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# KNIGHTLY NEWS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FR. RIESENMY COUNCIL 2481

LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN

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Hello Brother Knights -

In our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Planners, August 14th is shown as the Memorial of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney. As I am sure most of you know, Fr. McGivney is the founder of the Knight of Columbus.

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families.

Fr. McGivney was born to Irish immigrant parents and was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut, brass mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left school at age 13 to work in the spoon-making department of one of the brass mills.

In 1868, at the age of 16, he entered seminary in Quebec, Canada. He continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, near Niagara Falls, New York and at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College, in Montreal, Quebec. He had to leave the seminary, returning home to help finish raising his siblings after the death of his father, in June 1873. McGivney later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, Maryland; he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, by Archbishop James Gibbons at the Baltimore Cathedral of the Assumption.

From his own experience, Fr. McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner. At that time, many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance, in the event of the men's deaths, to their widows and orphans. The organization developed as a fraternal society. Fr. McGivney was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners. Fr. McGivney died from pneumonia on the eve of the Assumption, August 14th, 1890, when he was 38 years old.

The cause for Fr. McGivney's canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996; in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue".

Since those hard times and humble beginnings back in 1882, the Knight of Columbus has developed into the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The organization still holds to Fr. McGivney's original vision by providing a safety net for Catholic families in the form of life insurance that is available to all members. The Knights of Columbus has also grown into a very large charitable organization which supports my worthy causes, large and small, all around the world.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you should be very proud of these accomplishments because the hard work and generosity of our own council, and its individual members, help to contribute to these great results. It is not one council or even a few councils that raised that money or donated those hours, but it is ALL of the councils together that made that possible.

Just as it takes ALL of the councils working together to make the Knights of Columbus as successful as it is, it is the same at the local council level. One council member alone, or even several council members, is not enough to make the council successful... it takes ALL of the members working together to make the council successful. I want to thank all the members of Council 2481 for your dedication to our council's initiatives and activities. Even the smallest amount of time volunteered to a council event or initiative makes a big difference in making our council better and stronger. And, as a result, we make a big difference in lives of those in need around us.

Daniel Burki - Grand Knight

2018 saw outstanding results for Knights of Columbus giving with \$185.7 million in donations and 76.7 million volunteer hours.

**K of C in the Community**

Physical & Intellectual Disabilities	\$14.8M
Food Drives	\$9.6M
Special Olympics	\$4.9M
Disaster Relief	\$5M
Coats for Kids	\$3M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M

### Fr. Riesenmy Council 2481 Monthly Business Meetings

First Wednesday of every month in the "Cameo Room" of the Ladysmith Care Community located at 1001 E 11th St N, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

Meetings begin at 7:00pm

# The 2019 Fr. Riesenmy Council 2481 "Family Picnic"

I had held off getting this month's newsletter out because I wanted to wait until after this year's picnic so that I could include some pictures from that night. Well, unfortunately I got so busy at the picnic getting things ready, and cooking food, and eating food, and just hanging out and having a good time... that I totally forgot to snap some pictures! So I will just use this space to say a big "Thank You" to all of you who came out that evening... especially those who helped prepare the food and cleanup afterwards. We had beautiful weather, a lot of delicious food, and a good time of hanging out as the Council #2481 "Family". Hope to see you all there again next year!

## **Manna Meal - Thursday August 29th at 5pm**

Our council will once again be serving our annual August Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 29th at 5:00 pm. We will be serving our meatloaf meal which is always very popular.

### **We will need:**

- 6 to 8 people to meet at 10am at Hope Lutheran to start preparing the food.
- 8 to 10 people to meet at 4pm at Hope Lutheran to get everything setup and ready, serve the meal, and clean up afterward.
- People to make and bring desserts for the meal.

Please let me know if you can help out at this event. You can reach me at 715-532-9538 or 715-415-4011 .



## Rosary Rally

Saturday October 12th, 2019 - Starting at 12:00pm  
at Our Lady Of Sorrows Church in Ladysmith, Wisconsin

We will be praying outside by the statue of Mary on the west side of the Church.  
Bring your lawn chair and join us in the praying of the Holy Rosary.

If the weather is bad we will move to the inside of the Church  
so plan on joining us rain or shine

Sponsored by the local Knights Of Columbus Fr. Riesenmy Council # 2481



## Annual Fr. Riesenmy Council 2481 **COLUMBUS DAY BANQUET** Sunday October 13th, 2019

at The Tee Away Golf & Grill  
Social Hour at 5:30pm / Banquet at 6:30pm

Our council's annual Columbus Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 13th, 2019 at The Tee Away Golf & Grill (1401 E 11th St N, Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848). We will have a social hour starting at 5:30pm and the banquet at 6:30pm. The menu will include: Chicken, Ham, Baby Red Potatoes, Veggies, and Dinner Rolls. The cost is \$18.00 per person. To attend the banquet, please RSVP to Jim Platteter (715-415-1137) or Bob Krejcarek (715-532-5977) by Thurs Oct 10th.

## Our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent - Timothy Guski

Tim Guski is serving Ladysmith Council 2481 as Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus. Tim comes to this position after 12 years of State Council Leadership which included service as Wisconsin State Deputy from 2016-2018. Wisconsin received Circle of Honor in 2017 under State Deputy Guski and Tim was recognized by Pro-Life Wisconsin as Activist of the Year for 2018, representing recognition of the many efforts by the Knights of Columbus.

Tim's professional background includes working in Financial Services and Insurance since 1992, most recently holding the designation of Registered Investment Advisor with Sagepoint Financial with an emphasis on Estate Planning. Tim joined the Borger Agency of the Knights of Columbus in February 2019.

Tim and his wife Angi live in Ridgeland, WI and have seven children and two grandchildren. The family is very active in parish life and Knights of Columbus Fraternal Activity.

Tim and Angi met while actively involved with FFA. The family is very active with the Barron County 4-H Program.

Tim joined the Knights of Columbus Council 7030 in Hammond and is currently a member of Washburn Council 6702 and Assembly 1947 New Richmond.



**You can contact Tim Guski directly at 715-821-5295 (cell) or [timothy.guski@kofc.org](mailto:timothy.guski@kofc.org)**

## Fr. Riesenmy Council 2481 Monthly Business Meetings

Monthly Council Business Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month in the "Cameo Room" of the Ladysmith Care Community building which is located at 1001 E 11th St N, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

Our meetings begin at 7:00pm and all members of the Knights of Columbus are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. Our Monthly Council Business Meetings are the place where you can get all the information about what is going on in our Council. They are an important part of being a Knight and all of our members are encouraged to attend meetings as often as possible.



## COUNCIL CALENDAR

- **August 29th - Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church**  
Our council will be preparing the Manna Meal at Hope Lutheran Church on August 29th (the last Thursday of August).
- **September 4th - Monthly Council Business Meeting at LCC Cameo Room - 7:00pm**  
"Cameo Room" of the Ladysmith Care Community building Located at 1001 E 11th St N, Ladysmith, WI
- **September 8th - Henry A. Roberts Assembly #2156 annual 4th Degree "Steak Fry" - 1:00pm**  
All of the 4th Degree members of the Henry A. Roberts Assembly #2156 are invited to attend this annual event at the park in Bruce at 1:00pm. Cost will be about \$8 per person. Bring a dish to pass and your own eating utensils and plate.  
\*\*\* Please RSVP to Don Dvorak at 715-532-6388 by September 3rd \*\*\*
- **October 2nd - Monthly Council Business Meeting at LCC Cameo Room - 7:00pm**  
"Cameo Room" of the Ladysmith Care Community building located at 1001 E 11th St N, Ladysmith, WI
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[HTTP://WWW.RUSKCOUNTYCATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS.HTML](http://www.ruskcountycatholiccommunity.org/knights-of-columbus.html)

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