

Knights of Columbus

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*And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that,
out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.*

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15.

September 2013

Mike Clifford

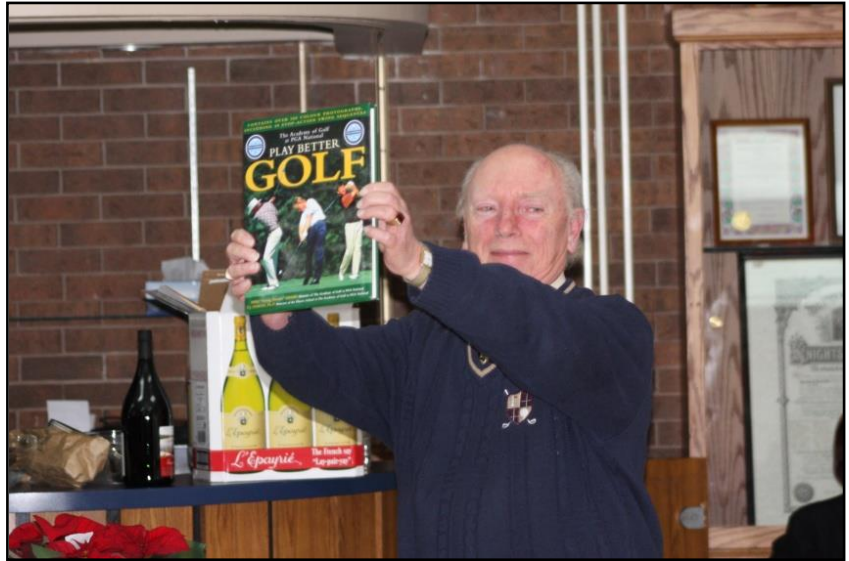


Mike was a gentleman, who was dedicated to all his many endeavors. He enjoyed helping the less fortunate in our society. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, both in the St. John the Divine Council as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council. He was Financial Secretary for both of these groups. Mike was a good friend who enjoyed socializing with the people he worked with and never did he say no to challenges. He came up with many projects to help the people in need. He delivered food to and obtained furniture for the less fortunate. Helping with the Christmas hampers, food cupboard, and the barbecue for the street people twice a year downtown were part of his many endeavors. He always attended the St. Vincent de Paul retreats and came up with the idea of a dinner for the needy once a year. His dedication to the St. Vincent de Paul Society was exemplary.

The Knights of Columbus is where his heart and soul remained while holding many positions. He was Financial Secretary of St. John the Divine Council 11053, Mike was Captain of the 4th Degree Jerome P. McNamara Assembly, as well as Financial Secretary of Zone 5. He held many more positions within these groups. He was always there when volunteers were needed whether painting rooms at the Seminary, painting our church hall, being a member of the Honour Guard at many events, and always helped with our parish meals. Mike participated in the Knights Exemplifications. Mike knew about all the documents and forms needed to make the councils run smoothly. Most of all, he loved the dedicated people he worked and socialized with and enjoyed a good time. Our Parish Council will certainly miss his dedicated participation.



There was one more group Mike really enjoyed and that was the D.G.A. (Divine Golfers Association). Mike was a very good golfer but he also enjoyed the people in the D.G.A. Why I say that is this group is out for a good time and has good golfers as well as people that cannot golf well. You cannot be a serious golfer as this is a fun group. One of Mike's favorite times is when Deacon Bern was in his foursome. Mike got lots of laughs playing with Bern. He was often asked to play a shot for Bern, especially over water or a valley. Shall I say they were golfers at opposite ends of the golf spectrum? Mike enjoyed being with and helping compatriots.



Mike was one of my best friends, as he helped me many times in both the Knights and St Vincent de Paul. Mike is now face to face with our Lord. God bless his soul.

Brother Ted Bartlett, Past Grand Knight



Brothers

June Social – 2013

On a beautiful summer evening, 39 Knights and ladies gathered at the Buccaneer Restaurant in Port Stanley for a great meal. Fresh perch was the order of the day with lots of other choices available at the buffet. Thanks to Brother Joe Metron for making the arrangements for this great ending to the fraternal year.





On a night in 1969, Arnold O'Malley was the luckiest cop in the world

Posted By CLAUDE MCINTOSH

Not many police officers take a shot from a .303 bullet while on duty and not only survive but escape unscathed.

Arnold O'Malley did.

O'Malley was a Cornwall cop in the 1960s and early 1970s when the force was responsible for patrolling Cornwall Island.

That put the local force in the thick of a series of demonstrations by Akwesasne residents. To show their opposition to a narrow-minded federal government decision to start collecting duty on goods such as groceries transported by natives from the U. S. to Cornwall Island, Akwesasne activists began weekend blockades of the bridge.

The dim-witted federal bureaucrats had decided not to recognize the Jay Treaty of 1794 that exempted St. Regis natives from the freshly drawn border that sliced through their territory. Of course, the two countries never consulted the natives. To show that the more things change the more they stay the same, front and centre in the 1960s was a young Mohawk activist named Mike Mitchell. Another protest leader was Frank Horn, now a defense lawyer in Cornwall and staunch defender of native rights.

Forty years later Akwesasne and the feds are butting heads yet again, this time over the arming of custom officers at the island station, and the same, but more mellow, Mike Mitchell is front and centre - this time as the Akwesasne grand chief.

During the tense days of the 1969 protests, Cornwall police were given the job of providing round-the-clock protection of the customhouse an assignment that clearly should have fallen on the shoulders of the federal force, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

O'Malley and five other officers were on duty one night, standing around inside, chatting with custom officers. Suddenly a bullet crashed through the station house window. It grazed O'Malley's pea jacket before ricocheting into the ceiling.

Nobody was ever arrested, but it was clear that it wasn't a warning shot. The shooter was aiming at O'Malley. The shooter, police figured, was about 100 feet away. Lloyd McCullough, now retired, was standing a couple of feet behind O'Malley.

"It happened so fast," he recalled, "at first we didn't know what happened. "It sounded like 'click' when it came through the window."

McCullough noticed a tear across the back of O'Malley's pea jacket then looked up and saw the bullet lodged in the ceiling.

"He (O'Malley) was one lucky cop," said McCullough.

On that night, it could be said that Const. Arnold O'Malley, the jovial guy with an Irish name and thick French accent, was the luckiest cop in the world. "He was shaken," said McCullough, "... we all were. It could have been anyone of us." McCullough prefers to call the shooter a "sniper" ... a sniper intent on harming a police officer.

Years later Mayor Ed Lumley convinced the provincial government to hand off policing of Cornwall Island to the Ontario Provincial Police. It was later turned over to the newly created Mohawk police force.

McCullough said policing the island was not easy for the force that had more than enough problems to deal with in the city. The bars were a lot tougher than today, and so were some of the patrons. Taking on the cops was considered a sport. There was much resentment of the white man's law being enforced on Indian territory by a white police force.

But, McCullough pointed out, "We had a job to do ... and we did it." "I'm not even sure we had jurisdiction on the reserve," he said.

O'Malley left the Cornwall force in the mid-1970s to become a security officer with the Canadian embassy in Belgium. The ambassador was former Stormont MP Lucien Lamoureux.

The luckiest cop in the world on that evening at the Cornwall Island custom house was 81.

Minute Meditations

Heart of Life

At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.
— Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Friend of God

At this very moment I may, if I desire, become the friend of God.
—St. Augustine

Make Prayer a Priority

We want to be healed and fueled by prayer. To pray well and maturely, schedule a special, non-negotiable daily appointment with God. It is a time to praise him, thank him, and listen to him - to be open to what God wants to whisper into the depths of your heart and soul.

Pray Every Day

Pray every day—giving God quality time, not a moment here and there, sandwiched between e-mails and phone calls and work and play. Have a daily date with God, a time that is sacred to you and him. Let nothing except a real emergency deny you that time with God.

Father Michael J. McGivney

Here is a brief look at his life.

Michael McGivney was born in Waterbury, CT in 1852. He was the oldest of 12 children, although four of his siblings did not live past infancy. His parents were Irish immigrants and his father worked in a brass factory. At the time, Catholicism was starting to spread to areas other than the large cities thanks to the large number of immigrants coming into the country. Waterbury was also on its way to becoming the brass capital of the world.

Early Influences

McGivney started home schooling as a youngster. In 1859, McGivney entered the East Main Street School. Fr. Thomas Hendricken had started the school in the basement of St. Peter Church. A new church, Immaculate Conception, was built, but Fr. Hendricken had wanted to give the children in his parish the best educational opportunity. The Waterbury Board of Education was impressed with the school and continued to fund it as a school for the heavily Catholic population in the area. McGivney spent his time at school and at Immaculate Conception and by the time he was 13, he was ready to graduate from East Main Street School (three years early) and he was certain he wanted to join the priesthood. McGivney, with the assistance of Fr. Hendricken, would be able to attend the Seminary at St. Hyacinthe after three years of working in the factory.

Early Priesthood

In 1873, Michael's father, Peter, passed away. This put his studies on hold for a while. Fortunately, the two oldest sisters of the family were able to support the family and the Diocese of Hartford adopted Michael and paid his tuition in order to finish seminary. While McGivney's studies started with the Jesuits, he finished his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and became a diocesan priest. December 22, 1877, McGivney was ordained to the priesthood. On Christmas Day, he celebrated his first Mass at Immaculate Conception in Waterbury. However, he was assigned to St. Mary's in New Haven as associate pastor, about 25 miles southeast of his hometown. It was here that McGivney would leave his mark.

Ministry

The second half of the 19th century saw the rise of secret societies. However, the Church forbade membership in these societies. Fr. McGivney saw that many men wanted to join such societies but also saw the issue with alcoholism. He joined the St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, which encouraged abstinence from alcohol and to provide social activities for the members as well as a fund that would be used to help members in need. McGivney wanted to find out what lead people towards alcoholism so then he could find solutions. By 1882, McGivney was starting to gather members for a society that would be loyal to the United States and be open to all Catholic men. He had worked with many families who had lost their breadwinner and were thrown into despair due to the loss. Thus, he started the Knights of Columbus, dedicated to abstinence of alcohol and an available insurance plan for all members. On March 29, 1882, Connecticut recognized the Knights of Columbus as an organization.

Later Life

Working with the Knights of Columbus while balancing the work of a priest tired McGivney out. In 1884, McGivney retired from administrative duties with the Knights; he continued to serve as chaplain. Later that year, he was transferred to St. Thomas parish in Thomaston, CT, a town northwest of his hometown of Waterbury. Here he would be pastor of the parish. In 1890, McGivney came down with influenza, which later turned into pneumonia. On August 14, 1890, McGivney passed away.

Cause for Sainthood

Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P. was named the postulator of cause of sainthood. In 1997, Archbishop Daniel Cronin opened diocesan investigation. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney "venerable" due to his heroic virtue. This means that he can be considered for canonization.

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