

Knights of Columbus | Milford Knightly News

John Paul II
Council 13935
Milford, PA

St. Patrick's Milford PA



St. Joseph's Matamoras PA

July 2024

Council Officers

Grand Knight:	Joe Saski
Deputy GK:	Larry Commisso
Chancellor:	Tony Perito
Chaplain:	Fr. Joseph Manarchuck
Financial Sec:	Dennis Mant
Treasurer:	Bill Reed
Recorder:	Gene Burns
Advocate:	Greg Chelak
Warden:	Paul Schatteaman
Inside Guard:	Gene Grimes
Outside Guard:	Steve Celentano
Lecturer:	Nathaniel White

Directors

Program:	Tony Perito
Membership:	Tony Perito
Faith:	Ray Proulx
Family:	Joe Saski
Community:	Joe Dooley
Life:	Tony Perito

Birthdays

Joe Loughney	Dennis Hukuliak
Martin Gaughan	Ed Guitterez
Joe Maricone	Rob Gallagher
Ray Proulx	Lucas Helms
Joe Dooley	Paul Wojcik

Meeting Dates

Officer's Meeting
August 1st @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall

Business Meeting
August 15th @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Community Hall
Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Assembly Meeting
July 30th @ 5:30pm

Antonio's Cafe
Dinner served @ 6:00pm

Color Corps Practice
July 31st @ 6pm

St. John Neumann's Parish

Knight of the Year: Joseph Dooley



This past month we held our elections for new council officers. Benny Marasa, our now past Grand Knight awarded brother Joseph Dooley, community director, with the Knight of the Year award. Joe Dooley successfully organized a community wide St. Patrick's Day parade with the Knights of Columbus front and center. Congratulations Joe! Vivat Jesus!

Food for Families

Our next Food for Families program will be held on July 28th, at 5pm, St. Patrick's Community Hall. We will be serving pasta alfredo, grilled chicken, soup and salad. Our guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to the chairman: Tony Perito.





Prepare for March for Life

The Pennsylvania March for Life will be held on September 23rd. Our council is organizing a van down to Harrisburg to participate in the march. Last year we organized 11 people to attend the march. This year we'd really like to get 20 people to attend the state march. Please reach out to Tony, Gene B, or Paul S if you're interested in attending.

The right to life is a fundamental right we as Knights cannot allow are state to infringe on!

Cor

Join other men in a meeting to unify us in our faith through formation and fraternity. This men's Bible study focuses on the next Sunday's readings in a way that we can share and learn from one another. The Cor Christi meeting is open to all men and not just Knights of Columbus members. You are cordially invited to our COR meeting this Saturday morning August 3rd at St. Patrick's Activity Room, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. It is an occasion to meet with other Catholic men and grow in our faith and fraternity. We will be having coffee and bagels. Please feel free to invite any other Catholic men to come with you.

The readings for the Cor meeting are on the last page of the newsletter.

Monthly Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour at St. Patrick's will be on August 20th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Church. We ask that you please include a petition for an increase in vocations, especially for the priesthood, in your prayers.

If you have any questions please contact the committee chairman Brother Gene Burns.



Prayer for the Canonization Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



New District Deputy

Our council is honored to congratulate Sir Knight Larry Commisso as the district's new district deputy. Larry has big shoes to fill, replacing Ray Ardanaury a 6 year veteran of the district deputyship. Larry is a charter member of our council and has been a Knight since 1984. Professionally Larry retired from the National Park Service in 2017

Thank you Larry for serving as our district deputy and we look forward to working with you.



Election of Officers

At the June meeting we held our election of officers. Our council's new officers are as follows:

Joseph Saski - Grand Knight
Larry Commisso - Deputy Grand Knight
Bill Reed - Treasurer
Tony Perito - Chancellor
Greg Chelak - Advocate

Gene Burns - Recorder
Paul Schatteman - Warden
Gene Grimes - Inside Guard
Steve Celentano - Outside Guard
Benny Marasa - 3-Year Trustee



New Grand Knight

As mentioned above our new Grand Knight is brother Joseph Saski. Joe has been a brother Knight since 2003. Joe has served as our council's Grand Knight previously. Last year Joe was John Paul II's deputy grand knight.

Joe is a retired naval officer and is now a technology contractor for the department of defense. He also serves his community with the VFW Mountain Laurel Post.

Prayer to St. John Paul The Great

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless each and every family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You opposed war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you beside Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all.

Amen.



Membership Goals

Every year our council strives to earn the Michael McGivney award. The requirements for that award is to meet our membership and insurance quota. This year, just as last years is to gain 5 new members for the order.

Please if you know any Catholic men who have an interest in joining a fraternity of men of faith please reach out to Tony so he can call them and tell them the benefits that come with joining our worthy order.

Rosary for Life

The next Rosary for Life will be held on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday, October 7th. If you have any questions please reach out to the life director, brother Tony Perito.



Fraternal Benefits

Keep an ear out for upcoming fraternal benefits events. Our council is required to hold two fraternal benefit events every year.

We plan on holding a live fraternal benefit event with Steve sometime before year end.

If you have any questions about life insurance, annuities, or financial products please reach out to our field agent: Stephen Luciani 5706770220.



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor..... O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Officer's Meeting	2	3 Cor
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Coffee & Chat SP	12	13	14	15 Business Meeting	16	17
18 Coffee & Chat SJ	19	20 Holy Hour	21	22	23	24
25 Exemplification FFF/GMSC	26	27 Assembly Meeting	28 Color Corps Practice	29	30	

Communications Committee

Dear Brother Knights,

Congratulations to all the new officers, program directors, and committee chairmen. Let's make this fraternal year one that we change our parishes, communities, and world for the better - Brining ourselves, our families, and all around us closer to Christ.

I'm excited for the new showcase programs we're going to do in our council like the free throw contest and coats for kids. If you're interested in leading or helping with a council program please reach out to the faith, family, community, or life director.

Vivat Jesus!

Cor Readings

Eights Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reading 2

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

