



# *KNIGHT NEWS*

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### **Father Michael McGivney's Cause for Canonization Advances**

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. —** The cause for sainthood for Father Michael McGivney, a parish priest in Connecticut who founded the Knights of Columbus, has taken another official step forward.

At the fraternal organization's 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio earlier this month, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reported "there is good news concerning Father McGivney's cause. A possible miracle attributed to his intercession is now under investigation in Rome."

If the miracle is approved, Father McGivney would be beatified and receive the title of "Blessed."

"If he were beatified now, he would be the first United States-born parish priest to be beatified," noted Brian Caulfield, the vice postulator for Father McGivney's cause for canonization.

Explaining the process for this new step, Caulfield said, "We were investigating at the diocesan level, and that investigation has been completed. All the documentation was delivered to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican in March."

He noted that there were no initial objections to the documentation, and the Vatican congregation is moving forward with its role. "It is now in the early stages of investigation there," Caulfield said.

"The Vatican is now gathering a medical commission to study the possible miracle and determine if it is beyond medical explanation."

If the commission approves, "then it goes to a theological commission, which will decide whether to send a recommendation to the Holy Father for approval," Caulfield said. "Then this would be the miracle for the declaration for the beatification."

At the Vatican, the steps for Father McGivney's cause are being handled by the postulator, Andrea Ambrosi. He works closely with the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and has completed many causes brought from more than 40 countries.

Along with serving as postulator for Father McGivney's cause, Ambrosi is postulator for several more candidates' causes, including Blessed Pope John XXIII, Blessed John Henry Newman, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Fathers Augustus Tolton, Emil Kapaun and Patrick Peyton, each designated a "Servant of God."

In December 2011, Caulfield was appointed vice postulator to succeed Dominican Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the initial vice postulator when Father McGivney's cause officially opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., in 1997. Father O'Donnell, now an administrator at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, remains director of the Father McGivney Guild, the official source of information on his life and cause for canonization.

God Bless  
Herbert Swoope

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It's only because of your support that Special Olympics Florida is proud to have 16 athletes represent the USA at the Special Olympics World Games where 7,000 athletes from 165 countries descend upon Los Angeles to show the true meaning of courage, joy and determination. Tune into ESPN2 this week for nightly competition updates and athlete profiles.

**Breaking Records & Stereotypes**  
Swimmer Andy Miyares Wins Medal at World Games

**Unified Bowlers Earn Gold**  
Unified Sports Make a Big Impact at World Games

In their competition, Florida athletes took home the gold for bowling as a Unified Team. "This event was different from past competitions because of all the people watching me, but it was still joyful because of all the athletes around me," said Unified Partner Aaron. Alex and Aaron are competing in Unified Doubles and Unified Team, a sport format that pairs athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team as a way to foster friendship and inclusion. Alex and Aaron compete again today - get all competition results online.

**Unified Soccer Comes Out on Top**  
Florida Team Plays China, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein

Special Olympics USA's unified soccer team from Florida dominated the field on Tuesday with a 4-2 win over Luxembourg. "We gave it our all and came out on top," said Chris. "We came out to play today." It was a close game but the team pulled through and brought home a victory for Florida and the USA. "You just have to do your best, have fun, work hard, and believe," said Andrew. Today's game finished with a close score of five to four, with Liechtenstein claiming a victory. However, the USA is not phased and is ready to play the Czech Republic tomorrow in another game that will determine who they play for the gold.

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

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**Brother Knights,**

**We have another opportunity to serve that we would like to share with you, as passed on by Jesse Martinez.**

**On Saturday, August 15, 2015 Nativity Catholic Church will host the first diocesan Hispanic ministry event. This also happens to be the same day as the Fourth Degree. So, if you won't be at the Fourth Degree, you may be able to help with this one.**

**It will be called, "Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry: Missionary Disciple: Where do you Come from and Where are you Going?" Events will begin with registration at 9:00 am, followed by 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Lynch, speakers, and table discussions. The day will end with closing prayer and sending at 3:30 PM. Bishop Lynch will deliver the first keynote and will have a session of Q & A (in English), followed by Spanish Keynotes.**

**Spanish is not required; just a heart of service. Whether you are of Hispanic descent, or not, we are all called to serve each other. According to a national study by Dr. Hoffman Ospino from Boston College, and CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate), more than 55% of all US Catholics under the age of 30 are Hispanic.**

**Refreshments and lunch will be provided. If you can make it, wearing your Knights polo shirt will be a visible show of support to this effort.**

**Please consider service to evangelizing our Hispanic youth. Jesse Martinez has more information and will be at the event with our Vida Joven youth. He can be reached at [Jesse, please insert your contact info here].**

**God Bless,  
Ray**

### **Family Fraternal Benefits**

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

To learn more about these contact your agent.

### **Insurance Products**

**Permanent Plans** Do you need life insurance that lasts as long as you live? Our permanent plans are your best option.

**Term Plans** Are your life insurance needs temporary? Many people's needs are, indeed, temporary - even though they may be of long duration.

**Long Term Care** Are you prepared for the unexpected? Record numbers of people are living into their 80s, 90s... and even past the age of 100.

**Annuities** Is your income secured for your retirement? The beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

**Disability Income** Protects your most important asset - your income - in the event of a disability.

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**CORP COMM AUGUST 9, 2015**  
**8:30 AM MASS / BREAKFAST AFTER MASS**

### **Purpose of the Color Corps**

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

**Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;

**Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

**Fraternity** – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and

**Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



### **Prayer for the Sick**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Linda Boes  
Barbara A. Babiarz  
Joe & Tomiko Rynn  
Ron Watford:  
Ruth Waid  
Kathy Olsen  
Dick Hardesty  
Dean Jacobson  
Bob Yelton  
The family of Cindy Winne  
Bob Yelton  
Marty Condon  
Irma Barrett



**"Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"**

Saint Paul teaches that when one member of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer. Perhaps the most visible annual event of the charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus is the Citizens with Disabilities Campaign. Affectionately known as the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Tootsie Rolls® it hands out. The Citizens with Disabilities Campaign aims to collect donation to help those individuals with intellectual disabilities amongst us.

What a great job the Brother Knight did this Year,

**THE FINAL DOLLARS COLLECTED  
THIS YEAR \$2,649.00**

**THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE  
LOPEZ SCHOOL**

The school was named after First Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez. He was born August 23, 1925 in Tampa, Florida and attended Hillsborough High School.

Baldomero Lopez was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for smothering a hand grenade with his own body during the Inchon Landing, on September 15, 1950.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, 1st Lt Lopez's decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star, China Service Medal, and Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars.

Shortly after the outbreak of the Korean War, he volunteered for duty as an infantry officer in Korea. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on June 16, 1950.

First Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez. Lopez was forever immortalized in a picture of him leading his men over the seawall at Inchon.

The photo was taken during the Assault on Red Beach, 5th Marines, September 15, 1950.

A few minutes after it was taken, Lieutenant Lopez sacrificed his life, smothering a live hand grenade with his own body to protect his men.

It was an act of bravery that earned him the Nation's top military decoration, the Medal of Honor



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**BISHOP CHARLES MCLAUGHLIN  
4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 1850  
7TH ANNUAL SOCK HOP  
FUND-RAISER FOR VAVS  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015**

**7:00PM - 11:00 PM**

**BRANDON EAGLES CLUB  
1810 FRONT STREET, VALRICO, FL 33594**

**STEAK OR CHICKEN DINNER DRESS IN  
50'S - 60'S**

**60'S CONTEST - BEST DRESSED MALE AND  
FEMALE**

**TICKETS \$15**

**The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the principle of Patriotism, and has led the Order in this effort through the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Our nation was formed for "God and Country". It is now our obligation to aid these valiant veterans. Our efforts are to maintain contact with active, injured, nursing home residents and retired military and their families. The Order is dedicated to visiting and supplying needed items that are not readily available to them. Our soldiers didn't let us down by serving our Country, and the Knights won't let them down now.**

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### Fourth Degree

The exemplification for the Florida District, Fourth Degree will be held Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 4500 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607.  
The room rate is - \$100 plus tax per night

For reservation call (813) 879-4800 (Must mention you are with the Knights of Columbus to receive this negotiated rate)  
Cut off Date for room reservations is July 20, 2015

Candidates' registration begins at 9:00AM with the exemplification beginning at 11:00AM.

All candidates Form 4's and Candidates, Sir Knights, Spouse and Guest order form MUST be submitted to the Master no later than August 5, 2015. See Form 4 sample and insure all necessary information is completed.

Candidates and Sir Knights dress for the Exemplification is to be: black tuxedo, plain white pleated tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black shoes, and black cummerbund. Members of the Armed Forces may wear their full military dress uniform in place of the tuxedo.

Dress for the Banquet will be, Formal wear for Sir Knights and the Ladies, suitable dress for the occasion.

No Banquet tickets will be sold at the exemplification. All meal reservation must be made prior to arrival.

### Recruitment

Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights are encouraged to visit local councils and inform potential candidates about the Fourth Degree. Solicit the assistance of Area Section Leaders, Diocesan Vice Marshals, and other Sir Knights in our recruitment efforts.



### Emblem of the Patriotic Degree

### Fourth Degree Emblem

The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

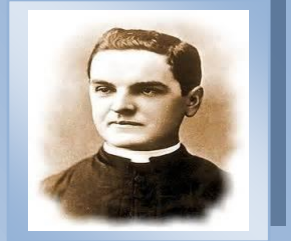
The colors of the symbols are:

A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.

A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.

A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.



## Answering the Call to Service

The Knights of Columbus has grown to new heights in its charitable giving and volunteer hours during 2014, once again answering Pope Francis' call to reach out to those in need, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the state deputies and state deputy-elects in his address at the 2015 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

According to the K of C's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014, donations grew by more than \$3.4 million over 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

"These numbers show that the Knights of Columbus has the courage to make a witness to charity and to practice fraternal outreach to those in need," Supreme Knight Anderson said.

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knights of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million in support of athletes who will take part in this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The funds will cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the athletes as they travel to the games, stay there during the competition, and return home. Supreme Knight Anderson also asked state jurisdictions to step up their already strong support for Special Olympics athletes.

Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance to those suffering persecution and dislocation in Iraq and the surrounding region.

"It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia — simply for their faith," said Mr. Anderson at the program's inception in August. "It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them."

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Byzantine and Latin Rite Catholic communities of war-torn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014 through such programs as the Black Friday Coats for Kids event, Food for Families and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the American Wheelchair Mission.

During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 billion to charity and 691 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.



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<u>9</u> <b>CRXD</b> <u>Corporate Communion</u> 8:30 Service	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> <b>CRXD</b> <u>Father McGivney's Birthday Rosary</u> 7:00 pm	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <b>CRXD</b> <u>Fourth Degree Exemplification</u>  Audit report due
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <b>CRXD</b> <u>ASSEMBLY MEETING 7:30 PM ADULT ED</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
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