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Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner



This year, Council 4828 held our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, 15 March, at Moiola Hall. It was a great success, with more than 100 people attending. As usual, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and had a good time talking over old times and visiting with one another.

As in the past few years, door prize raffle tickets were also sold and throughout the night drawings were held for various prizes, which had been donated by various restaurants, hotels, and casinos throughout northwestern Nevada, as well as other parish members and groups. All-in-all, we made \$683 in raffle ticket sales. These proceeds will go toward the Council's annual seminarian support and scholarship funds. Special thanks to Br. Tom and Carolyn Lukas for sending out the letters requesting the raffle prizes, last fall.

In addition, GK Bob Greer also sold \$105 in tickets for the annual Bishop's Seminarian Education Raffle. The winners for this raffle will be drawn at the annual Nevada State Convention and Year-End Meeting, which will be held in Ely during the first weekend of May.

Proceeds of approximately \$1788 were collected in dinner ticket and beverage sales. After expenses, the overall profits came to about \$1018. These proceeds will be put to good use in support of Council 4828's various charitable works.

Thanks to Br. Marty Maffi and Br. Pat Laca, who were this year's chairmen, to Br. Gary Laca and Mickey Flores for manning the ticket table, to Br. Ed Kraker for being the Master of Ceremonies, and to Br. Elmo Dericco for taking charge of sound and entertainment. Thanks also to all of the Br. Knights who served as cooks, waiters, and bartenders and who helped with set-up and tear-down.

Vatican Declares Knights of Columbus Founder "Venerable"

(Copied from an "Urgent News for Knights" article: 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."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family.

From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland.