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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD
MICHAEL McGIVNEY
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Calendar of Events

Date	Begin	End	Function	Location
8/5/2021	7PM	8:30PM	Officer's Meeting	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode
8/8/2021	Noon	12:30PM	Rosary	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode
8/12/2021	7PM	8:30PM	Membership Meeting	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode 307988
8/26/2021	7PM	8:30PM	NO Social Meeting	



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Chaplain's Message

The months of July and August are generally considered the Summer months in the United States of America. The weather is warm/hot but the leaves on the trees are bright and healthy. The schools are closed for the summer break and families seek opportunities to travel the holiday parks and resorts.

It is a very healthy and joyful time of the year.

While it is generally known as the vacation time, the Catholic Church cautions its members that there is no vacation from our Spiritual Journey. We have had a difficult past few months with restrictions into the practice of our rituals and practices in the Church. Now with most of its members being vaccinated, the churches have opened their doors to all their practices and members have begun to attend the weekend and even daily masses in the church.

However, we have not yet got back to the old normal and still waiting, hoping and inviting its members to get back into its full attendance at Church Services. **As Knights of Columbus out in the field, it is our duty to be able to encourage our brothers and sisters to get active in the parish and let us celebrate The Eucharist together.**

During the month of July we had the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle, the "doubting Thomas" as he is known, on July 3, 2021. On the occasion of his "doubting" he pronounced the most beautiful dogmatic truth by calling out "My Lord and my God".

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first native American was canonized by Pope Benedict the XVI on October 21, 2012 and the church celebrates her feast day on July 14th.

Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mother Mary are celebrated on July 26th. and Saint Ignatius Of Loyola is celebrated on July 31st.

As we continue our journey here on earth, let us pray for each other to be united by understanding and respecting one another. My prayers are for each one of you and your family and all loved ones.

God Bless all of you and your families.

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Denis Carneiro



July 3 Lou Paolillo

July 8 Michael Kolassa

July 11 Ndallah Njongmeta

July 12 James McInerney

July 20 Jim Jarzab

July 23 Michael Delaney

July 23 Ernesto Diaz

July 24 Ray Neihengen Jr.

July 27 Jun Minon Jr.

July 28 Joshi Kuncheria



State Deputy Steven Mann



PATRICK E. KELLY

Supreme Knight



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I have the honor and privilege of becoming the Grand Knight of our council (Our Lady of the Grove Council #13448) for the coming fraternal year. I hope to live up to the example set by previous Grand Knights of our council, many of which I will rely on for advise and guidance. Our objectives as Knights and Catholics are to work together to help those in need and support our Churches and Community. To effectively do this, we need to recruit additional men into the order. My growth as a Catholic man has been as a result of many of my fellow Knights and I want other Catholic men to be able grow in their faith as a result of interaction with the men of our order.

For those of you who have been participating in council activities, I thank you for your service. For those members, who for whatever reason have been unable to actively participate, I hope you will be able to find opportunities this year to join us. One way can be by attending our monthly meeting, which is on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. Our August meeting will be via Zoom only, but starting in September, we will have hybrid meetings – for those who wish, we will have in-person meetings in the Marian room of the rectory. For those you who cannot or do not wish to attend in person, our meetings are available via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86394604933?pwd=MEtuNVl5cTdjblIMRlVlZlIiV002Zz09>

In order for us to grow as a council we need your input, ideas and participation. I know there are some of us who for one reason or another find it difficult to attend the monthly meetings, as we all have different family obligations and job responsibilities and physical challenges; but surely we all can do something even if it is attending a Knight function and getting to know your brother Knights.

Thank you for all you do and will continue to do!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Kukral, GK



✠ Fr Jerzy Gawlik	Geri Long and family
✠ SK Mel Cea	Rich Wemstrom
✠ SK John Walker	Maria Rodriguez
✠ SK John Krajewski	COVID-19 victims
✠ SK Jack O'Brien	Baby Isaac Blomeke & family
✠ SK Thad and Alice Steward	Bany Cardona
✠ SK Paul and Mary Loeffler	Kathy Neihengen
✠ SK Cy and Marie Schmid	Jim Kukral
✠ Jean Case	Jim Jarzab
✠ Diane Bartelt	Tony Brea
✠ Sharon Gressick	David Kukral
✠ Helen Lynch	Jun Minon
✠ Tom Kajohn	Stay at home guardians
✠ Deacon Gary Long	Educators
✠ SK Bob Amend	Healthcare professionals
✠ SK Paul Isherwood, Past VSM	First responders
✠ Richard Theriault	Paulette Alex
✠ Melinda Hensen	Maria Wildenhain
✠ Regis Gorenflo	Beau Ebenezer
✠ Gerald Sheble	Mark Sarlitto & Jennifer
✠ William Herman	SK Chris Ybarra
✠ May they rest in peace	Madden Manz
	Darcie DeCaprio
David Modlin	Al Preusker
Jim Wroble	Don Wagner
Dennis and Elaine Delaney	SK Ted Gressick
Richard Isdstein	Bob Wolf
Rebecca Dunn	Victims of 9-11 & their families
Kristen Rozalewicz	Victims of violence
Priests of St. Mary Parish	First Responders
Joe Andrzejewski	The people of the United States
John Kibeca	Pope Francis and his intentions
Jim Lutz	The Holy Souls in Purgatory



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Field Agent's Message

Summer is in full swing; vacations and backyard barbeques, outdoor sports and yardwork! I look forward to this time of year with flowers in bloom and thoughts of a much needed and anticipated summer vacation. **I hope your summer is going well for you!**

In last month's message I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's attitude in ***Faith and Fraternalism*** by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." **You know the story well; how the untimely death of his father nearly derailed Fr. McGivney's plans to become a priest.** As the curate of St. Mary's he encountered families in similar situations. It's no wonder he was so practical when it came to making sure families were financially sound.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Fr. McGivney in helping to protect Catholic families. I see myself as your partner in facing this planning process. You don't have to go it alone. With our new financial needs analysis tool, with cutting edge software, robust and in-depth, we can approach this together. Since my last message a number of members reached out to me. Let me give you a fictionalized account about two of them. I recently met with a brother Knight and his wife who have a couple of young children. Together, we were able to see that based on what this couple wanted for their family, there was a need in two particular areas. One, the brother's group life insurance, while free as a benefit, was not enough to do what he wanted his life insurance to do. He desired more to make sure, if he had an untimely passing, his wife and children could stay in the same home, could still attend Catholic grade school and could afford to make a college education a reality. The other area that he had not thought about was what I call the "death of his earning power." What if he became sick or hurt and could not work? His employer provided very minimal coverage for a few months, but after that there was nothing. We explored how the Knights could fill that void and make his family whole. All this from spending time with me. **The best part for him... and for you, is that this service is absolutely free.** Many others in the industry charge fees for this kind of analysis. It's a fraternal benefit that I am happy to provide.

The other couple was recently retired. Well past the stage of this former young couple. I completed a financial needs analysis for them. They were in very good shape financially; had all their proverbial ducks in a row in almost every area. The area that they were concerned with was an extended care event. How could they protect all that they had worked for and saved in the event of needing help with daily living activities? I was able to help them plan for that and shift the financial burden to the Knights. The other issue they looked at was setting aside a little of what they had saved to help their grandchildren. We were able to set up a plan to pass that money tax free to them.

Maybe you have similar concerns; meeting with me can allay them. I am your partner as we share our brotherhood in the Order. That kind of relationship is rarely found elsewhere in the financial services world. Let's get together and see where you stand. Please contact me at 847-323-0914 or pierre.zermatten@kofc.org.

God Bless,

Pierre Zermatten-Field Agent

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We live in a time of crisis for religious faith and family life that must be met by men with a heartfelt embrace of masculine virtue. To outline the challenges we face and devise a plan of battle, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted has written the groundbreaking document, *Into the Breach*. Addressed originally to the men in his Diocese of Phoenix, it is here made available to all Catholics by the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights are pleased to partner with Bishop Olmsted in making this document more widely available and to provide the following study guide on the important issues he raises. **Bishop Olmsted begins his analysis with the shocking fact that 14 million Catholics nationwide have left the Church in recent years, with a corresponding drop in baptisms, church weddings and other sacramental participation.** There is an enormous breach in the battle line of faith that is causing disruptions in the Church and wider society.

While this crisis concerns the whole Church, men in particular are missing from the battlefield of faith. Consider that men make up only about 40 percent of Mass attendees in the average parish — this is an enormous loss for the Church and for the men themselves, many of whom vainly seek fulfillment by conforming to the world's false images of manhood.

In this document, Bishop Olmsted calls men to something better, something great. He identifies the enemies of the faith — both spiritual and temporal — and draws up a battle plan for men to fight for their own souls and for the salvation of their families and loved ones. Here you will find a sure guide for stepping into the moral and cultural breach. Let us join our brother Catholics on the front lines and take up the battle anew, to spread the joy of the Gospel, heal the wounds within ourselves and others, and steadily transform the world.

Our Lady of the Grove is pleased to sponsor this series on our website. You can download a study guide from our NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS tab.

The videos themselves can be found in the VIDEO GALLERY.

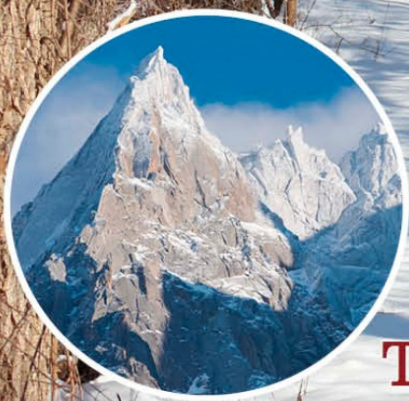
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