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Grand Knight's Message

Greeting to all Brother Knights!

I am very happy and proud that the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Council #12845, St Galls Parish, Gardnerville, Nevada, has been selected as the Carson Valley Service Club of the year for 2013. In the write up I listed the Knight of Columbus have four core principles; Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Charity teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself"; so the Knights conduct food drives, volunteer in the community, and supporting other needy charities. Unity is that none of us is as good and all of us together. That WE can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. Fraternity to assist widows and children left behind when a bread winner has died. Patriotism, whether it's in public or private, the Knights support their nation and the community. It is the Unity of all of us that has blessed us with this community award. I have already received calls stating that the Knight truly deserve this recognition for what the Knights give back to the community.

In the Knights of Columbus, Columbia magazine I read that during the 131st Supreme Convention it was conveyed from Pope Francis his "esteem for the ideals of faith and fraternity embodied by our Order, its commitment to the Church's mission, and the many works of charity and evangelical witness undertaken by the Knights in their local Councils". In another section it stated; "the Knights continue to play an outstanding role in helping Catholic men to respond to their vocation to be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment" I think these two comments describe our Council perfectly. We stand together, argue together, plan together, work together to make our Faith, Church, Community, Family, and each other better under God's holy supervision.

Father Paul and I want to thank everyone who helped with Liturgy on the Green that was on October 13 from all reports it went very well. I hope all of you enjoy the changing of the seasons and I will see you at the next meeting or at Bingo.

David Aymami
Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus!

FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY GUILD

News regarding the latest progress on our founder's canonization has been added on our council's website homepage. In addition, a new section was added to our council's website under the "Links to Others" page. Just click on the "Fr. McGivney" tab to access the "Venerable Michael McGivney" website for much more information about our founder. The first time I opened this website I was surprised to find out how easy it was for me to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild so I went ahead and registered.

The mission of the guild is to promote awareness of Father McGivney so that authentic devotion to him may be encouraged among the faithful, especially those who need his spiritual assistance and support. Every knight should consider joining the guild.

After joining, I received various materials from the Guild office including the Guild Newsletter and pamphlets on the life and legacy of Fr. McGivney and St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. where Fr. McGivney organized the Knights of Columbus.

Check out the benefits of joining the guild.

Dick Morissette, Council Director

Carson Valley Service Club of the year

At the Carson Valley Inn, on Saturday night November 2 , 2013, Knights of Columbus Council 12845 was awarded Carson Valley Service Club of the year. This recognition was given for the councils outstanding continuous support of charitable organizations in our Carson Valley.



Tim Bunting, Marco Caldana, Mike Mullins, David Aymami, Steve Thaler, Ron Bankofier

The Lector's Words
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(Good of the Order)

America truly needs God's Blessings now!

Frank Sinatra considered Kate Smith the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they whipped away a tear or two.

Here are the facts:

The link at the bottom will take you to a video showing the very first public singing of "GOD BLESS AMERICA". But before you watch it, you should also know the story behind the first public showing of the song.

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV, when radio shows were HUGE, and American Families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size, as we now say, and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings". Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV, but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song writer Irving Berlin (who also wrote "White Christmas") and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her.

He went to his files and found a song that he had written, but never published, 22 years before – way back in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public. but both agreed they would not take any profits from God Bless America. Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song,

This video starts out with Kate coming into the radio studio with the orchestra and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time, and starts singing. after

the first couple verses, with her voice in the background still singing, scenes are shown from the 1940 movie, "You're In The Army Now." At the 4:20 mark of the video you see a young actor in the movie, sitting in an office, reading a paper; it's Ronald Reagan.

To This day, God Bless America stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans , I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for fellow Americans during those years of hardship worry.....and for many generations of Americans to follow. Now that you know the story of the song, I hope you'll enjoy it and treasure even more.

Many people don't know there's a lead in to the song since it usually starts with "God Bless America...." So here's the entire song as originally sung:
Please pray for our nation; so that we might move in the right direction once again!

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?feature=player_embedded&v=TnQDW-NMaRs#%21

Please pray for our nation; so that we might move in the right direction once again!

Please continue praying for:

Sam Rabino , Carol Aster, Dwayne Wassinger , Jerry Hutchinson,

Morry Lawton, Ed Jungers (deceased) , Theresa Jungers, Bob Tupa (deceased)

Ted and Katy Weber, Frank Bachman