



# The Knights Review



2020 - 2021 Fraternal Year

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July 2020

## Grand Knight's Message



**Brother Knights,**

**I am thankful to be chosen to lead our council this coming year. I know these are trying times, I just pray that each and every one of us can will keep pushing forward. I look forward to when we are able to meet up again in our meetings and any events we will have this year. Let's all keep praying for the end of the pandemic, social unrest, and ask Mama Mary to guide us.**

**YBIC Victor Figueroa, GK**



### **Rest in Peace ACTS Brothers**



**Jun Belvis  
1942-2020**



**Gilbert Noriega  
1942-2020**



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

Brothers, it's with much sadness that we learned of the passing of two of our long-time Santo Niño parishioners, **Brother Jun Belvis, and Gilbert Noriega.** Both had been involved with different ministries and very supportive of our Parish. Both were very active with the ACTS missions.

Brother Jun was a member of our Knights of Columbus Council 15343, and later transferred to the Council with St. Francis of Assisi. He was very active as an Extraordinary Minister and Lecturer/commentator with our Parish.

Gilbert Noriega was the one that pioneered our Parish Master Plan, Budget planning, as well as always being the go-to-guy that Father used for important projects.

These were great men, leaders, fathers, husbands, and strong in their faith and wiliness to help others. They will surely be missed, but always remembered and loved. We pray for their families, and loved ones mourning their loss. May they rest in peace....Amen.



# Pray Everyday

### 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:



Recruitment is often just asking, We all know young men interested in joining our ranks, to make a difference within their home, parish and community.



**Ryan Rey**  
College Student  
Physical Therapy

We live in trying times, but we have Brothers as these, willing to take up the shield as Knights, protect our faith through prayer and example, feeding the hungry in body and spirit, knowing that by working together, great things can, and will happen to make this world a better place with Jesus at the helm. We are Men of Faith.



**Edgar Hernandez**  
College Student  
Engineer Major

We welcome each new Brother, and look forward to working with each of them on making a difference within our parish and community. God bless each of you and your families!

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### July 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)



### Knights of Columbus INSURANCE Our Field Agent

**Disability Income Insurance:** Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident. Disability income insurance helps protect your most important financial asset - your paycheck - so it should be an important part of every family's planning. Long-term disability is much more common than other unfortunate circumstances that are commonly covered by insurance. Consider the fact that you face a 1 in 100 risk of losing your home to a fire, but a 1 in 4 risk of suffering a long-term disability. Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability - nearly 11million Americans are without private disability income insurance. In addition, any disability income insurance you may have through your employer may very well be insufficient or contingent on certain circumstances (like worker's compensation). Knights of Columbus disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit amount over the course of a maximum benefit period designed to help replace the income that you would have otherwise received if your were able to work. You are free to use your disability income benefits in whatever way you see fit - just like you would with your own paycheck. Knights of Columbus Disability Income policies also come with special features, such as a total, partial, of presumptive disability income benefits, which help protect against special circumstances. As an added bonus, our disability income which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day elimination period, after which you benefits will begin to be paid. A number of special features and benefits - often called riders - are available on Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products. For example, a cost of living adjustment rider helps keep pace with inflation. Contact me today to learn more. God bless you!



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# Important Upcoming Events

## Membership Exemplification (1st-3rd)

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

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

**There will be a Diocesan-wide Exemplification (1st-3rd degrees) on July 15th, 6:30pm, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. This is a live ceremonial. Email dcolton@satx.rr.com if interested.**



## 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:

**July 2020 - Online...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!

## July Birthdays

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

- Gregory Gamboa.....1st
- Kenneth (Blair) Hogue.....2nd
- Julius Nasis.....4th
- Dwight Taylor.....4th
- Cecilio De Jesus.....7th
- Victor Sanchez.....15th

## 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



## 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**



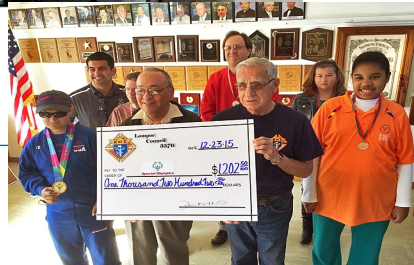
**Texas, Your Gift Can Change a Life!**

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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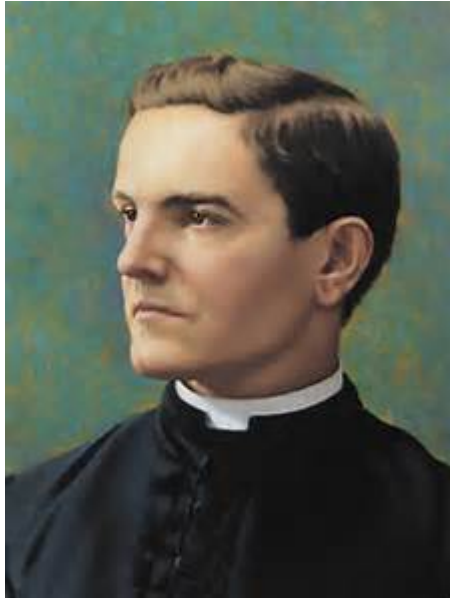


## District Deputy Corner

### • Greetings Brother Knights

Having been a Council 15343 member, officer, former DD, now asked to return as your District Deputy makes me feel like I went the full circle, and returned. Needless to say, I love this Council and my Brother Knights here. My desire is help our Council in anyway possible to reach their potential as a Star Council, and continue to grow in meaningful, fun-filled events that support not only our mission, by our great parish as well. It's fun being a Knight when we all pull in the same direction, and having new Brother Knights joining our Council will give them the chance to roll up their sleeve and have some fun too. However, I've been asked to define 'fun', and for a Knight it's that unique warm feeling you feel inside knowing the little things you do together as Brothers is making a difference...could be cooking for a fundraiser, helping build a wheelchair ramp for someone in need, helping Special Olympic kids feel special, or praying to end the killing of babies by abortion. Going home to your family, praying together, and being a father to your kids. Setting an example of what a Knight is all about. There's over 2 million of us, worldwide....and possibly over 2 million different stories on why being a Knight is special....You just heard mine.

**God Bless!**



### **MIRACLE APPROVED! FATHER MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED!**

Priest launched international lay movement, died in 19th century pandemic

ROME News Release– The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

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.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

### **Faith in Action**

For more than a century, Knights of Columbus have followed the formula of faith put forth by Father McGivney. Today, with a model called Faith in Action, nearly two-million Knights throughout the world live out the Order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with programs such as Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Ultrasound Initiative, Special Olympics, Vocations Support, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Consecration to the Holy Family, and days of spiritual reflection.

**Thanks to the structure of the Order and the trust that Father McGivney placed in his men from the beginning, there is no limit to the good that a Knight today can do for his family, his parish, his council, and his community as he puts his faith into action.**



# How Knights Added “Under God” to the Pledge

Patriotism and faith compelled Knights to petition U.S. government to make addition in the early 1950s

By Andrew Fowler  
7/2/2020



College Knights says the Pledge of Allegiance after the opening benedictions at the College Council Conference, Sep. 22, 2006

The Pledge of Allegiance has undergone several revisions since it was initially written back in 1892 by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy. The last significant change came in 1954 during the midst of the Cold War, when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a congressional resolution adding the words “under God.”

This revision would have never happened without advocacy by the Knights of Columbus.

In a letter thanking the Order, President Eisenhower stated that these words “remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded.”

The original Pledge had no references to God. However, the Knights personally inserted "under God" into their recitations at the opening of Fourth Degree assembly meetings in 1951. Momentum grew within the Knights to petition the United States Congress to revise the Pledge.

At the time, Supreme Knight Luke Hart was president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, which adopted "under God" into its own Pledge recitations in 1952. From that year until 1954, the Supreme Council repeatedly sent copies of their resolutions to members of Congress, U.S. senators, Vice President Richard Nixon and President Eisenhower.

The appeals received generally positive feedback, with Rep. Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan introducing one of 17 eventual congressional resolutions to officially add "under God." Significant support for the movement grew when Presbyterian minister George Docherty preached about the words, saying, "To omit the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive character of the American way of life." President Eisenhower was in attendance and heard the sermon.

The congressional resolution was adopted by the House and Senate, and President Eisenhower signed it on June 14, 1954. Several years later, St. John Paul XXIII "[expressed his gratification](#)" to the Knights of Columbus for their advocacy because "some 30 million children, at the beginning of each school day, acknowledged the existence of God and their dependence upon Divine Providence."