



## Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights:

It is amazing how fast this school year went. Now it is time to plan for summer. I hope all of you had a chance to start your summer this past weekend by spending some quiet time remembering those who have died for our freedom. Let us remember their extreme sacrifice and gift of self to keep our country free. May we as Knights also have the courage to fight for our faith in these difficult times of anti-Catholicism. You must stand for something, or you will fall for anything.

Please note the correction in the calendar section. Our council's 2nd annual Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, July 30th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Mark your calendars! Gary Taylor and Al Schrader have graciously volunteered to head up the Banquet planning committee. We could use 2 or 3 more to help. Please let Gary or I know if you can assist. Like last year, the Awards Banquet will include the Installation of Officers Ceremony and will take the place of our normal July 5th meeting. Please do not go to the Church Basement on July 5th as there is no meeting that day. The July lunch committee will be moved

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# Knights

June '06

*Fr. Peter A. Welling*

COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

**3** Knight of the Month:  
George Riggs

**2** Summer Picnic  
at Mahoney City Park

**3** Family of the Month:  
The Schraders

## All Human Life is Sacred

| Stephanie Emodi

**Stephanie is Our 2006 Pro-Life Essay Contest winner. An 8th grade graduate from Saint Patrick's School, she was awarded a certificate and a \$100 Savings Bond after Mass on St. Patrick's Day.**



All human life is sacred and needs to be protected because God is in all of us. God created us and gave us life. We should never abuse it, although with the earthly teachings like, abortion, premarital sex, in vitro fertilization, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia that is all we do. In God's eyes, we are all equal. He loves every one of us, but some of us do not know how to show God the same type of love.

This is where our job as Catholics comes in action. We need to teach people the teachings of the Church and show them what they are doing wrong. The only hard part of that is doing it in such a manner that does not make us look like we think we are better than they are.

Abortion is wrong because it takes a human life with a soul and kills it, just because it is not wanted. Not only is that wrong, but also evil. If you do not want the baby you are going to have, you can give it up for adoption. Adoption is an awesome choice because it gives the couples that are not able to have kids themselves a chance at having a kid, while it saves a life.

Premarital sex is spreading at a very fast

rate. God wanted us to share our sexuality with our spouse; instead, today it is just fine to sleep with anyone we want. This is not all right. It can lead to abortion and many lives can and will be ruined. Also, we are just handing our sexuality away to people that are not our spouses. God did not make us to have kids with anyone we want, but with the one person we love and want to share the rest of our lives with.

In vitro fertilization is trying to become legal in the United States, but will always stay illegal in Catholic Church's teachings. It creates human children in a little round petri dish by injecting sperm into a woman's eggs, creating embryos. The embryos that are not inserted into the woman are usually donated to an embryonic stem cell research laboratory. In vitro fertilization is not the natural way of having kids and not the way God wanted it. If a couple wanted a child they could adopt one.

Cloning is wrong for the fact that people will try and use it to bring back a human or animal. The fact is, that is not the same person or animal. That person has their own soul, mind, feelings, and life. They like the person and animal | *see page 2 >*



St Patrick's Knights of Columbus

# Summer Picnic

JUNE 11th 4 pm – 8 pm  
 Mahoney City Park (70th & Fremont)  
 Open Shelter #2

Knights and their families should bring their own table setting (plates, silverware, cups)

Beverages will be provided

**Last Names A-K:** bring a dessert

**Last Names L-Z:** bring a salad / side dish

**ALL:** bring a main dish

PLEASE BRING Sports Equipment, Outdoor Games, and Lawn Chairs

Call Terry Ryan @ 466-7115 with questions

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back to the regularly scheduled August 2 meeting.

We have one more officer position to vote on at the June 7 meeting—that being the Recorder. The Recorder presides at all General and Officer Meetings to record the minutes. He also reads the minutes from the previous meeting. The Church and Membership Director positions are also available, please let Stan Fraas or myself know if you are interested in these positions. Directorships are not voted

on, they are appointed positions. Please prayerfully consider whether God is asking you to serve.

I would also ask that you pray for Brother Matthew Kilcawley of our Council and his family. He is losing his battle with cancer at this writing and needs all our prayers. I look forward to seeing most of you at the June 11th Council picnic.

Fraternally in Christ,  
 Grand Knight  
 Tom Albin

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you are cloning, but that is not the same person or animal.

Embryonic stem cell research seems like it would be a good thing because it is trying to save lives and come out with new cures for a number of diseases. The only problem with embryonic stem cell research is that it takes an unborn baby's life to do the research. The baby dies, and people think that that is okay. Well, it is not okay to take a life of a human being; it is not okay to just kill whatever you need. People go into stem cell research saying, "It could help so many people, and lives will be saved." However, the fact is, normally, they are just doing it for themselves. If they were to ever get that disease, they want a cure so they do not die. However, in this

process, they are taking someone else's life.

Physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia kills people that are in pain. The people request to die and some doctors will give them either a lethal injection or medication to help them die. Not all doctors will give them something, because it is not legal in all states. Most people, however, think it should be legalized because it makes people more comfortable when they die. On the other hand, the Catholic Church thinks it should stay illegal because it is killing a person. God knows when it is time to die. We should not just choose when we want to die. People that ask for physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia are usually in a lot of pain and could be making a decision when they are not fully

**Grand Knights – Financial Secretaries – District Deputies Seminar**

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Marina Inn – South Sioux City  
 800-798-7980  
 July 14 – 16, 2006

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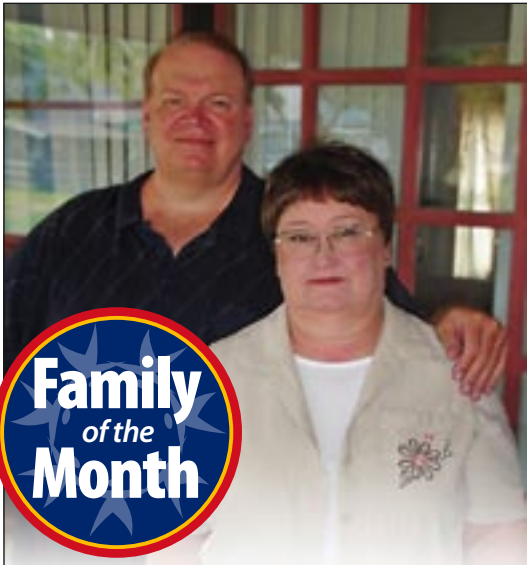
<b>Friday</b>	
1 to 5pm	State Officers Meeting
6 to 7pm	State Family Dinner
7 to 9pm	State Officer's meeting
7 to 9pm	Directors & Chairman Meeting
7 to 9pm	Membership Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	
9 to 11am	State Officer's meeting
9 to 10am	Directors & Chairman Meeting
9 to 10am	State Membership Team Meeting
10 to 12:30pm	Check-in/Registration
10 to Noon	District Deputy Meeting
Noon to 12:45	Lunch (on your own)
1 to 4 pm	General Meeting/Log Book/Program book/Membership
1 to 4pm	Ladies/Family outing
2 to 4 pm	Financial Secretaries meeting
5 to 6:30 pm	Mass, Installation of State Officers and DD's
6:30 to 8pm	Dinner
8 to Midnight	Social
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30 to 8am	Mass
8:30 to 9am	General Meeting
9 to 11am	Ladies Brunch (Monterey Room)
9 to 11am	Breakout Session, 15 minute sessions 5 minute travel time
9 to 11am	Financial Secretaries Meeting if necessary
11 to 11:15 am	Break
11:15 to Noon	Wrap up and Dismissal

aware with what is going on.

There are a number of problems on Earth today, and there always will be, unless we all change the way we are living. We need to help others realize what is happening and what could happen if they continue to live the way they are. We ourselves are not perfect and need to ask God for guidance. There is a prayer that I think of whenever I talk about the Church's teaching, so I wrote it below.

*God  
 Grant me the serenity  
 To accept the things  
 I cannot change,  
 Courage to change  
 The things I can,  
 And the wisdom  
 To know the difference.*

Written by: Reinhold Niebuhr



**Family  
of the  
Month**

## The Al Schrader Family

Albert Schrader II and his wife Judy are the June Family of the month. Al and Judy have 2 grown children, Tina who lives in California and Allen who lives in Omaha. Both children are St. Patrick's and Pius graduates. Al is a charter member of St. Patrick's K of C and is a fourth

degree Knight. He is our Education Director, he helps with the Pro-Life Essay contest, was responsible for the Bibles we gifted to the Fifth grade classroom, and is always helping out with the Knights fund raising, "having fun" with the Pitch tournaments, helps register the children for the Free throw contest. Can anyone remember an event where Al wasn't manning the front table?

Al is an UNL alumnus, has been an accountant, Professor at Lincoln School of Commerce, and taught at Pius for 1-½ years.

Wife Judy was a sister for 13 years with the Benedictine order. She has a master's degree in English and taught 7 years at Pius and 30 years at Waverly High school and is planning on co-teaching at St. Patrick's this fall. Judy is a member of St. Patrick's Altar Society, and Legion of Mary. She has taught grade school C.C.D. and helps with the St. Pat's historical committee.

Hats off to Al and his family for all they do for our Church. ✠

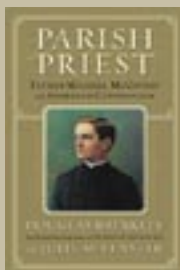
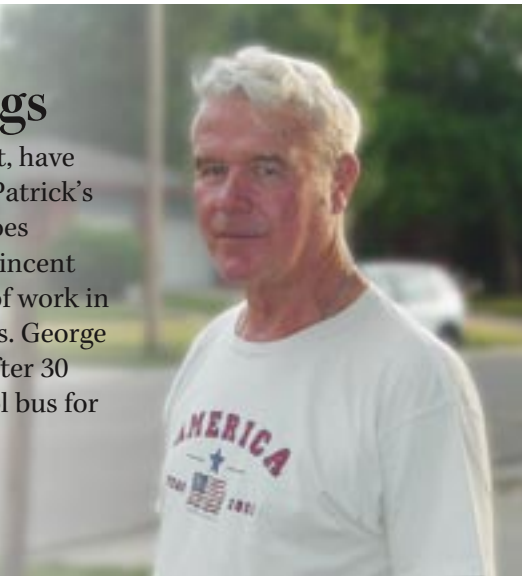


## George Riggs

George & his wife, Pat, have been members of St. Patrick's for 46 years. George does volunteer work for St. Vincent

DePaul. He also does a lot of work in the church & on the church grounds. George retired from the Fire Department after 30 years of service. He drives the school bus for St. Patrick's from time to time.

Congratulations George. ✠



### PARISH PRIEST

**Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism**, a new biography on the Order's founder, is now available online at *Amazon.com*. Written by best-selling author Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster, the book is a fascinating account of Father McGivney's world and the people who influenced him and came to know his greatness.

## Nationally...

**Knights of Columbus Donates \$8 Million for Renovation at The Catholic University of America**



*Keane Hall, will be remodeled and renamed McGivney Hall in honor of the Order's founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.*

The Knights of Columbus will provide an \$8 million grant to The Catholic University of America (CUA) for the renovation of a prominent building on the university's campus. The announcement was made April 28 by CUA president Father David M. O'Connell, C.M. during the annual American Cardinals Dinner in Washington.

The donation, which is the largest the Order has ever made to the university, will be used to renovate Keane Hall, a 35,000-square-foot limestone building located on CUA's central mall. Built in 1958, the modern-classical structure was the university's original physics research facility.

More at: [KofC.org](http://KofC.org)

### Largest church relief efforts ever

Since hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf region, Southern Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, Lutherans, and others have poured tens of millions of dollars in relief and volunteer labor into New Orleans.

So far, the Catholic Church has raised more than \$90 million. Second Harvesters, a food bank operating under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has distributed 20 million pounds of food across Louisiana.

— *Religion News Service*

# Calendar

| Wisdom is seeing the miraculous in the common. — Ralph Waldo Emerson |

- JUNE**
- 2 First Friday Mass, 6:00pm  
Followed by all-night adoration
  - 4 Pentecost Sunday
  - 7 General Meeting, 7:30pm  
Lunch before and after
  - 11 Summer Family Picnic  
@ Mahoney Park (page 2)
  - 14 Flag Day
  - 18 Happy Father's Day
  - 25 New Parishioner Social  
Gathering in gym after  
11:30am Mass
  - 27 Officer's Meeting, 6:30pm

- JULY**
- 4 Independence Day
  - 7 First Friday Mass, 6:00pm  
Followed by all-night adoration
  - 14 - 16 Grand Knight's Seminar,  
South Sioux City, NE  
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  - 25 Officer's Meeting, 6:30pm
  - 30 Awards Banquet &  
Installation of Officers  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

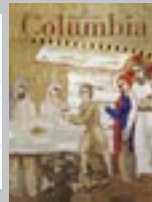
- AUG**
- 2 General Meeting, 7:30pm  
Lunch before and after
  - 4 First Friday Mass, 6:00pm  
Followed by all-night adoration
  - 5 - 13 Knights of Columbus  
Family Week
  - 15 Feast of the Assumption  
Holy Day of Obligation
  - 23 First Day of School at  
St. Pat's
  - 29 Officer's Meeting, 6:30pm

< Please come and meet the new members of our parish.

## Birthdays

JUNE	JULY
2 Steven Smith	10 Mike Fujan
3 Patrick Voichahoske	11 Val Hruska
13 Del Ridder	12 Mike Shaal
16 Albert Schrader	14 Larry Benes, Jr
19 Father Joe Faulkner	27 Lawrence R Benes, Sr
20 Don Buresh	28 Dick Zierke
21 Arthur W Foerster	29 Dave Denkler
24 David J Gonser	
29 Clarence J Leif	

Visit our website: [www.stpatknights.org](http://www.stpatknights.org)



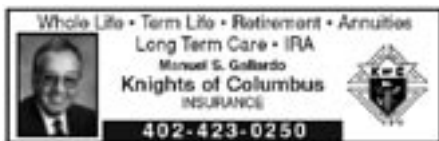
**From our Financial Secretary**  
If you do not currently receive the Courier or Columbia Magazine, please let me know so that State or Supreme Records may be corrected.  
**John R. (Bob) Kelty**

Information that you wish to have included in the next newsletter should be submitted, by the Wednesday prior to the Monthly General Meeting, to:  
**kofc13576@gmail.com**

## FROM THE FIELD AGENT Life Insurance After Retirement

You've worked hard all your life to provide for your family. Did you know that when you retire, you may be losing some or all of your group life insurance coverage? Even if your employer offers extended coverage past retirement, you may not be able to get the level coverage you want or have the flexibility to adjust the coverage to your changing lifestyle. Also, the extended coverage may be expensive since the policy's premium will be based on your age at retirement rather than your current age. To discuss life insurance coverage that will help take care of your loved ones, call me today!

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