

# Siena Post Dispatch



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## Grand Knight's Message

Didn't you feel proud to read this?

**New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008** - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness, and his ideals."

This news arrived just before Easter and precedes by a few weeks the visit of our Holy Father to these shores. Also in March, Fr. Doherty was honored to be named a Monsignor. It is exciting to have these events cluster like exclamation points highlighting our faith.

Vivat Jesus!  
Grand Knight  
Dan Biggins

## Parish Breakfast

Come join us, come join us! April 13<sup>th</sup> we'll have our normal food offering. We need customers and we need workers. Setup starts at 6:00 AM. We serve 8 to 11:30, then cleanup till 12:30 or so. Our captains are Hank Schmalen (426-7326) for the downstairs crew, and Rich Hoster (426-9479) for upstairs. Please call to let them know you can help.

## A Very Worthy Ministry

Do you know that some of our Brother Knights take Our Lord to the sick and shut-ins every Sunday? What a wonderful ministry: to bring Jesus to those who can't get to Church. It takes only a couple of hours on Sunday morning in two months of the year. Please prayerfully consider joining in this rewarding endeavor. Training will be held shortly. For information contact Hank Schmalen at 426-7326 or [hschmal@comcast.net](mailto:hschmal@comcast.net)

## Recognition for Paul Kehoe

Our Insurance Agent Paul Kehoe has been honored by qualifying for the Supreme Knights' Club Award. Of 1300 Agents in North America, only 65 qualified for this award. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement, Paul. If any Brother feels an update of his insurance needs is in order, call Paul at 847-219-9777.

## Officers for next year

The Columbian year begins July 1. Your Grand Knight has expressed interest in another term. That will be up to the membership's elective decision. Call Dan Biggins at 428-6758 for information about an officer position that is available.

## Blood Drive Information

Our Palm Sunday drive netted 44 units of blood. Brother Bill Blume is to be commended on hitting this position in full stride and taking charge with the coordinating activities. Our next drive will be on Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Fundraiser Update

Consideration is being given to hosting an interactive play, "Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash". Envision a cross between Late Night Catechism and Tony and Tina's Wedding. This could be teamed with a dinner for a Saturday evening fall event.

Shall we reprise an auction for Pre or Post Easter of '09? Both these possibilities will be discussed at our meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>. We start at 7 that night with a dinner; so come hungry!

## September Festivals

We'll settle on our presence at Irish Fest on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Last week's mail also brought registration forms for Heritage Fest, to be held September 12, 13, 14.

Establishing leaders for each day of Irish and Heritage worked well last year and will be our model going forward. Raul Estrellado has volunteered to be lead for Friday of Irish Fest.

## Upcoming 8596 Events

April 10	Officer's Meeting @ 7:00
April 12	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification
April 13	Parish Breakfast 6:00 start
April 14	Dinner and Business Meeting 7:00/7:30
April 19 and 20	Rosary 4:05 and 9:05
May 8	Officer's Meeting @ 7:00
May 12	Last 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree of Year and Business Meeting @ 7:30

## Future Dispatch Entries

If you know of any Brother Knight or Brother's family member who is in need of our prayers, or an announcement you would like to see published in our Siena Post, please email the information to [janddbiggins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janddbiggins@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in our Council's next newsletter.

## Prayer Offering

We pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Schudlach, mother of our Brother Steve.

Fred McCarthy is battling symptoms from a chest hernia. Surgery is a possibility for this week.