



# KNIGHT VISION NEWSLETTER – JJ Murphy

## Assembly 2020

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## LEST WE FORGET



During World War One, the fields of Northern France and Flanders were torn apart. Once the conflict was over, the poppy was one of the only plants to grow on the otherwise barren battlefields.

The significance of the poppy as a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was realized by a Canadian soldier, John McCrae, in his poem *In Flanders Fields*. The first lines of the poem have become some of the most famous lines written in relation to the First World War.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below



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### **FEATURED FAITH ARTICLE**

#### **Blessed Michael McGivney's Story**

The eldest son of an immigrant Irish family in Connecticut, parents, Patrick and Mary (née Lynch) McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut Brass Mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at 13 to work in one of the brass mills' spoon-making departments. At 16 he began studies for the priesthood in Quebec but was obliged to leave to help support the family when his father died. Michael completed his education in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained for the diocese of Hartford in 1877.

Assigned to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Fr. McGivney was very active in parish and civic affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a minor whose father had died leaving a large family in poverty. This situation as well as his own family's circumstances and that of other immigrants impressed on Fr. McGivney the need for lay Catholic men to establish a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance for their families if the primary wage earner died. Protestant fraternal groups already provided this type of life insurance protection for their members.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus among a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity, and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. Because of the Knights' emphasis on serving Church, community and family, the organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based. Patriotism was added as a founding principle in 1900.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia in 1890 and was buried in Thomaston, Connecticut. Later his body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today. He was beatified in 2020.



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### REFLECTION



Michael Joseph McGivney was a genuine pastor who, in the words of Pope Francis, was unafraid to share "the smell of sheep." He promoted families whose members were strong in their faith expressed through generous following of the corporal & spiritual works of mercy. In a decree read at the beatification Mass, Pope Francis praised Fr. McGivney's "zeal & the proclamation of the Gospel & generous concern for his brothers & sisters. " These "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity & fraternal assistance."

### PRAYER



God, our Father, protector of the poor & defender of the widow & orphan, You called Your priest, blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life & to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbour. Through the example of his life & virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity & 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 & the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through His intercession, grant favor I now present (make your request here). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### Faithful Navigator's report



Faithful Navigator  
SK Raymond Haggan



Thank you to all the SK's & new SK's that have made the year a return to growth both in members and a return in numbers to the many Honour Guards this year including; Rosary Sunday, for Archbishop Francis Leo visit, installation of our Priests and in support of our deceased Sir Knights.

Remembrance Day is Saturday November 11, there will be an Honour Guard & Procession to the Cenotaph from K of C Hall, 93 Berczy St. Meet at 9.30am plan to leave not later than 10:30am to process to the Barrie Cenotaph.

Second Ontario District Fourth Degree Exemplification for the new Sir Knights will be held on Saturday November 18th, 2023, at St. Josephine Bakhita Church, 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga.

Rosary Sunday was a gathering of all brothers & Sir Knights from across the North & GTA bringing a return to the large representation of the Knights of Columbus in the Procession of Our Lady. JJ Murphy Assembly 2020 is a primary supporter of Rosary Sunday and a generous donor to Martyrs Shrine in Midland over the years, both in monetary donations and volunteers.

As the Patriot Degree the Assembly welcomed Retired Major Fern at the October meeting who presented and spoke to members regarding the Poppy fund, how the funds are used to support our Veterans, affects of PTSD, mental & physical health issues. Thank you to Ret. Major Fern.

Last meeting of 2023 will held be Nov 26 includes the Annual Christmas dinner. Many thanks also to the Ladies of Assembly JJ Murphy for the social afternoons, Fraternal meals throughout the year. The Ladies contribution is greatly appreciated in building a blessed and fraternal Assy.

Wishing all the Sir Knights & Ladies a blessed & safe Christmas with your families and loved ones may the joy of Faith be with you all. Keep Christ in Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,  
SK Ray - Faithful Navigator



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## **KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**



### **Jesus Is The Reason**

In Bethlehem, God gave to us  
The source of Christmas joy;  
A star shown on a miracle:  
The virgin birth of a boy.

He was born both God and man,  
A Savior for us all,  
The way to get to our heavenly home,  
If we just heed His call.

So as we shop and spend and wrap  
And enjoy the Christmas season,  
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:  
Jesus is the reason.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



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### JJ MURPHY ASSEMBLY 2020 – EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Installation of Officers of Assembly 2020 for Fraternal Year 2023-24 (on Jul 23)

The Installation of JJ Murphy Assembly Officers was officiated by Worthy District Marshall Paul Rozario and blessing by Worthy Friar Fr Andrew Mayer. The installation was conducted prior to the July 23 business meeting. Thank you to all those Sir Knights for stepping forward and supporting the growth of JJ Murphy Assembly.



#### 2. Honour Guard at the Mass for the Faithful Departed at St Mary's Cemetery (Aug 16)

The annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has been supported over the years with an Honour Guard for the Celebrant. The weather this year also supported this outdoor Mass allowing Parishioners from around the area to celebrate Mass and visit the grave sides of loved ones who have gone ahead of us. The celebrant this year was Fr Larry Leger of St Mary's Parish.





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### 3. Honour Guard for the Installation of Fr Joshy George, St John Vianney Parish. (Aug 19)

Sir Knights provided the Honour Guard for Fr Joshy George newly installed Pastor of St John Vianney Parish and for the celebrant his excellency Bishop John Boissonneau. The installation was followed by a reception for Fr Joshy George. Thank you to all Sir Knights including SK Ross Armstrong, SK Robert Richard for joining the Honour Guard in their home Parish in support of their new Pastor.



### 4. Honour Guard for Mass & Procession at Rosary Sunday, Martyrs Shrine (Sept 10)

This Annual Pilgrimage of Rosary Sunday in honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary has a long history and JJ Murphy Assembly 2020 has been a primary supporter involved in the Rosary Sunday organization committee and as a generous donor to Martyrs Shrine in Midland over the years both in monetary donations and volunteers. As with all outdoor events the weather plays a roll and although cloudy the day was a wonderful opportunity for Knights, CWL, Parishioners and other local faith-based organizations to Honour Blessed Mary.





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## **SIR KNIGHTS OF JJ MURPHY ASSY 2020**

**TOGETHER WE WORK AS BROTHERS SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH  
AND BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.**

**UNITED IN FAITH**

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### **JJ MURPHY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR**

- Saturday November 11 at K of C Hall, meet at 9:30am
  - Remembrance Day, Honour Guard to Cenotaph in Barrie to lay wreath and participate in the procession.
- Saturday November 18, Fourth-Degree Exemplification
  - St. Josephine Bakhita Church, 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga
- Sunday November 26 at 4:30 pm
  - Annual Christmas Dinner & JJ Murphy Business meeting
- Sunday December 17 Honour Guard, 12 Noon Mass
  - Holy Martyrs of Japan Church for Archbishop of Toronto
- Sunday January 28 '2024 JJ Murphy Assembly
  - JJ Murphy Assembly meeting





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### THIRD-DEGREE REPORTS

#### ➤ **Barrie Council 1626:**

- March for Life. It's the annual pro-life witness that's held at the corner of Cuddles & Bayfield there were 80 participants includes Catholic & Evangelical parishioners
- Started breakfasts on Sundays at St. Mary's.
- Recently had a "Ladies Appreciation Dinner" which went very well.
- Increasing frequency of meetings within faith-based groups with an emphasis on faith in Catholicism. The idea is to strengthen one's faith. People tend to be charitable already.
- Work is also being done to develop a website.

#### ➤ **St John Vianney Council 10370**

- ✓ Chartered in 1985, has grown to 103 members, meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.
- ✓ Main fundraisers for community & Parish Charities are Bingo OLG & Kemperfest
- ✓ Starting Breakfasts at some Sunday Masses
- ✓ Established an exemplification team for Degree ceremonials in the Church.

#### ➤ **Holy Spirit Council 1**

- ✓ Breakfast & lunch for the CWL at their harvest festival.
- ✓ Annual food drive for St. Vincent de Paul.
- ✓ New defibrillator in our Church & Knights invited to training session.
- ✓ Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards coming in November
- ✓ Doing "Coats for kids" with St. Vincent de Paul again this year as need is greater than before.



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### ➤ Holy Martyrs of Japan Council 4915

- ✓ Oct 14th - we will participate in a rosary at HMJ at 12 noon. A decade of the rosary on behalf of the Knights will be said by one of the brothers.
- ✓ Oct 21st – the Council will tend the bar for the Youth Ministry Oktoberfest Dinner. All proceeds will go to the Youth Ministry.
- ✓ Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> a peameal bacon on a bun BBQ at HMJ will be held.
- ✓ Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> A joint CWL/KofC Christmas dinner will be hosted.
- ✓ Dec 17<sup>th</sup> the Council will host the Sunday Mass for Archbishop of Toronto. A 4<sup>th</sup>-degree honour guard has been requested.

- ✓ Installation of officers:



- ✓ Promoting praying the Rosary



- ✓ Presenting funds to organizations:

- Helping Hands Food Bank
- Rose of Sharon



- ✓ Helping with the peameal on a bacon event



### ➤ Knights on Bikes



- ✓ Rosary Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>: 16 KoB riders with spouses from Ontario gathered at Martyr's Shrine in support of Knights of Columbus to once again fully participated in this annual pilgrimage.



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### PRAYER WALL



#### **Prayers requested for ...**

Harry Amow (parent) – Healing of spine  
SK Yvonne Lalande – Continued healing  
SK Randal Pineault – Continued healing



#### **A Knights Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are the author of life and source of grace. Without You, we are nothing, and with You, all things are possible. Guide us that we may humbly serve your people.

Bless us with your grace that the work of the Knights of Columbus will make a difference in this small part of the world you have entrusted to us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in union with the Holy Spirit, as one God forever and ever. Amen.

### **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



**SK Alan Charlebois Oct.12 '2023**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.



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### CELEBRATE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SIR KNIGHTS



#### OCTOBER

Dan Brock  
Les Stewart  
Peter Mackenzie  
Geoffrey Bond  
Robert Ben  
David Macdonell  
Rev Antony Werunga  
Rev Jose Koluthara  
Francis Light  
Ronald Calhoun

#### NOVEMBER

Robert Lewis  
Ross Armstrong  
Alvin Belanger  
Kenneth Crickard  
James B Carmichael

#### DECEMBER

Paul Brown  
Guy Deshaies  
Rev James Mclenaghan  
Deacon David Langley  
Cecil Goodman  
Keith Binns  
Russell J Cadeau

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### CONGRATULATIONS!



#### OCTOBER

William & Heather Dzula  
Dan & Berna Brock  
Alvin & Carol Belanger  
Bob & Pam Tinkess  
Fred & Hazel Hawrish

#### NOVEMBER

Greg & Joan Belanger  
Guy & Norma Deshaies  
David & Laura MacDonell  
Thomas & Betty Hargreaves

#### DECEMBER

Stephen & Joan Johnston