knight**  
Lou Pingo

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Tony Fitton

**Chaplain**  
Father Tim Keeney

**Chancellor**  
John Flanagan

**Recorder**  
Ron Davis

**Financial Secretary**  
Earl Luckenbach

**Treasurer**  
Skeeter Ritter

**Advocate**  
Bill Boyce

**Warden**  
Bill Davidson

**Inside Guard**  
Nelson Harris

**Outside Guard**  
Lee Kyle

**1 Year Trustee**  
Jim Kosinski

**2 Year Trustee**  
George Rosen

**3 Year Trustee**  
Herb Jensen

## Upcoming Dates

The date of the Fishing rodeo this year has been set for September 12th 2009 at Steele Creek Park.

**Men's Communion Breakfast** Saturday 6th June 2009. Following Mass, breakfast will be provided by our wonderful Knights.

Our guest speaker this month will be Chris Hess our new seminarian. Be sure to attend this wonderful communion breakfast and meet Chris Hess.

Our **Awards Banquet** is to be held on Sunday 28th June at 5pm. Father Tim will be in attendance.

A **2nd Degree Exemplification** is to be held in Elizabethton at 7pm on June 10th 2009. If you are a 1st degree Knight you can be included in this degree. Meet at the Columbian Center at 6pm for joint transportation.

**Officer and Program Director training session** to be held at St Mary's Church, 2211 East Lakeview Drive, Johnson City TN on Monday 22nd June 2009 by Supreme Rep—RPC Bill Sukel. (The Columbian Center, Bristol is a backup venue)

Bill Sukel has delivered this highly acclaimed training session to Councils all over the

country. This will be a valuable session for our leaders and is open to all officers and also to our future officers and program directors. So if you want to join us for this training session call DGK Tony Fitton 276-591-7545.

**Daniel Schachle our Tennessee State Insurance Agent** will be coming up to visit us on **Tuesday June 9th at 7pm** All members are invited to attend, especially new members. Your wives are invited along and you can ask Daniel any questions you may have.

## Pledge of Allegiance 'The Born And Unborn'

Our District Deputy Tom Manning informed us of a Supreme Directive. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has asked all Knights to stop speaking aloud the sentence 'the born and unborn' during the Pledge of Allegiance.

This move is designed to ward off other groups from adding their own interpretation on the end of the pledge of allegiance.

If a group supporting Gay Marriage or a group supporting Abortion decides to make up

their own ending to the Pledge of Allegiance it could cause trouble. Carl Anderson it seems, is trying to prevent the possibility of legal action and trouble against the Knights when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public.

You are informed by supreme that you can always keep the unspoken phrase 'the born and unborn' in your hearts at the end of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vivat Jesus.



## Tennessee State Council 106th Annual Convention

The Tennessee State Council 106th Annual Convention was held on May 29th—31st at Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin Tennessee.

In attendance from our council 6695 was Lou Pingo GK, Tony Fitton DGK & Bill Davidson PGK.

Our District Deputy Tom Manning presented to us a State Deputy's Award.

Many items of business was discussed at the meetings where our votes and contributions were an integral part of the proceedings.

Michael J. Porter was re-elected for a second year as our State Deputy.

The Most Reverend Bishop Richard Stika was in attendance for the Memorial Mass and Tennessee State Council Awards Banquet.

We had the great pleasure to be seated at the same banquet table as the Family of the Year award winners, Ron Tasket, (from Knoxville) his wife and two of his four children.

The MR Foundation was hugely successful this year. With over \$200,000 being raised for Tennessee MR Charities.

Resolutions were passed, awards



presented and reports issued. Contact was made on all levels with fellow Brothers, Grand Knights, District Deputies and State Officers alike.

In particular there was much discussion with Tom Manning

about the region 18 district coming together for officer training and cross council co-operation such as officer training, attending other councils business meetings on an officer level and generally interacting together to share ideas to further improve the good work our council does.

In addition we gained valuable insight into the type of programs that won awards and the success and impact of these programs within the respective councils and communities. We evaluated that in the main, the winners programs were not vastly different to ours.

We will endeavor, with your continued support and efforts, to work hard to improve upon our successful programs and present them in a more dynamic way so that our programs may be better placed to win some awards next year. Vivat Jesus.



Tony Fitton DGK & Lou Pingo GK



Lou Pingo GK & Bill Davidson PGK

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*During the Tennessee State Council Convention our District Deputy Tom Manning presented us with a State Deputy's Award.*

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## Knights needed to assist Rosie Fagin house repairs

We have been made aware that Rosie Fagin needs our help!

Skeeter Ritter presented a run-down of Rosies 'situation' at our recent meeting. Apparently she is trying to move into her home on Euclid avenue near to the Church. The work that is

now being organized, by Skeeter, for free, to make the house ready for Rosie to move into is now underway.

We need volunteers to assist in the general work—such as painting, fitting kitchen cabinets etc... Rosie is well deserved of

our help and we all should be delighted to assist this wonderful lady.

If you can help in any way, however small, simply call Skeeter Ritter at 423-797-0069 and let him know that you would like to help!





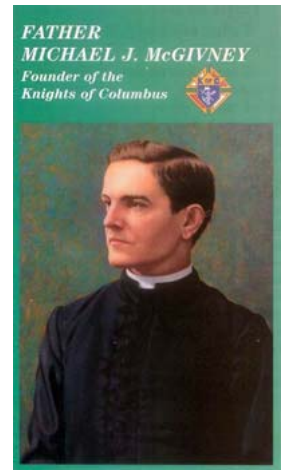
*Knights of Columbus Monsignor James J. Hickie Council 6695 was founded on May 10, 1975 through the efforts of 25 dedicated Catholic gentlemen and with the support of the Pastor of Saint Anne Church. The council is named for Monsignor James J. Hickie, former pastor of Saint Anne Parish.*

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*Council 6695 works closely with the members of Saint Anne Parish and School communities, as well as with the citizens of Bristol, TN/VA, and the residents—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—in the counties of Sullivan in TN and Washington in VA to provide support for various charitable projects and activities. We welcome your inquiries—call us today!*

*The Knights of Columbus has established a Guild to advance the cause for canonization of their founder, Father Michael McGivney. The Guild gathers evidence on Father McGivney's life and character, collects information about favors people have received as the result of Father McGivney's intercession, promotes Father McGivney's cause for canonization, and offers spiritual benefits to its members. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members.*

Learn more online: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>



## Supreme Knight Carl Anderson - March for Life

On May 14, the 40th anniversary of passage of a Canadian law legalizing abortion, Knights of Columbus were major participants in protests from one end of Canada to the other.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie were both among the speakers at the 12th annual March for Life in Ottawa, and Canadian Knights were also prominent among those at the second annual pro-life event in Victoria, B.C.



Did you know... We meet at the Columbian Center  
125 18th Street Bristol, TN  
on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm.