



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!



Council 7027 Virtual Meetings for the Month of June

Virtual Planning Meeting: **Thursday, June 4, 7:00 PM**

Virtual Business Meeting: **Thursday, June 11, 7:00 PM**

Hosted by "GoToMeeting" which will better meet our needs!

Two ways you can participate: by phone or online

-By phone: Call **(872) 240-3412**, enter Access Code **342-890-3412#**

-Online: Go to **www.gotomeet.me/GeorgeElliott8** (and turn on your microphone and/or web cam)

For either method, consider "arriving" up to ten minutes early

Questions? Contact Grand Knight George Elliott, cell 908-487-8622 or email gejr13@gmail.com

Can't wait to "see" you! Be safe!

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Feast of the Holy Trinity
June, 7



Solemnity of Corpus Christi
June, 14

Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

National contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
June, 2020	20	6	12	26
July, 2020	18	4	10	24
Aug, 2020	15	1, 29	6	21



Grand Knight's Report

George Elliott

I hope and pray that you are safe, healthy, and filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit now that Pentecost is upon us. Let's share our joy with the world around us, even if we have to maintain social distancing and take other precautions.

It is hard for me to believe that we are entering the final month of our fraternal year. Where has the time gone? It's time for electing officers, paying dues, and planning what we want to accomplish in the coming year.

The year that is ending has been a successful year for our council. We've performed many of the charitable and fraternal works we set out to do, and we have met our membership and insurance goals for the year.

We've earned two awards at the recently held Virtual Florida State Council Convention. Our council took Second Place in our division (i.e., councils with more than 150 members) in the 2020 State Newsletter Awards, and an

enormous Thank You goes to our Newsletter Editor and Publisher, Ralph Crago. The other award was Third Place (overall) in the 2020 State Service Program Awards – Life, for our Fourth Thursday Special Dances.

Here's some long awaited news: on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis announced that a miracle attributed to Father Michael J. McGivney has been formally recognized, and so Father McGivney will be beatified at some future date. With that, our founder is one step closer to being declared a Saint!

During his address to our Virtual State Convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said that all in-person meetings and events are canceled for the foreseeable future. We took an oath to obey those appointed over us, so we'll continue to do our work by phone, online, and by other creative ways. I look forward to the day we can all get together. Until then, let's be our brothers' keepers and LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND. Vivat Jesus!

Brothers,

At this time we are 403 members short of reaching our membership goal for this fraternal year. Florida has not reached it's goal for the past two years, sadly, this trend could continue if we do not all give this our undivided attention. We have over 400 councils in the state of florida, if every council brought in one (1) member in the next 30 days, we would achieve our goal. However, many will ignore this request and still more will continue to suspend members for non-payment of dues. It is so sad to see that the primary virtues established by Fr. McGivney are being ignored by so many. It makes me think that we have many members that call themselves Knights, but the do so without the effort, without the charity and without the love of one's neighbor. Now, more than ever before we need to add to our ranks, we need to bring in the next generation of Knights that will carry us forward, the next generation that will support our Church, our Priests, our values.

Please join me in making these last 30 days worthwhile, Fr. McGivney interceded and saved an unborn child, that was a miracle. Let us show Fr. McGivney that we do believe in his vision, that we do care and that we will go out and recruit the last 403 to make our goals.

Thank you for your prayers, thank you for listening and thank you for your intended actions. I know you can do it if you chose to do so.

May God bless you and keep you.

Vivat Jesus,

Scott A. O'Connor, State Deputy
Florida State Council
Knights of Columbus





Field Agent's Report

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens".

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all

need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon and may God bless you all,

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Deacon's Teaching

By Deacon Chris Christopher
What Does It Mean to Fear God?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, *"The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations"* (CCC, No.1830-31).

Although the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are conferred at baptism, it must be noted that the reception of confirmation is necessary for the completion of the rites of initiation into Christ's Church. That is why the bishop says when confirming each candidate while making the sign of the cross with holy chrism on their forehead, *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

1. **Wisdom**
2. **Understanding**
3. **Council**
4. **Fortitude**
5. **Knowledge**
6. **Piety**
7. **Fear of the Lord**

The seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is perhaps the most misunderstood. In everyday conversation, fear and hope are viewed as opposites. But theologically, and with its roots found in the Old Testament, the fear of the Lord confirms the virtue of hope.

This gift enables a person "to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God." Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God who is the supreme being. Here, a person realizes his "creatureness" and dependency upon God, has a true "poverty of spirit," and never would want to be separated from God who is Love. As such, this gift arouses in the soul a sense of adoration and reverence for God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

Hence, this theological gift gives us the desire not to offend God. It is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he fears punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of hell. A genuine relationship with

God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this "fear of the Lord" is a filial or reverential fear that moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love. In a similar way, a child should not be motivated to obey a parent simply because of fear of punishment, but because of love and respect. A person who loves someone does not want to disappoint or to break the other person's heart. One should fear hurting a loved one and violating that person's trust more than one should fear punishment. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty or of fear; it arises out of love. This gift motivates the person in three ways:

- First, to have a vivid sense of God's infinite greatness;
- Second, to have a real sorrow for sin, even venial sins; and
- Third, to be vigilant to avoid the near occasions of sin.

St. Thomas Aquinas described this gift as a fear of separating oneself from God. He describes it as a "filial fear," like a child's fear of offending his father, rather than a "servile fear" of punishment.

Pope St. Gregory the Great, in capturing the spiritual dynamism of these gifts, posited:

"Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety;

From piety then to knowledge;
From knowledge we derive strength;
From strength counsel;

With counsel we move toward understanding; and

With intelligence toward wisdom.

"Thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven" (*"Homiliae in Hiezechiellem Prophetam," II 7, 7*).

Next month we'll ask, **The Other Six Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

Deacon Chris invites you to send him questions or suggested topics for the Deacon's Teaching column.

Please email them to cjchristopher2010@gmail.com or to the newsletter at 7027newsletter@gmail.com



Life

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If you read anything please observe the Life Options Clinic annual fundraiser banquet virtually this year on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 PM. The event is free and will run about 30 minutes. Enjoy the fundraiser from the safety and comfort of your home, or by attending a small gathering with your fellow Life supporters. Keynote speaker, Mike Williams, will share a short message of inspiration. This short, but powerful, event will give you a joyful experience of upholding the Dignity of Human Life. Please visit YouTube and Facebook to like and follow the Life Options Clinic.

Another event is the Babybottle fundraiser. The council will be conducting this event for the next three weekends to distribute and collect Babybottle's at Mass. Please make sure to pick up one or

more at Mass and fill with cash, coins, and/or checks to Life Options Clinic. These two events are the most important fundraisers the Life Options Clinic have to raise needed funds to help mothers and their special gift, their child.



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

June

Prayer intention for evangelization -
The Way of the Heart We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.
<http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>

BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



HERBERT A BAKER	6/2	JESSE N RHEAM	6/15	JERRY F VASQUEZ	6/21
EUGENE N JAMES	6/2	RAY J ELDRIDGE	6/16	GEORGE ADAM PFEIFFER	6/22
RICHARD D THELEN	6/2	DAVID L EVERETT	6/16	JAMES B WINN	6/23
AUSTIN L VAUISO	6/4	DCN JEFFREY A MASSEY	6/16	LARRY D JOHNSON	6/24
CHRISTOPHER S REASNER	6/8	WALTER W GROSS	6/18	MARCUS T WEEKES	6/26
WILLIAM B FIELD	6/10	MICHAEL J HARMON	6/18	JOHN B THALER	6/27
ALEXANDER R FIREHAMMER	6/10	EDWARD H KULIKOWSKI	6/20	ROBERT N FULLE	6/30
MARLO N BANTIQUÉ	6/13	CLYDE O SHONK	6/20		
GEORGE R ELLIOTT JR	6/13	REV JAMES C LEIBOLD	6/21		
JAMES A JONES	6/15	ROGER F SMITH	6/21		



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2019	John Recke	John & Lexy Aine Canning
August, 2019	Ralph Crago	Jerry & Jenny Craft
September, 2019	John Marchal	Karen & Ronald Bradberry
October, 2019	Charles J. "CJ" Russell	Barry & Gayle Brecke
November, 2019	Sean Canning	Christopher & Diana Root
December, 2019	Eugene Skalsky	Greg & Jennifer Micklos
January, 2020	Jeff Fischer	Dan & Barbara Nolan
February, 2020	Frank Ferraro	Eusebio (Tom) & Sandra Tomas
March, 2020	Ed Faxlanger	Tim & Liz Maynard
April, 2020	Roger L Russell	Deacon Tom & Pat Kennell
May, 2020	Bruce Donatelli	Ernie & Mary Beth Cyr
June, 2020		
Year 2019-20		

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announces Knight of the Month for May is Bruce Donatelli. The presentation will be made at a future time.

Family of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announces Family of the Month for May is Dr. Ernie & Mary Beth Cyr. The presentation will be made at a future time.



Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Greetings Sir Knights and families:

As we enter the month of June.

Some Housekeeping:

Checks have been issued:

- to pay for an advertisement in the State Convention Program
- give the Budgeted VA Hot Dog funds to Saint Rose to help cover operating costs due to the Covid-19 closure.

Elections

Proposed slate of Officers:

Faithful Friar	Monsignor Reed
Faithful Navigator	Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Captain	Phillip Germain
Faithful Pilot	Bruce Donatelli
Faithful Admiral	Ronald Winn
Faithful Comptroller	David Hinkle
Faithful Purser	George Elliot
Faithful Scribe	Tom Kubalewski
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Stephen Flowers
Faithful Outer Sentinel	John Recke
Trustee 3 Year	Robert Browder
Trustee 2 Year	Ronald Bradberry
Trustee 1 Year	Daniel Arndt

Now, we will hold the elections virtually during the 4th Degree part of the 7027's business meeting on 11 June. As always nominations will be taken "from the virtual floor" as it were. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact the Faithful Navigator. We will formally install at some point but will continue to move forward the best we can at this time.

Pentecost

First and foremost, as we enter June, it is wonderful that we start off the Month

fresh from the Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost

which both closes the Easter Season and, more importantly, reminds us of the coming of the Holy Ghost, both for the Early Church as well as in our own lives.

Pentecost

with this wonderful 7 gifts: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Pentecost

The Church teaches that we receive the seven gifts at Baptism and that they are strengthened at Confirmation, so that one can proclaim the truths of the faith: "The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace." For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." CCC §1285.

Pentecost

where according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, these gifts "complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." CCC §1831.

In *Summa Theologiae* I.II, q. 68, a1, Saint Thomas Aquinas says:

Four of these gifts **direct the Intellect, Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, and Counsel,**

while the other three gifts **Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord,**

Direct the Will toward God. (continued)



In some respects, the gifts are similar to the virtues, but a key distinction is that the virtues operate under the impetus of human reason (prompted by grace), whereas the gifts operate under the impetus of the Holy Spirit.

Further Saint Thomas Aquinas asserts the following correspondences between the seven Capital Virtues and the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

The gift of **Wisdom** corresponds to the virtue of **Charity**,

The gift of **Understanding** or knowledge corresponds to the virtue of **Faith**,

The gift of **Counsel**, or right judgment, corresponds to the virtue of **Prudence**,

The gift of **Fortitude** corresponds to the virtue of **Courage**,

The gift of **Piety**, or Reverence, corresponds to the virtue of **Justice**,

The gift of **Fear of the Lord** corresponds to the virtue of **Hope**,
To the virtue of **Temperance**, no Gift is directly assigned,

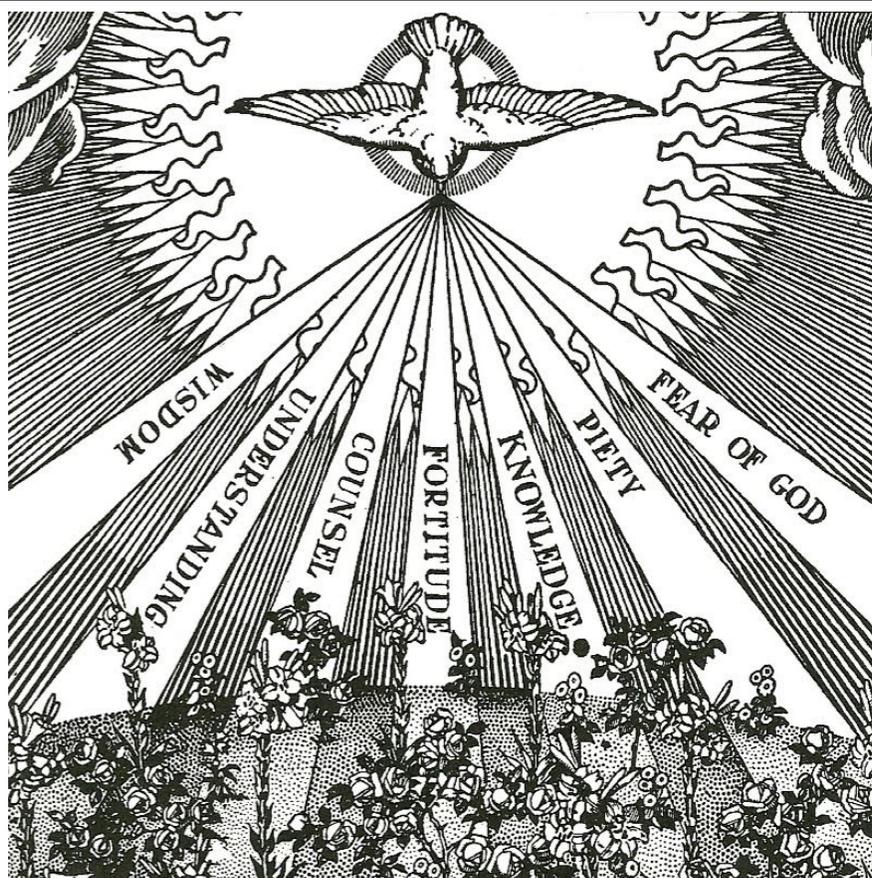
but the gift of **Knowledge** can be taken as such, since Knowing can direct one to restrict themselves from forbidden harmful things.

SO, for us faithful Knights, we, who MUST engage in spiritual battles, understanding, reflecting and **Praying** on the fact that while we have been armed with both these gifts, AND these virtues, it is up to us to cooperate with the Holy Ghost, in both intellect and will to engage in the battles for eternal life.

Hopefully, we will be able to meet in chambers soon.

Please pray for me as I pray for you. Until we can meet again together,

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823





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Dear Brother Knight:

As we continue to be challenged by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, I am proud of the tremendous work you and your brother Knights are doing every day in service to **Leave No Neighbor Behind**. The greatness of our Order shines most brightly, and Father Michael McGivney's vision continues to be brought to fulfillment, because of the work you are doing.

The strength that enables us to respond so well in times of need is derived from our membership of more than 2 million men who are dedicated to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The coronavirus has presented new challenges to membership recruitment, but we have adapted and made possible new avenues for men to join our ranks, including the online exemplifications that are hosted by the Supreme Council each week.

I personally encourage you to make use of these online exemplifications, which are an important tool to drive the growth needed to allow us to respond to the challenges the coronavirus presents. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is also a wonderful opportunity for First and Second Degree members to advance to the Third Degree. Detailed procedures and the schedule of upcoming online exemplifications are listed below.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that our Order continues to grow and thrive. May Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael McGivney guide our efforts and keep us and our loved ones safe.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl A. Anderson".

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

If you are interested contact GK George Elliott.
Dates and times are on the next page.



Week of June 7, 2020

English

[Tuesday, June 9 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Tuesday, June 9 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 11 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Thursday, June 11 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Spanish

[Sunday, June 7 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)
[Wednesday, June 10 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

French

[Saturday, June 13 - 11:00 AM EDT](#)

Week of June 14, 2020

English

[Tuesday, June 16 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Tuesday, June 16 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 18 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Thursday, June 18 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Spanish

[Sunday, June 14 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)
[Wednesday, June 17 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

French

[Tuesday, June 16 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Week of June 21, 2020

English

[Tuesday, June 23 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Tuesday, June 23 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 25 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Thursday, June 25 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Spanish

[Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 PM EDT](#)
[Wednesday, June 24 - 9:00 PM EDT](#)

French

[Wednesday, June 24 - 7:00 PM EDT](#)





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Dear Brother Knight,

Because of **YOU**, and your extraordinary response to Leave No Neighbor Behind, the Knights of Columbus Charities raised **\$651,548.95**, since our first email for #GivingTuesdayNow! This record-breaking amount far exceeded our expectations and goal of \$250,000!

For the 24 hour period of Giving Tuesday, we still exceeded the goal by raising \$492,000 in just 24 hours!

Once again, you and your brother Knights rose to the occasion. Your generosity continues to change lives by putting food on the table, while providing assistance to those who need it most.

That's what Knights do! They stand in solidarity and step into the breach to make sure no neighbor is left behind.

We're aware that many of you have sent checks. We can't wait to add them to the total so we can update you with more good news soon.

If you have not had the chance to participate, please consider joining us at www.kofc.org/lnnb.

Again, thank you for leaving no neighbor behind.

Fraternally,

Ronald F. Schwarz
Supreme Treasurer

P.S. I hope you and your families are healthy and safe.



Knights of Columbus



Florida State Council

2020 State Service Program Awards - Life

FIRST PLACE John A. Hill Council 4955
Terence M. Sheen, Grand Knight
District 70

SECOND PLACE St. Scholastica Council 14485
James D. Harvey, Grand Knight
District 33

THIRD PLACE Father Thomas Lorigan Council 7027
George R. Elliott, Grand Knight
District 3

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Florida State Council

2020 Newsletters Awards

DIVISION 1 – Councils with less than 75 members

No Awards

DIVISION 2 – Councils with membership between 76 and 150

FIRST PLACE San Patricio Council 13654
Manuel U. Magaldi, Grand Knight
District 78

SECOND PLACE Incarnation Council 15332
Steven M. Wyer, Grand Knight
District 51

THIRD PLACE Sacred Heart Council 12110
Walter M. Pjetraj, Grand Knight
District 45

DIVISION 3 – Council with more than 150 members

FIRST PLACE St. Stephen Council 14084
Alex F. Czopek, Grand Knight
District 48

SECOND PLACE Father Thomas Lorigan Council 7027
George R. Elliott, Grand Knight
District 3

THIRD PLACE St. Cloud Kissimmee Council 6624
Edward J. Meyer, Grand Knight
District 28



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Dear Brother Knight,

It is with particular joy that I write to share with you the news that, at Noon today in Rome, the Vatican [announced](#) the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled.

This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort, and I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as "Blessed Michael McGivney."

The Vatican announcement can be found below:

Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding:

[...] the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest, Founder of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia.

I would ask each brother Knight to learn more about our founder at the newly updated Father McGivney Guild [website](#) where the Order will also regularly post news and updates related to the beatification.

And if you would like to learn even more about our founder's heroic life and continuing legacy, please consider reading Father McGivney's biography, [Parish Priest](#), and the newly-released book [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#).

Sincerely,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight