



Knights of Columbus - Council 6695

# Knights Newsletter

## Grand Knights Report

### Special points of interest:

- Remembering Pope John Paul II
- Officer Elections
- Guest Speaker is Gina Rossetti
- Sunday 17th May is Ladies Appreciation Dinner
- Winners of Spelling Bee announced
- Pledge of Allegiance.

### Brother Knights

April was a busy month for ushers. We supplied ushers for six masses. Fr Tim called me to tell me that all the head ushers did a very good job, and to let you all know.

On April 19th we were entertained by Justice and Peace, Sheriff Anderson's Gospel singing group. We did not have a big showing because it was at the same time as the Divine Mercy services. Those who were there really enjoyed it.

Elections are coming up in June. Anyone wishing to run for office, please contact one of the nominating committee... They are Ron Davis, Don Ward and John

### Flanagan.

You must be a third degree Knight to hold office.

There will be an election the second meeting in June (The 15th).

Knight of the Month for April is Ron Davis.

Family of the Month for April is John & Joyce Paloian.

Vivat Jesus

Lou Pingo, GK.



Grand Knight—Lou Pingo

Note: If any of you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Tony Fitton [tony@antanet.com](mailto:tony@antanet.com) with your submissions.

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## Remembering Pope John Paul II

The Papacy of John Paul II ended four years ago with his death on April 2nd, 2005.

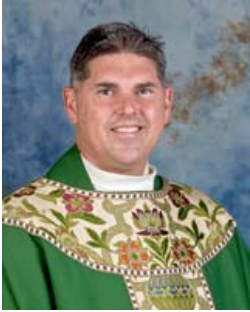
John Paul II would say repeatedly that each human person possesses a vocation of love and communion. This vocation of love is first

experienced and taught within the family.

John Paul II defended the moral integrity of marriage, family and human procreation with great courage and also with great charity. Brother Knights of Council

6695 remember Pope John Paul II in your prayers.





Fr. Tim Keeney  
Chaplain

*“ Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families.”*



## Message from our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights

Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus “to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families.” This statement is taken from the Knights’ national web site. It seems to me that in the current economic climate it would be a good thing for our chapter of the Knights to do a bottom up review of our mission in light of our original purpose.

Our local Council rightly can be proud of its efforts through the years in being faithful to its mission. The Bristol community

and especially St. Anne’s parish have benefited greatly from the Knights generous service. Yet, as our world changes around us, it cannot but strengthen the Knights to periodically review what we do and how we do it in light of changed circumstances and our founder’s purpose.

Are there new ways we can offer each other “mutual aid and assistance?” Is their more that can be done to reach out to the widows of members that so recently served our Council? Might the current moment call the Knights of Bristol to new ways of service to our community? By posing these questions I am not suggesting answers. I’m not saying that what we do now is wrong or in any way lacking. I am suggest-

ing that to ask these questions is vital if our Council is to grow in the future.

The statement from the national web site goes on to say, “Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among the members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.” Are there some ways within these parameters that we need to expand our mission to make the Knights of Columbus more relevant and more vital to our community?

Fr. Tim Keeney



## St Anne School Spelling Bee

The Knights of Columbus gave their support to the St Anne School Spelling Bee which took place on Tuesday March 10, 2009.

Clyde Hopper organized the Knights' participation by appointing a classroom to each of the following volunteers to witness and observe the Spelling

Bee: Ken Johnson, Jim Fiala, Frank Hanson, John Kelly, Lou Pingo, Jack Weisenburger, Gene Rossetti, Earl Luckenbach, Bill Pierce, Ron Davis, with Art Mooney on call. Council 6695 will issue a \$50 check to the winners from each grade who are: Brad Winterling, 1st Grade; Annie Miller, 2nd Grade; Liam Cooper, 3rd Grade; Anna Gent,

4th Grade; Katherine Bradley, 5th Grade; Simone Spiegel, 6th Grade; Drew Murray, 7th Grade; and Matthew Bradley, 8th Grade.

CONGRATULATIONS to each of the winners and a big THANK YOU to our brother knights who participated.

## Council 6695 Officer Elections - June 15th

Elections are coming up.

Anyone wishing to run for office, please contact one of the nominating committee members...

They are :

Ron Davis

Don Ward

John Flanagan.

You can also nominate someone who you think would be good as

an officer of our council.

You must be a third degree Knight to hold office.

The election will be held on June 15th 2009 at our second meeting in June.

I am sure you will all agree our officers this year did a great job.

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

All positions are open for re-election so if you or someone you know want to run for office please contact Ron, Don or John.

Nominations will also be taken at the next business meeting Monday June 1st 2009 at 7:30PM.

See you there!



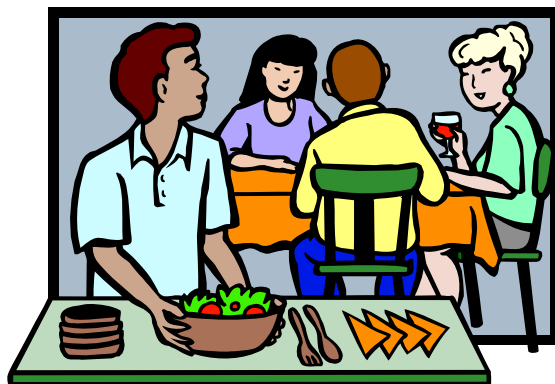
Officers Elections

## Ladies Appreciation Dinner

There is a ladies appreciation dinner this Sunday May 17th 2009 at the Columbian Center at 5:00PM.

The ladies will be served by the gents.

Ladies you do not have to bring deserts.



*Five new members were initiated in the first degree to our council this month.*

*We warmly welcome*

*Chance Horne*

*Anthony Farnum*

*Gary Privette*

*David Cartwright &*

*Ryan Alderman.*

*Welcome to you all.*

## Monday Night Social Meeting

Gina Rossetti will be the guest speaker.

Monday night the May 18th 2009 at 7:30 PM

She will be talking about the 'Daughters of the Americas'.

This is a Catholic ladies organi-

zation and Gina will be providing information about this program.

"Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the

church and the Holy See."





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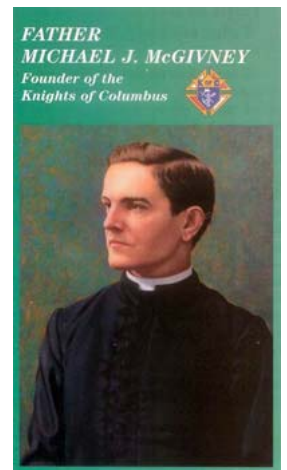
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*Knights of Columbus Monsignor James J. Hickie Council 6695 was founded on May 10, 1975 through the efforts of 25 dedicated Catholic gentlemen and with the support of the Pastor of Saint Anne Church. The council is named for Monsignor James J. Hickie,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

*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/>

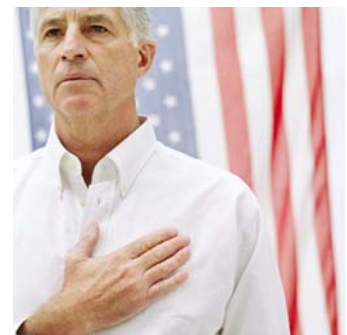


## The Pledge of Allegiance

The Knights of Columbus was the leading proponent of the 1954 addition of the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Knights began including the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance in 1951 after the organization’s board of directors adopted a resolution mandating that the amended pledge be formally recited in each of its 750 Fourth Degree assemblies. A year later, the Supreme Council adopted a resolution that urged Congress and the White House to add the words “under God” to the Pledge.

Supreme Knight Luke Hart, who was also president of the National Fraternal Congress, persuaded the other 110 fraternal societies to support the resolution as well. The Pledge of Allegiance was formally amended by Congress and signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. In a letter following the action, President Eisenhower thanked Supreme Knight Hart for the K of C’s work in making the addition of the words “under God,” to the Pledge a reality.

Today the Order is directly involved in defending the Pledge against the most recent legal challenge to its constitutionality.



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation **under God**, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. (The born & the unborn).

**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.**