



The Knights Review



2020 - 2021 Fraternal Year

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August 2020

Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

Another month has gone by, and we are still in this midst of this pandemic. Let us all take time to remember those in need. Let us show our brothers and sisters what it means to be a Knight. Let us ask for the intercession of our founder, Father McGivney to help us help all those in need. Together, we will make a difference.

YBIC

Victor Figueroa, GK



Pray Everyday

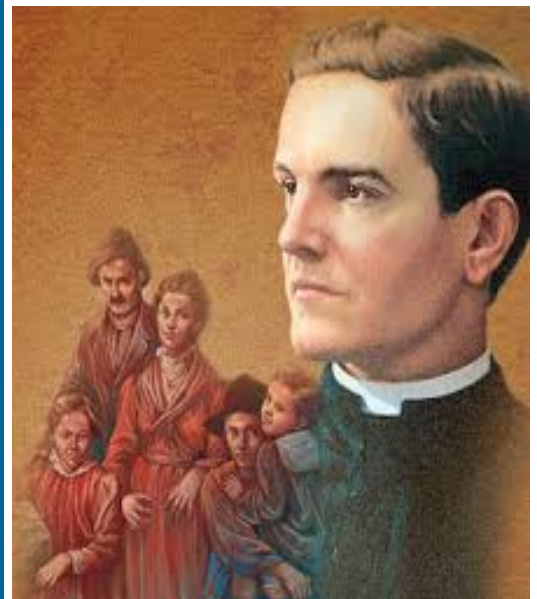


**Deputy Grand Knight,
Sean Flatley, PGK**

The month of August is a special month. Not only is August my birthday month, but also the month (Aug. 12, 1852) that our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney was born. By-the-way; August 14, 1890, was the date he died.

In the first memorial service after his death, this tribute was given by his Knights:

"He was a man of the people. He was zealous of his people's welfare, and all the kindness of his priestly soul asserted itself more strongly in his unceasing efforts for the betterment of their condition...Oh, Reverend Founder...that act alone which gave life to the Knights of Columbus has surely secured for thee everlasting joy and eternal peace."



Our Financial Secretary Corner



Brother Knights:

We have five new Brother Knights that have joined us. Each month we will feature two, and this month:



Ciro Adames
Paralegal
3rd Degree Knight



Crisanto (Cris) Damian
Chef
3rd Degree Knight



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August Meeting Dates

Assembly 1855, Bishop Bernard F Popp Fourth Degree Meeting

Holy Name Catholic Church, 3814 Nash Blvd., San Antonio, TX

Online Meetings scheduled through **Zoom.com** on the Second Thursday of each month, at 6:30pm

San Antonio Archdiocese Chapter Meeting: through Zoom.com on the third Wednesday of each Month...starting at 6:30pm

Our Council 15343 Meeting

Santo Niño Parish Hall
5655 Rigsby Ave
San Antonio, TX, Meet
fourth Thursday of
each Month (July
23th) at 6:30pm.

(Zoom)



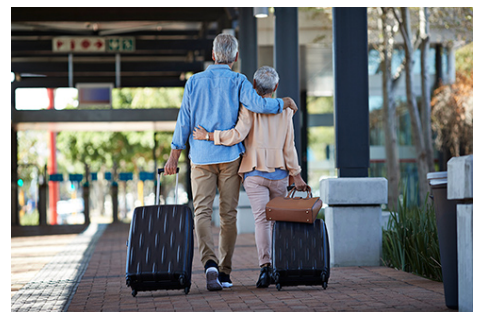
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Knights of Columbus INSURANCE Our Field Agent

Retirement Annuities: An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream. Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed. Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from. Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with with many different payment and plan types which determine the nature of the annuity. Once established, the money within an annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect. Your principle is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value. Also the Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis. There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities: Single Premium Annuity, Flexible Premium Annuity, and Single Premium Immediate Annuity. There are also different Plan Types: Non-Qualified Annuity, Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity, and the Roth Individual Retirement Annuity. We also offer Tax Shelter Annuities and Simplified Employee Pension options. So as you can see, to offer you and your loved one the life you deserve at retirement; contact your Knights of Columbus field agent to learn more about our retirement annuities.

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Important Upcoming Events

Membership Exemplification (1st-3rd)

Online Exemplification ceremony scheduled for August, 2020. Contact our FS for time and details.

Exemplification's are offered now 'On Demand'...online, any day, anytime.

Financial Secretary On-Line Training: August 12th, to register go to: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tk;rd06uqi8tHtNxOHmPeQGhp4qNOrYgq7EI](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tk;rd06uqi8tHtNxOHmPeQGhp4qNOrYgq7EI) . After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Diocesan Organization Meeting (Live) on Aug. 22, 2020 at 8am to 1pm, for all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Program Directors (noted on Form 365). Meeting will be held at Mikulski Hall, 509 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX 78154

This is a mandatory meeting for Council officers noted above.

August Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights in August.

- Jun Sorio.....3rd
- SK Jonathan DeJesus.....4th
- SK Charles Jordan III.....8th
- Sean Flatley.....14th
- Frank Licon.....17th
- Bienvedido Villegas.....20th
- SK Peter McNamee.....21st
- Clyde Crain.....23rd

Our Prayers Offered

We pray for the recovery, and needs of the Brother Knights and their families.

Rodrigo (Rod) O Tapawan

In Memoriam - Our Fallen Knights

- Eddie G Cantu.....1944 - 2011
- Frank A Gonzalez.....1971 - 2015
- Romeo R Gregorio.....1937 - 2020
- SK Gerald D Langloss, Sr.....1933 - 2017
- SK Manuel M Tamayo.....1925 - 2020
- Segundino (Ding) Ucab.....1948 - 2018
- Rochester (Roy) Whitaker.....1948 - 2017



Fourth Degree Corner

Upcoming Event:

Sir Knights need to attend Assembly 1855 (4th Degree) normally meet at Holy Name Catholic Church. Now by Zoom (online) on the second Thursday of each month.

Online Exemplification: ...Details pending.

Brother Knights: As you know we are living in extraordinarily difficult times. Our faith, freedom, health, and safety are at risk like no other time in history. We call on every Knight to lead their family with daily prayer, Pray for a healing of heart for those running the streets, for wisdom and guidance of both Law enforcement and protester, and an end to this pandemic Healing attitudes, hearts, and leadership to focus on the good within each of us, and what we have in common...a loving God that wants nothing but the best for us, our family, and Country. God bless you!

Council 15343 Officers 2020 - 2021

- Chaplain: Rev. Father Arnold Ibarra
- Grand Knight: Victor Figueroa..... 210-241-4471
- Deputy Grand Knight: Sean Flatley 210-844-0199
- Financial Secretary: Lio Sanchez..... 210-284-3826
- Treasurer: Ed Candelaria
- Chancellor: Robert Mendez
- Recorder: SK Jim Irwin
- Advocate: SK Peter McNamee
- Warden: Juan Anaya
- Inside Guard: Jimmy Tello
- Outside Guard: Daniel Lozano
- Trustee - 1 year: SK Henry Mendez
- Trustee - 2 year: SK Dr.Ubaldo Beato
- Trustee - 3 year: Rene Ona
- Trustee Emeritus: SK Dr. Ted Jaceldo
- Lecturer: Jun Sorio



Pro Life – Activities within San Antonio Area



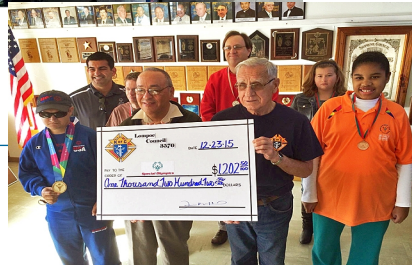
Texas, Your Gift Can Change a Life!

Go to: <https://give.specialolympics.org/texas>

Did you know that Special Olympics is Texas's largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities? And today, when you donate to Special Olympics International, you'll contribute the equipment, attire, and health supplies that can help transform an athlete's life – both in Texas, and around the world.

Special Olympics – Activities within San Antonio area

Please contact SK Henry Gonzales for information on how we can help
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District Deputy Corner

• Greetings Brother Knights

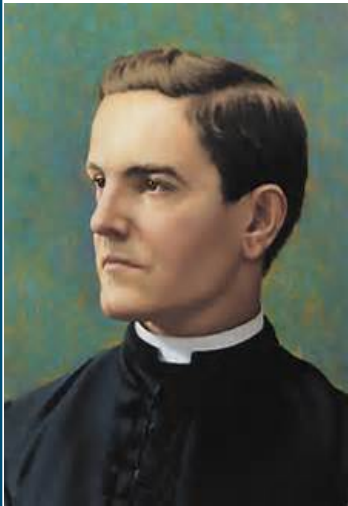
Our Council is growing, with six new members joining our ranks at the beginning of this fraternal year. Although our parish may be small,

our love for our faith, Church, and each other is tremendous. It's been tremendously tough because of this pandemic, anti-Catholic/Christian sentiments, and social/anti-American unrest; but we have remained strong, and are growing. There seems to be no other time, that men of faith have answered God's call to stand up, be leaders and protectors of not only our families, but our Church, community and Country as well. So I'm asking each of you to join us when we have our meetings on-line (Zoom), and show your support. We need to participate and work together with our "Leave No

Brother Behind" and "Leave No Neighbor Behind" programs. Helping with these programs, is only a matter of using your telephone to call and check up on Brother Knights, friends and neighbors. Let them know your concern for their wellbeing, and ask how they're doing. Offer to pray with them, or for them.

I'd like to remind our officers to communicate with each other, attend the Organization meeting in Schertz on August 22nd. Remember to wear your mask and social-distancing will be enforced. But this meeting will help us learn how to operate our Council during this tough time, and our role with our parish.

We have the phone numbers of our Officers noted within this newsletter, but also if you utilize our webpage (www.kofc15343.org) you will be able to log-in and find contact information, and information regarding Council operation. Again, be supportive, and as active as you can with our Council. God Bless!



10 Things You Didn't Know About The Founder Of The Knights Of Columbus

By Andrew Butler 3/28/19

Father Michael J. McGivney is A Timeless Witness To The Faith

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn. in 1882, Maybe you already knew that he envisioned a Catholic order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families. But you probably didn't know these facts:

1. **Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.** Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father

McGivney that she asked to see.

2. **He was a heck of a baseball player.** We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights.

3. **More forward-thinking than Yale?** Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director. At a time when, according to *Parish Priest*, nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. **He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.** Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. They organized and participated in sports and theatrical productions. McGivney offered members a meeting space with books, magazines, and a piano. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

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5. **His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.** Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. **He ministered to inmates.** Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year old Chip Smith, who..while drunk..shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged. Father McGivney visited him daily, and on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

7. **He was only 38 years old when he died.** And that's actually not surprising - life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut in the 19th century, when the Catholic population was growing, disease was common and the priests were overworked.

8. **He's on the path to sainthood.** His cause for canonization has been approved, as he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008. (Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession on May 27, 2020. The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.)

9. **His belongings were burned when he died.** When Father McGivney died of tuberculosis, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of the disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings survived.

10. **He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from Columbia magazine):**

(a) **Employment and finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.

(b) **Substance abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.

(c) **Family reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.

(d) **Return to the faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.



*Prayer for the Canonization of
Father Michael J. McGivney*
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.