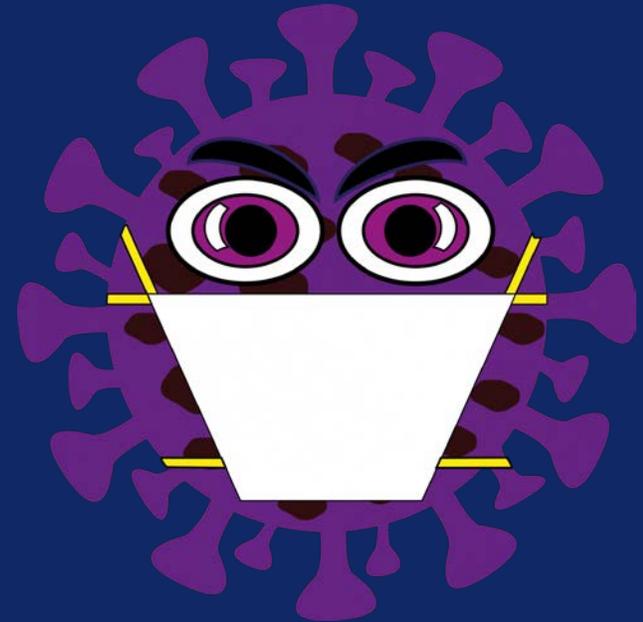




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Welcome to the Mid – Year Pandemic Meeting

**R.I. State Council
January 9, 2021**



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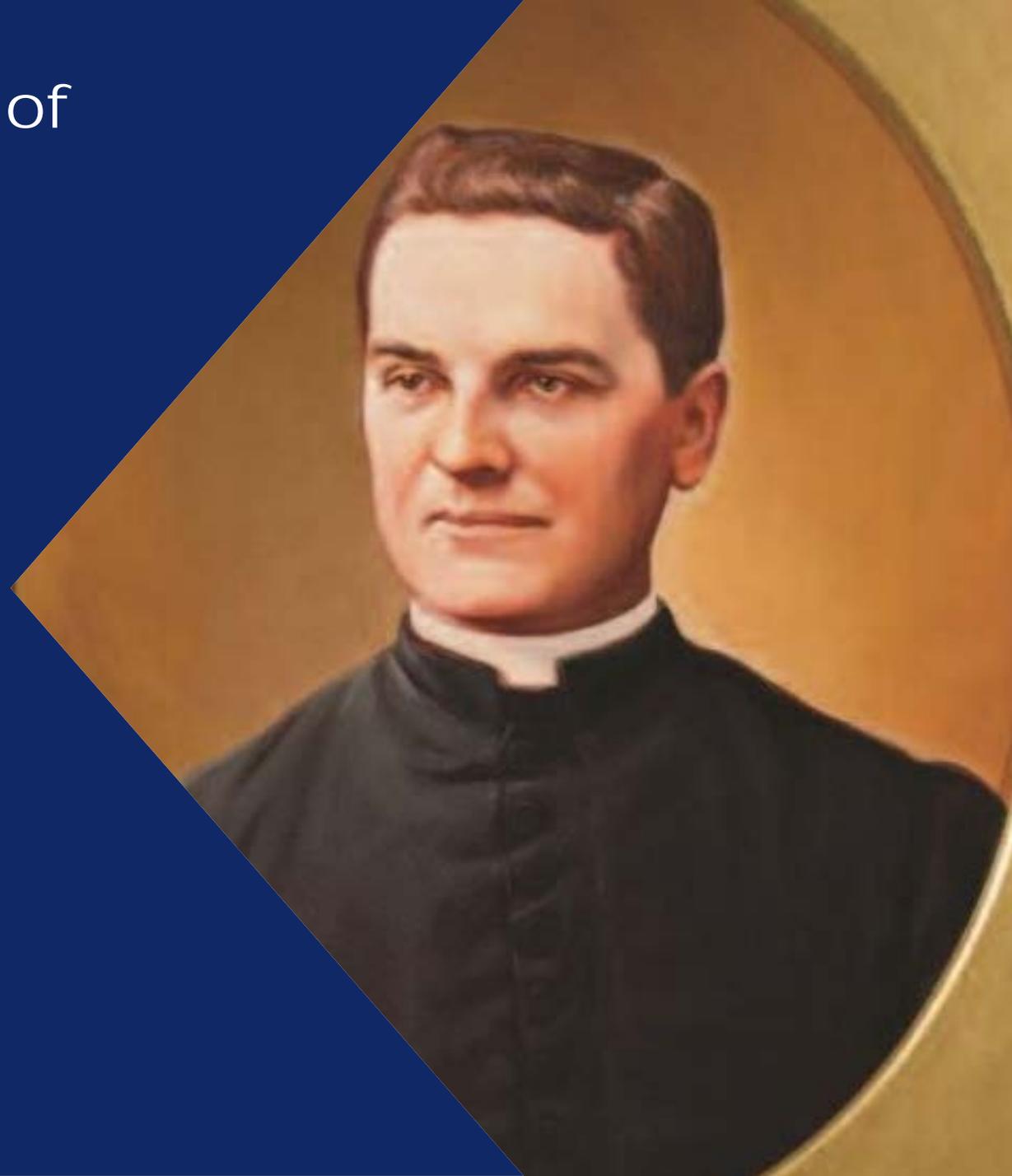
ROOM TO WAIT

Waiting is one of the hardest things you will face. You might find yourself waiting on a spouse, on children, on a promotion, on a home or on a new car – and you wonder if there is purpose in the delay. When you have to wait for something you really want, it develops perseverance (a willingness to do something in spite of the hardships faced)



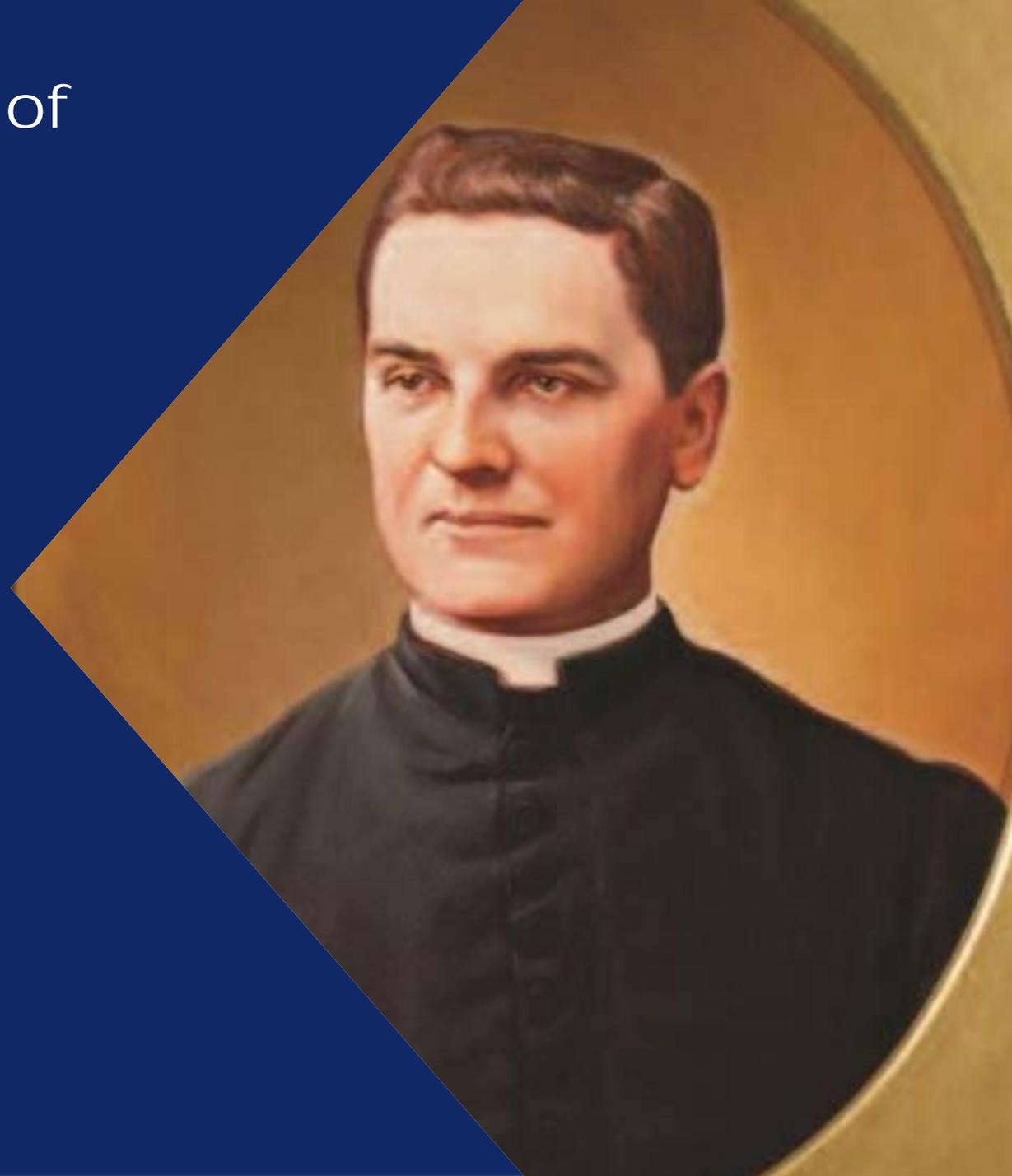
Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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 Blessed Michael 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.

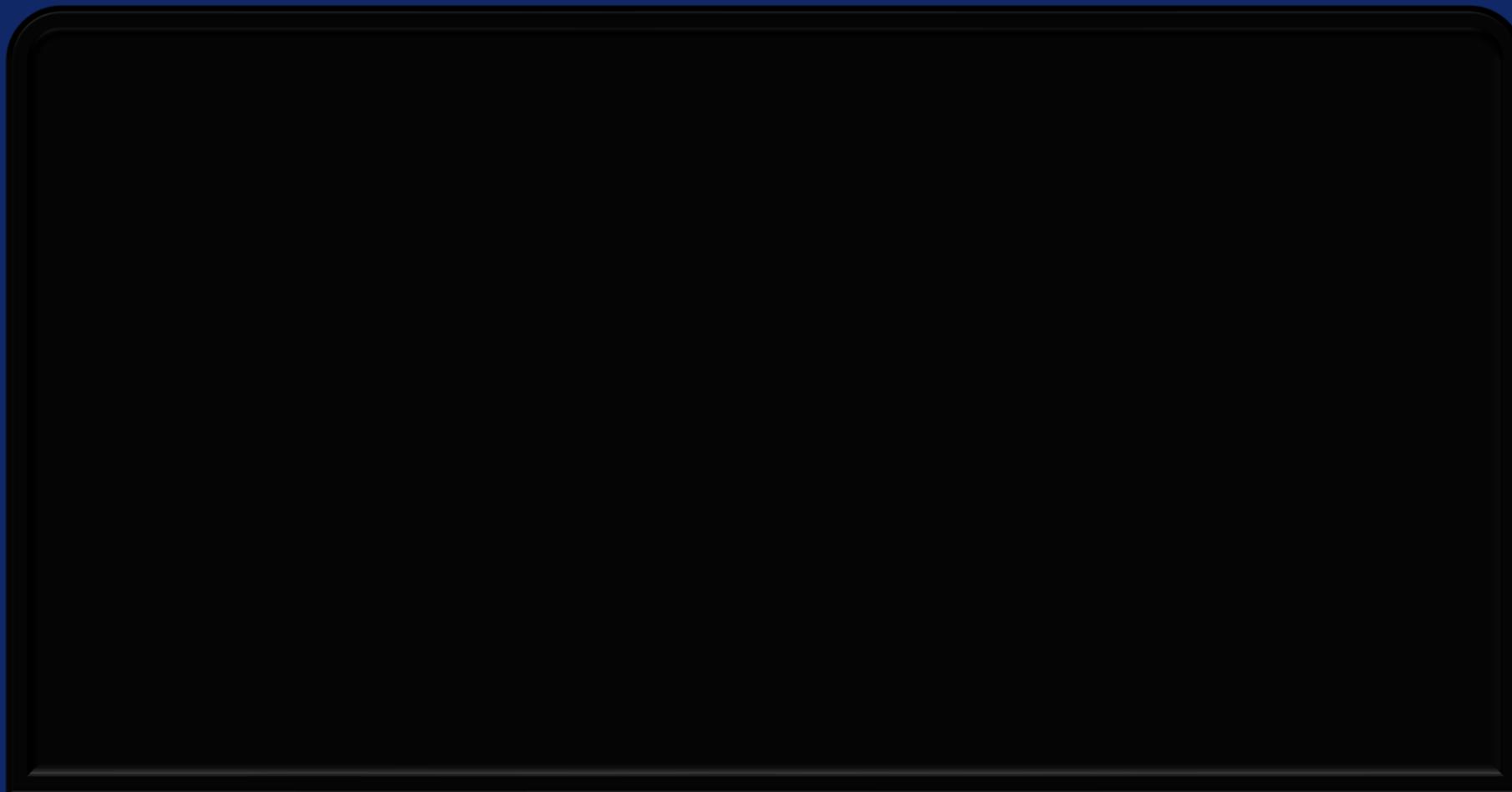


Mid – Year Agenda

1. Opening Prayer, Pledge and Remarks – 10:00 – 10:15
2. Supreme Knights Message – 10:15 – 10:30
3. Membership / Insurance Update – 10:30 – 11:40
 1. Council
 - a) Insurance Program
 - b) College Council / New Council Development
 - c) Membership Retention
4. Supreme Wardern, Supreme Representative, Master of the 4th Degree – 11:40 – 12:00
5. Lunch – 12:00 – 12:30
6. Programs - 12:30 – 1:30
7. State Officers – 1:30 – 1:50
8. Discussion / Closing Remarks – 1:50 – 2:30



Supreme Knights Message for the Mid - Year



State Deputy Message

The Guidelines for Council Meetings

- Comprehensive reference
- Best practices
- Helpful appendices



**The Guidelines for
Council Meetings**



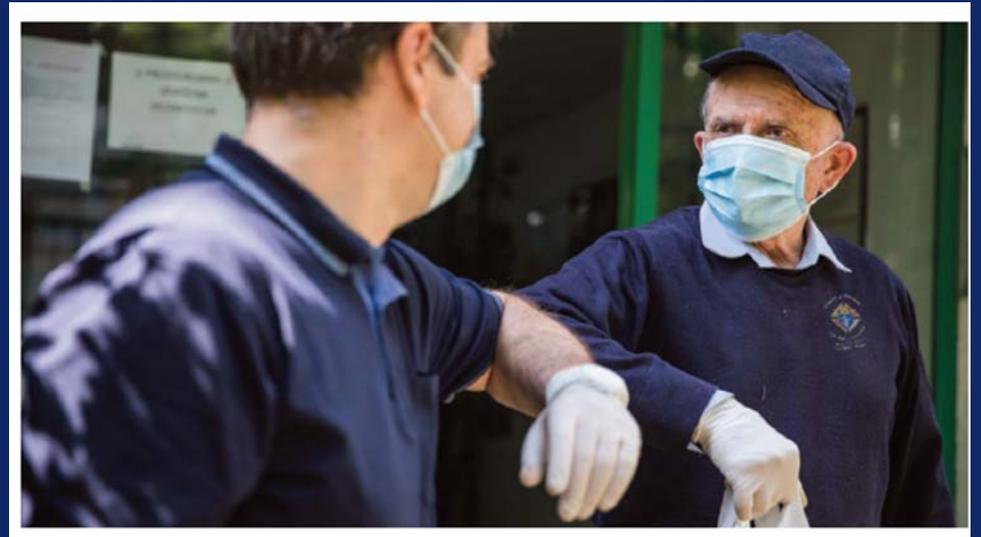
Council Meetings: COVID-19 Precautions

Considerations for In-Person Meetings During Times of Pandemic

When this guidebook was written, the COVID-19 pandemic was in a third spike of new infections. States and cities had tightened and relaxed restrictions, only to tighten them yet again. Throughout these cycles of public health measures, authorities continuously sought to prevent the spread of disease and protect the vulnerable who have pre-existing medical conditions or exceed 60 years of age.

Until COVID-19 is eradicated and no longer a public health concern, Grand Knights must exercise prudential judgement when holding in-person meetings. These meetings may not put members, volunteers, or guests at risk. Physical attendance should not be demanded of any member who is concerned about risks to his health. The following suggestions, which are not all encompassing, should be followed:

- Obey the rules and guidelines of the Center for Disease Control, state, county, city, diocese, and parish.
- Host only essential meetings in-person. Hold non-essential meetings virtually.
- Use entry controls to prohibit attendance by sick members.
- Record the name and contact information of attendees.
- Use personal protective equipment (masks and gloves) required by local authorities.
- Observe social distancing and group size requirements.
- Disinfect surfaces before and after the meeting.
- Use hand sanitizer extensively.
- Do not offer self-serve food or drink.
- Arrange for virtual participation by members who are unable to physically attend.



Council Meetings: Agenda & Script

Appendix B: Council Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA) or Patriotic Display of Loyalty
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
5. Chaplain's Message
6. Grand Knight's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Membership Report
 - Balloting of Candidates for Admission or Transfer
9. Other Reports
 - Programs
 - Committees
 - Fourth Degree
 - Insurance Agent
 - District Deputy
 - Other
10. Unfinished Business (*motions carried over from previous meetings*)
11. New Business (*new motions*)
 - Bills Not Previously Approved
12. Good of the Order
 - Awards (*Family and Knight of the Month, etc.*)
13. Lecturer's Reflection (*optional*)
14. Grand Knight's Summary
15. Closing Prayer (*including intentions for sick or distressed members*): Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney
16. Adjournment



Appendix C: Grand Knight Script for Council Meeting

1. Call to Order

☞ Brothers, we are about to open this council meeting. All persons who are not Knights or honored guests shall please retire from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed, and the guards assume their positions.
2. Opening Prayer*

☞☞☞ Brothers and guests, let us invoke the Divine blessing as our Chaplain leads us in the Lord's Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA)

Brothers and guests, please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
☞
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were transmitted to all members.

Are any corrections or additions required?

I seek a motion to approve the minutes.

The minutes are approved. ☞
5. Chaplain's Message

Worthy Chaplain, please enlighten us with your message.
6. Grand Knight's Report
7. Financial Report

Worthy Treasurer, please report the council's financial status.
8. Membership Report

Worthy Membership Director, please give us your report and present applications for new members and transfers.

(Call for a motion, discussion, and vote on admissions and transfers.)

The applications are approved. ☞



Council Meetings: Guidelines

Conducting the Meeting

1. The Grand Knight's role during a council meeting is much like that of an orchestra conductor who plans and controls every detail of a performance.
2. The Warden should set up the chamber and stage all ceremonial items like flags, podium, gavel, officer medals, etc. He should also make available ample quantities of masks, gloves and sanitizing supplies as required by church or civil authorities.
3. A technology expert should be assigned to facilitate the participation of virtual attendees.
4. The Guards should welcome and sign in all attendees. Membership cards should be inspected. Only approved guests may remain for the meeting. All should be advised that only council members in good standing are permitted to vote during the meeting. The Warden should present the attendance list to the Recorder for mention in the minutes.
5. New members and guests should be welcomed upon arrival. Grand Knights should formally introduce them to the group shortly after the meeting begins.
6. Good meetings start promptly on time and finish exactly when expected. This is a matter of respecting the valuable time of our brothers. Members should never feel trapped in a meeting that seems to go on forever. If that happens, they won't come to another.
7. In general, a council meeting should not exceed one hour. With the pledge of allegiance, opening prayer, closing prayer, and other routine elements, only about 45 minutes are available for everything else. Grand Knights must be ever mindful of the clock.
8. The Recorder should note the attendance of council officers and mention it in the minutes. There is no need to spend time on a formal roll call.
9. Some Grand Knights find it helpful to use a script during council meetings. A convenient script is provided in Appendix C.
10. Some Grand Knights use presentation tools (like PowerPoint) to keep meetings focused. Such tools can facilitate the timely sharing of information. However, users must be proficient with these tools to avoid moments of confusion. A speaker must avoid facing the screen and reading the content with his back turned to the audience.
11. Reading of minutes during a meeting can be time consuming. Recorders can disseminate minutes in advance by electronic means to all members. Minutes distributed in this manner should be secure and confidential. The use of a password-protected Google Doc or uploading to a password-protected council website is advised. If that is done, Robert's Rules of Order presumes that the membership has taken the opportunity to read them. Therefore, the minutes are not read at the meeting, unless requested by a member, and the Grand Knight simply can ask if any additions or corrections are needed before calling for a vote to approve the minutes.
12. The Grand Knight's Report is an opportunity for the Grand Knight to deliver his vision for the council and to encourage member participation in upcoming programs and volunteer activities. He should focus on key issues and important points for members to know. He should avoid

Virtual Council Meeting Guidelines

On March 13, 2020, in response to COVID-19, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council issued guidance strongly recommending that local councils temporarily cease in-person events and continue operations without face-to-face contact. With these emergency restrictions in place, the Supreme Council authorized councils to operate using virtual, electronic methods for meetings and the conduct of regular business. Councils were encouraged to use the technologies that worked best for their members. A series of webinars were conducted to highlight the features, advantages, and disadvantages of these virtual tools and procedures. These webinars remain available online for review at KofC.Org/Webinar.

In general, a virtual meeting follows the same agenda as a regular meeting for content and sequence of events. However, members will likely be seated the whole time, so there is no need to gavel them to sit and stand as done in-person.

The following general practices will enhance the conduct of virtual meetings:

- 1. Test the meeting platform in advance**
Before hosting a virtual meeting, test the online meeting platform with council officers.
- 2. Setup where Wi-Fi is strong**
Set up the laptop or PC where the wireless router signal is strong. Consider using a hard-wired connection to assure uninterrupted internet access.
- 3. Appoint a member to oversee the meeting platform and technology**
Designate a technology expert to operate equipment, assist virtual attendees, manage electronic voting, and other technical issues that arise. This will allow the Grand Knight to focus on running the meeting.
- 4. Use headphones**
Use headphones with a microphone or a Bluetooth headset. Built-in computer audio is not optimal.
- 5. Mute when not speaking**
To reduce interference and background noise, it is best to have all attendees mute themselves when they are not speaking. Unmute only to speak.
- 6. Look at the camera when speaking**
Look directly into the camera when speaking to maintain the attention of those on the other side.
- 7. Raise hands and use chat features**
If a member has something to add or ask, he should raise his hand or use the chat feature of the platform. This will draw the presenter's attention without disrupting his remarks by having two or more people speaking at once.
- 8. Ask for thumbs up and thumbs down**
When seeking group consensus, the presenter should ask for a thumbs up or a thumbs down from the attendees. This will give him a quick visual answer.



Membership

- What changed?
- How do we get there – Bring New Members In?
- Insurance – work with Members and Potential New Members
- Plan with Pastors and Parish Community !!!



Membership Top Recruiters

COUNCIL	MEMBER #	RECRUITED	MEMBER NAME	JURISDICTION
2011	3898587	9	MICHAEL A COLELLO	RHODE ISLAND
379	3793679	5	WARREN R RENSEHAUSEN	RHODE ISLAND
1528	4594282	4	STEVEN A PERRY	RHODE ISLAND
4005	5134291	4	AIDAN CHRISTOPHER CAREY	RHODE ISLAND
2700	2398314	3	LEO O LARIVÉE	RHODE ISLAND
113	4807646	2	PAUL A BOURGET	RHODE ISLAND
379	4866989	2	STEPHEN CAVALIERI	RHODE ISLAND
4005	4605744	2	MR RAYMOND C HEDENSKOG	RHODE ISLAND
5787	5171099	2	MR CHRISTOPHER K BRESNAHAN	RHODE ISLAND
95	4326125	1	ROBERT B HALLBERG	RHODE ISLAND
113	4011596	1	JEFFREY A GAULIN	RHODE ISLAND
256	3734038	1	GREGORY M HUET	RHODE ISLAND
256	4868735	1	JOHN W FLETCHER	RHODE ISLAND
256	4660142	1	THOMAS J MURPHY	RHODE ISLAND
379	4345175	1	ADAM J BARON	RHODE ISLAND
379	130266	1	DAVID R SIMOES	RHODE ISLAND
379	5056228	1	HAROLD E CHENEVERT	RHODE ISLAND
1528	4871056	1	JOSEPH A GIAMMARCO ESQ	RHODE ISLAND
1528	2437439	1	RICHARD C OLIVER	RHODE ISLAND
3563	2730969	1	MICHAEL G CARDARELLI JR	RHODE ISLAND
4331	5034113	1	MATTHEW G MARTINEZ	RHODE ISLAND
5787	4831077	1	BRENDON M QUIGLEY	RHODE ISLAND
10557	4976016	1	FOUAD FARAJ MUSLEH	RHODE ISLAND
10557	2966936	1	PAUL G SCANNELL	RHODE ISLAND
12312	4232342	1	JOSEPH R CARRIGNAN	RHODE ISLAND



Membership Status District Status

Rank	District	Intake	Quota	% achieved
1st	010	16	31	51.61%
2nd	002	12	29	41.38%
3rd	003	10	34	29.41%
4th	001	9	32	28.13%
5th	005	9	38	23.68%
6th	009	14	65	21.54%
7th	007	2	13	15.38%
8th	006	2	20	10.00%
9th	004	1	37	2.70%
10th	008	0	55	0.00%
11th	011	0	25	0.00%
12th	012	0	46	0.00%
13th	013	0	49	0.00%



Membership Top Performing Councils

COUNCIL	Location	# RECRUITED	District	% of Number Recruited
4005	Lincoln	11	10	14.7%
379	Bristol	10	9	13.3%
1528	East Providence	8	5	10.7%
10557	Providence	6	2	8.0%
21	Westerly	5	3	6.7%
5787	Providence	5	1	6.7%
5295	Wakefield	5	3	6.7%
2700	Central Falls	4	1	5.3%
11684	Providence	3	2	4.0%
2965	North Providence	2	2	2.7%
95	Foster	2	7	2.7%
256	Newport	2	9	2.7%
4753	Tiverton	2	9	2.7%
113	Woonsocket	2	10	2.7%
383	Pascoag	2	10	2.7%
2295	Warwick	1	4	1.3%
4331	Providence	1	5	1.3%
5273	Coventry	1	6	1.3%
7238	West Warwick	1	6	1.3%
3618	Portsmouth	1	9	1.3%
12312	Cumberland	1	10	1.3%



RI Membership Growth 2020 - 2021



Membership – What changed?

- Face to Face Opportunity has  by 70%
 - Mass
 - Meetings
 - Events
 - Being out in the public and visible
- Councils are NOT meeting regularly



Membership – Plan With Pastors & Parish Community

- Meet with your Pastors
 - How Can we help
 - Are all of your parishes covered to help with cleaning after mass?
 - Lenten Programs – How Can We Help
 - Prepare for supporting Religious Ed programs with Confirmations & First Communion Gifts



Membership – How Do We Get There?

- We need to work to ensure our Councils are Visible and Active
 - Programs
- Promote Your Councils in Parish Bulletins, Local Media
- Leverage KOFc.org/joinus
- We have New members who joined and want to do things, get them going they are good people to promote what we do, new fresh eyes and Ideas
- And.....



Membership – How Do We Get There?

- MCGIVNEY2020 IS BACK THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021
 - Let's Take Advantage and bring new members IN!!!!
 - Lets look at members who have joined and not transferred to a Council 54 to date, brothers these are easy Direct Council Growth!!!!!! There in the state Queue Already



Membership – How Do We Get There?

NEW YEAR - NEW KNIGHT

Between January 1 and February 28, 2021, the top recruiter in each jurisdiction in the United States and Canada will earn a \$100 USD Visa Gift Card from the Supreme Council.

To qualify, the recruiter must bring in the most Knights during the first two months of 2021 and should be listed as proposer on a Form 100 for council membership OR listed as proposer on an online membership application. The membership application must be received and processed by close of business on February 28, 2021. Periodic leaderboards will be made available on this page so recruiters can chart progress.

Eligibility: This contest is open to all members in the US and Canada except members of the Fraternal Mission Field Team.

TRIP TO NEW HAVEN*

The top four district deputies and top grand knights by percent of net intake will be awarded a trip to the birthplace of the Order.

A total of 8 trips (4 to district deputies and 4 to grand knights) will be awarded. Each awarded trip will go to a district deputy/grand knight and his wife and cover roundtrip airfare, transportation to/from hotel and activities including a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum and St. Mary's. Other local attractions will be added as fit with the schedule. The trip will occur in September/October 2021.

** Only grand knights and district depts*

BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY MEDALLION*

To celebrate the beatification of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, commemorative medallions will be awarded to every recruiter who recruits 5 or more members during the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

**Only recruiters from insurance jurisdictions are eligible for the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Medallion incentive.*



Membership – Insurance Programs

John Ruffo



John A. Ruffo, FICF

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College & New Council Development

PJ Shea



Membership Retention

- Now More than ever we need to be reaching out to membership and find out why they are not involved? Health? Lost connections with members? Not interested, Why?



Membership Retention?

- Begins as soon as the new member joins:
 - Encourage Involvement
 - Promote the Shining Armor Award
- Keep Members Engaged:
 - Participate in Supreme & State Programs
 - Hold Social Events
 - Promote the advancement to Officer Positions



Membership Retention

- No Suspensions This Year:
 - Per Capita has been waived
 - Finances are not a reason for suspension
 - This year is a time to reach out and re-engage
 - Fraternity first and foremost
- Plan Ahead:
 - How will you engage members for the rest of the year
 - Be aware of the State Guidelines & Restrictions
 - Be Creative



Remarks 11:40 – 12:00

Supreme Warden – Mike Benson

Supreme Representative – Bob Ennis

Master of the 4th Degree – Peter Lentini



Programs

<https://site-181864.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/latest-event-campaign/video/6050928297001/faith-in-action?autoStart=true>



Programs

Council Participation in the following Programs:

- Silver Rose
- Soccer Challenge
- ROVAC
- Food for Families
- Coats for Kids
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Into the Breach
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Leave No Neighbor Behind





Woonsocket



Frehill



Bristol



Councils conducting some type of coat donation program included Bristol Council (see photo above in Community Activities), Frehill Council, St. Eugene's Council, and Lincoln Council.



Newport / Middletown

K of C announces charitable events

WOONSOCKET – The Knights of Columbus Woonsocket Council #113 is sponsoring charitable events throughout the month of November.

- Operation ROVAC - Remembering our Veterans at Christmas throughout the month of November. Collection boxes have been placed in the Catholic churches throughout the city of Woonsocket to collect new items that will be donated to veterans at Christmas. Items such as sweatshirts, sweaters, coats, gloves, toiletries, combs, brushes, and more may be dropped off. Sizes from M to 4X.
- A blood drive will be sponsored by the Knights on Sunday, Nov. 22, at St. Joseph Church, Mendon Road, Woonsocket, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- A drive-by toy drive to benefit the children in the Woonsocket area on Saturday, Nov. 28, at All Saints Church, Rathbun Street, Woonsocket, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donate a new unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. The toys will be given to the Woonsocket Police Department, which will distribute them to needy children throughout the city at Christmas.



Chancellor Joe Giammarco & GK Steve Perry with a carload of early Operation ROVAC delivery to be driven to the RI Veterans Home. Not pictured, though present, is PGK Mike DeAngelis.



The photo above & those below are from the ROVAC Collection event. The truck depicted was eventually filled to capacity.



East Providence





Charity in Action Hope By Sea

Larry DeMichele had no idea what was coming. As a program manager of Pope Pius XII Council 5295 in **Narragansett, R.I.**, he was in charge of managing a new charitable drive. The council was gathering goods to donate to a home for adults with disabilities in Jamaica. The **Narragansett** Knights visited the facility every year, and they wanted to do everything they could to help those in need.

But the outpouring of support shocked everyone. The goal was to send a modest shipment down to help. After just three weeks, the campaign had collected more than 3,000 pieces of clothing, nearly 12,000 adult diapers and a huge amount of construction materials that would enable the home to expand. And more donations kept pouring in.

By the time they were done, the Knights had 19,277 pounds of donations — nearly 10 tons — worth \$55,000. The donations had to be picked up by truck and taken to the Port of Newark, where they were put on a cargo ship bound for Kingston, Jamaica.

When it arrived in February, it made an instant difference for the disabled men and women. The **Narragansett** Knights came through for them — big time.

Warwick K of C leaving no neighbor behind



HELP THY NEIGHBOR: Joe Burns, Grand Knight, is pictured here loading boxes into waiting cars at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sandy Lane. Members from the Warwick council provided 25 Christmas meal baskets to Westbay Community Action in the "No Neighbor Left Behind" charity campaign.

By ARDEN BASTIA

The COVID-19 pandemic hasn't stopped the Warwick Knights of Columbus from making an impact on their community, and Grand Knight Joe Burns says this year was the biggest one yet. The theme of this year's Knights of Columbus charitable campaigns is "Leave No Neighbor Behind," a message that Burns says is just what this year needed.

"It's been a tough year for everyone, and we always do the normal charitable stuff, but this year we tried to knock it out of the park."

Burns explained some of the charity work the council has done throughout 2020. During both Thanksgiving and Christmas, they assembled 25 baskets of food to give to families in need. Like always, the organization provided scholarships for students attending Catholic schools like St. Kevin and St. Peter. Just a few weeks ago, they teamed up with the East Providence Knights of Columbus council and participated in Operation ROVAC (Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas). The event helped gather necessities for the Rhode Island Veteran's Home in Bristol. In addition to placing donation boxes in churches and Knights of Columbus halls, the Warwick members went above and beyond. "We did the shopping and went out and bought a bunch of sweaters, sweatpants, socks, gloves, that kind of stuff," Burns said. "We tried to step it up and do a little more than we usually do."

Between the Warwick and East Providence councils, members were able to fill a U-Haul with donations.

"We had to make some adaptations because of the pandemic, but we were still able to reach out and do something for the community," said Burns.

Individual members of Warwick's Knights of Columbus have gone out of their way to assist the community. Burns described members who help sanitize local parishes after services, and one member who helps out at food pantries week after week. Burns says the organization has "big plans" for the upcoming spring and summer to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Another big milestone for the Knights of Columbus was celebrated this past October when Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the organization, was beatified and became one step closer to sainthood.

With about 370 members, the Warwick chapter of Knights of Columbus is the largest council in the state. It was also the first council to embrace virtual meetings and platforms like Google Meet. "Like I said, our theme this year is 'No Neighbor Left Behind' and to me that means accessibility," said Burns, who is a fan of both virtual and in-person meetings. "I have a plan of keeping it virtual. Even when people were comfortable going out during the summer, I would find that there would still be people who hadn't been to an in-person meeting but joined virtually."



Woonsocket Toys collected



Dillon Council Toys for Tots collection



St. Augustine



Family of the Month



Father John Abreu, Pastor of St. Thomas Church in Warren, and Bristol Council's Family of the Month for October, Edlatino Moniz.



(l to r) DD Warren Rensehausen - Family Director, Father Joe Upton, Kathy DeRiso, Mary Kate DeRiso, Julia DeRiso, Bob DeRiso



Don Hoard (left) and Craig Lacouture (right) flanking FOM program Director Don Cszmesia





East Providence toy collection



We are grateful to the Rhode Island Knights of Columbus for the generous gift of 132 winter coats for St. Patrick Academy students. Our young men and women chose coats from an array of colors and sizes. Special thanks to State Deputy, David Quinn, and Program Director, Bob Lynch, for coordinating this awesome event. Pictured here, from left to right, are Gabriel, Jamin, Andy, William and Sergio. Photo courtesy of faculty member and Admissions Director, Ashley Proulx.





Above & Below: food baskets included in above article



Frehill



Lincoln

One of the 21 donations at Lincoln's Blood Drive



Bristol & Fr Donnelly
Members of Bristol & Fr. Donnelly Councils at the 40
Days for Life Campaign



Fr Donnelly

Paul Gebhart, Richard Feole & Arthur Andolfo of Fr. Donnelly Council with Mother of Life Director Gail Faraj-Musleh and their collected donations



"No
Behind"

Knights in Rhode
are protecting their
during these challenging



Pope
Pius XII



September 2020



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips

a) Pre Planning

1. Identify a council technology expert
 - Consult roster and council officers to identify the best candidate
 - Schedule meeting with council Program Director and Technology Expert
2. Identify possible programs to add a remote enhancement
 - Councils should determine which programs that they will do virtually



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips (continued)

- 2. (continued)
 - Prepare a list of programs and possible solutions for scheduled meeting with the pastor
 - All programs can benefit from digital/online supplementation
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- 3. Meet with the Pastor(s)
 - Grand Knight should send an email to the pastor(s)
 - Encourage the pastor(s) to invite any relevant parish staff who can support the initiative
 - Come to the meeting with a list of programs and questions



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips

- Discuss parish needs and programs to help meet the needs of the parish
- Offer on-going council support and aid

4. Confirm program schedule



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips

B. Planning Steps

1. Establish a digital/online tool kit

- Consider video conferencing, live streaming, online giving, communication and social media
- Review all selected programs
- Confirm necessary requirements for featured programs
- Consider means of fundraising online
- Consult with the pastor on existing tools that the council could utilize



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips

2. Put it all together

- A planning meeting should be scheduled with the council Program Director, Grand Knight, Technology Expert, and others as deemed necessary
- Select the online tools necessary to support the program
- Consider an online software or platform for participation sign-ups
- Double check the process

3. Test run the program



Conducting Virtual Council Programs: Planning Tips

4. Advertising and Communicating

- Social media
- Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements
- Telephone calls
- Email
- Invitations



Conducting Virtual Council Programs Planning Tips

C. Running the program

- Start the online portion 5 minutes early to allow participants to log in
- Greet participants
- Share the date of the next scheduled program or council activity

D. Evaluation and follow-up

- Email participants with survey and invitation to the next program/event
- Share with the pastor and appropriate parish staff the impact and success of the program



Conducting Virtual Council Programs Planning Tips

Evaluation and follow-up (continued)

- Share best practices for remote programming with State leadership

E. Reporting

- Report all programs and council activity on form # 10784
- Ensure that Supreme, State Office, and State Program Director receive a copy of all forms



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

A. Faith

1. Into the Breach

- Establish digital small groups to go through the Into the Breach Video Series and discuss each episode
- For this program to count, you must run discussion groups
It is not enough just to stream the videos



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

A. Faith (continued)

2. Spiritual Reflection

- Plan a digital retreat similarly to a standard, in-person event – take advantage of the ability to host speakers or play videos
- Do not make the retreat just a video watching event – run virtual small group discussions throughout the day to help ensure that participants remain engaged
- Include a prayer, whether it would be group praying of the rosary, a livestreamed holy hour or a video prayer service



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

B. Family

1. Family of the month/year

- Use video conferencing for the Family of the Month committee to meet and select each month's winner
- Consider consulting other parish ministries to gather suggestions and stories of families who should be nominated for the award
- Highlight monthly winners using social media and/or livestreamed masses or events



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

B. Family (continued)

2. Family Prayer Night

- Use video conferencing to run an abridged Family Prayer Night
- Plan to have communal prayer, and a brief discussion giving each family the opportunity to ask and answer questions
- Family Prayer Night is ideal for coupling with other Faith in Action Programs such as Family Fully Alive or Rosary



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

C. Community

1. Free Throw & Soccer Challenge

- Parents can record their child's attempt for either of these programs and submit the video recording to the council
- Participants should practice beforehand, but the parents should record and submit only one official attempt
- When promoting the event, the council should provide a council email to be used for questions and submission
- Provide to those participating digital copies of the scoresheet and guidebook to enable them to participate according to program guidelines
- A copy of the scoresheet can be submitted by the parents or tallied by the council when reviewing the recording



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

C. Community (continued)

2. Coats for Kids

- Assess the need for coats in the community, and work with leaders to schedule a shipment, drop off or a local pick-up of coats
- Councils are encouraged to be creative in assessing and meeting the needs
- Ask the pastor(s) if communication may be sent to the parish community encouraging donations online



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

D. Life

1. Special Olympics

- In addition to in-person sports and programs, Special Olympics organizations promote and run events virtually
- Visit www.specialolympics.org and contact the local chapter to see how a council can get involved with social media fundraisers
- Councils should contact the local Special Olympics committee or work with the State Life Director to assist in setting up this communication
- If available, volunteering online counts the same as volunteering in person



Examples of Implementing Virtual Programs

D. Life (continued)

2. Novena for Life

- Select a specific day/time for people to participate whether it is live online or individually at home
- Ask the pastor if he would be willing to lead the novena prayer
- Councils in conjunction with the pastor should invite the parish community, and especially families, to meet online each day of the novena to pray
- Consider asking a different Knight, family, or member of the parish community to lead each day's prayers
- Before the novena, ask if anyone has any special intentions they would like to pray for



Faith In Action Team





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Mother of Life Pregnancy Center

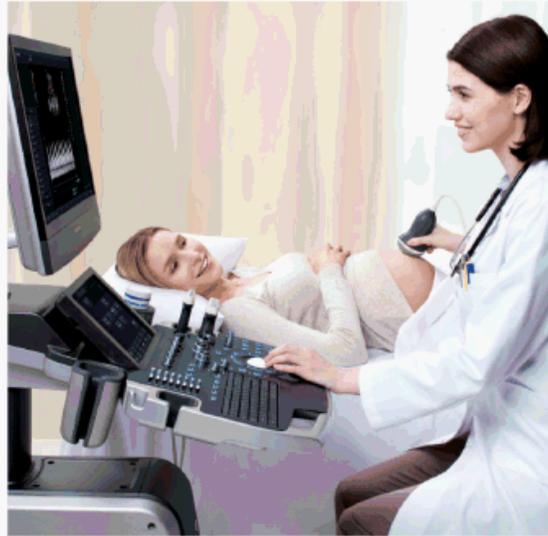
New Ultrasound Machine
2021 Campaign





PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT

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Current Situation at the MoLC



- Current ultrasound machine is an antiquated 2D system - 15 years old
- Early pregnancy detection imaging not possible leading to re-directing woman elsewhere
- Replacement parts not available
- Detecting fetal heartbeat is difficult with poorly functional user interface
- No interface with electronic records software to comply with HIPAA laws
- Image presentation is small & has low resolution w/older 2D technology
- Lack of modern accessories especially high resolution tablet screens which would bring the image into the Mother's hands
- 3D and 4D technology now available in valued tiered machines

The Mother of Life Center has selected the Alpinion Life Line E-Cube 8



Alpinion is headquartered in Washington state. The E-Cube 8 machine was introduced in 2018. Products are manufactured in South Korea.

Ultrasound technology has changed drastically in the past 15 years!



2D



3D



4D



How much \$\$ needs to be raised?



Ultrasound Machine Cost	\$37,300
R.I. KoC Total & MoLC	\$18,650
Supreme Match	\$18,650

Additional training, room lighting infrastructure and accessory costs are not included in the Supreme Match. We hope to raise enough funds in our 2021 Ultrasound Campaign to cover these extra Mother of Life Center costs.

Where will the donations be coming from?



- ✓ Knights of Columbus Councils and Brother Knights
- ✓ Friends and Family of Knights of Columbus Knights
- ✓ Parishioners in our Diocese
- ✓ Private Donors of the Knights of Columbus
- ✓ Private Donors of the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center

What can councils do to participate?



- Discuss this important campaign with your council members ASAP
- Consider an event you already have scheduled for 2021 and use your council proceeds for the Mother of Life Ultrasound Machine Campaign or...

Create a new event for the purpose of this ultrasound campaign:

- Raffle
- Car wash
- Pasta and meatball dinner
- Summer BBQ
- Chowder & Clam cake dinner / Fish Fry
- Sponsored walk or run
- Etc.

What are the goals for the Councils?



We believe this is such an **important** and **life-critical** fundraising campaign we are asking each council to raise a minimum of \$500 & a stretch goal of \$1,500

- Minimum of \$500
- Stretch Goal of \$1,500

The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus State Council will provide an incentive to councils for this donation campaign. For each \$500 raised councils will **receive 10%** (up to \$10,000). See examples below:

\$500	\$50
\$1,000	\$100
\$2,000	\$200

If we all work together I know we will be successful Brothers!



Why are we using the Charitable Fund?



- Charitable Fund accounts are tied to a 501c3 which have tax related benefits without added administration costs and in accordance with Knights of Columbus' mandates.
- Through a donor-advised fund, Councils and the brother Knights who comprise them can better serve their communities, knowing their investments are channeled to qualified charities that align to their Catholic faith.

How do you donate?

We have two simple options!



Option 1: By Check, Form and Mail To Supreme

A thumbnail image of a 'DONATION AGREEMENT' form from the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. The form includes fields for donor name, address, city, state, zip, and phone number, along with checkboxes for 'I am a Knight of Columbus' and 'I am a non-Knight of Columbus'. It also has a section for 'Amount of Contribution' and 'Frequency of Contribution'.

Donation Agreement Form
(double click to see pdf document)

1. Go to Knight of Columbus R.I. State Council web site
2. From the home page you will see 2021 Ultrasound Campaign
3. Under Option 1, Double click on Donation form/link above and complete
4. Write out check and in memo line add “Ultrasound” in the memo line
5. Mail form and check to Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund in New Haven.
Important → See address on form!

How do you donate?

We have two simple options!



Option 2: Online via Credit Card

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(right click link and select open hyperlink)

1. Go to Knights of Columbus R.I. State web site
2. From the home page you will see 2021 Ultrasound Campaign
3. Under Option 2, click the online Dashboard link above
4. Fill out online form pressing Next when completed
5. Fill out credit card information
6. In Comments box, add “Ultrasound”

Thank You Brothers and Good Luck with the 2021 Ultrasound Campaign!!



Star Council Requirements

1. McGivney Award – Membership quota
2. Founder's Award – Insurance quota
3. Columbian Award - Programs
 - 16 credits needed – 4 in each of the FIA categories
 - 2 credits for each featured program completed in its entirety
4. Complete and submit the 365, 1728, and SP-7 forms
 - The SP-7 form must be submitted by June 30
5. In good standing with Supreme Council
6. Safe Environment compliance



Status of Forms Submission

1. Form 185 – 39 councils have submitted
2. Form 365 – 30 councils have submitted
3. Form 1295-1 – 15 councils have submitted
4. Reminder – form 1728 is due on 1/31
5. - Form 4584 Special Olympics Due 1/31
form 1295-2 is due on 2/15



Six Month Plan January to June

1. Promote virtual programs
2. Continue to support councils who are actively implementing programs
3. Frequent communication with councils who are not implementing programs
 - FIA Directors will conduct a monthly outreach with the council FIA Directors (more if necessary)
 - State Program Director will work with the council Program Directors and the Grand Knights
4. Attend council meetings if necessary
5. Participate in district meetings
6. Assist councils in reporting activities/programs



Council Report	District	Council City	Memberships as of 7/1	Member Quota (McGivney Award)	Gain	Loss	Net	New Member %	Fraternal Benefit Night	Gain	Loss	Net	Program Personnel Report Due 08/01/20	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due 01/31/21	Columbian Award Due 06/30/21	Safe Environment (Presidium's Amicus®)	Officers Chosen Report Due 07/01/20	Semi Annual Council Audit- Councils Current on Reporting				
													Star Council Requirments									
													#365	#1728	#SP7	Grand Knight (501)	Program Director (511)	Community Director (514)	Family Director (519)	#185	#1295	
57	001	Pawtucket	176	9	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	No Record	Yes	x	x	
1472	001	Valley Falls	118	6	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
2700	001	Central Falls	80	4	4	0	4	100.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No	Yes	Yes	No	x	x	
5787	001	Providence	180	9	5	0	5	55.6%	0	0	0	0	x			No	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
12613	001	Pawtucket	81	4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
2235	002	Centerdale	79	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
2965	002	North Providence	283	13	2	0	2	15.4%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
3563	002	Providence	142	7	1	0	1	14.3%	0	0	1	-1	x			No	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
11684	002	Providence	65	3	6	0	6	200.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
21	003	Westerly	212	10	5	0	5	50.0%	0	3	0	3	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
2011	003	North Kingstown	208	10	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	Yes	No Record	x	x	
5295	003	Wakefield	208	10	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	1	0	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
6939	003	Hope Valley	144	7	5	0	5	71.4%	0	6	2	4	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
9197	003	James town	74	4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
9197	003	James town	68	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
1738	004	Cranston	232	11	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No	No	No	No	x	x	
2295	004	Warwick	373	17	1	0	1	5.9%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
2385	004	Edgewood	78	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
5701	004	Warwick	62	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
12821	004	Warwick	63	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	No Record	No Record	x	x	
1528	005	East Providence	235	11	8	0	8	72.7%	0	4	0	4	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
3547	005	Johnston	100	5	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
3623	005	Barrington	155	8	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
4331	005	Providence	231	11	1	0	1	9.1%	0	23	0	0	x			No	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
16053	005	Barrington	58	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
71	006	Natick	28	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
181	006	West Warwick	76	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	No Record	Yes	No Record	x	x	
322	006	Garden City	78	4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	Yes	No Record	Yes	x	x	
5273	006	Coventry	144	7	1	0	1	14.3%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
7238	006	West Warwick	65	3	1	0	1	33.3%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
95	007	Foster	50	3	2	0	2	66.7%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
7110	007	No Scituate	89	4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	2	0	2	x			No	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
11087	007	Greenville	68	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
14417	007	Chepachet	38	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
45	008	Providence	0	2	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
91	008	Pawtucket	37	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
1618	008	Providence	44	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
4347	008	Providence	3	23	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
7328	008	Providence	45	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
256	009	Newport	313	15	2	0	2	13.3%	0	0	1	-1	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
379	009	Bristol	198	10	9	0	9	90.0%	0	5	1	4	x			Yes	Yes	No Record	Yes	x	x	
3618	009	Portsmouth	72	3	1	1	0	0.0%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	No	x	x	
4201	009	Middletown	0	23	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
4753	009	Tiverton	314	14	2	0	2	14.3%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
113	010	Woonsocket	192	9	2	0	2	22.2%	0	1	0	1	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
383	010	Pascoag	157	7	2	0	2	28.6%	0	1	1	0	x			Yes	Yes	No Record	No Record	x	x	
4005	010	Lincoln	157	8	11	0	11	137.5%	0	2	0	2	x			Yes	No Record	No Record	Yes	x	x	
5702	010	Slatersville	84	4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
12312	010	Cumberland	34	3	1	0	1	33.3%	0	0	0	0	x			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	x	x	
58	011	East Greenwich	27	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
3009	011	West Warwick	25	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
8977	011	West Warwick	29	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
9513	011	Johnston	10	13	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
9558	011	Providence	44	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
73	012	Providence	35	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
111	012	Providence	3	20	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
398	012	Providence	102	5	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
5700	012	Rumford	22	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
6164	012	Kingston	8	15	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
5274	013	Woonsocket	5	18	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	x			No Record	No Record	No Record	No Record	x	x	
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			Supreme COH Goals		240		150							Star Council Requirments								

No report received for This Fraternal Year
Council is Currently SUSPENDED
Star Council
Form Fulfilled x
NO Role is non compliant in Safe Environment
No Record Role is not filled or not on Record for Safe Environment
YES Role is Compliant Safe Environment

NCD YTD
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Roundtable YTD
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“An outstretched hand, then,
can always be enriched by the
smile of those who quietly and
unassumingly offer to help,
inspired only by the joy of living
as one of Christ’s disciples.”

—Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor 2020



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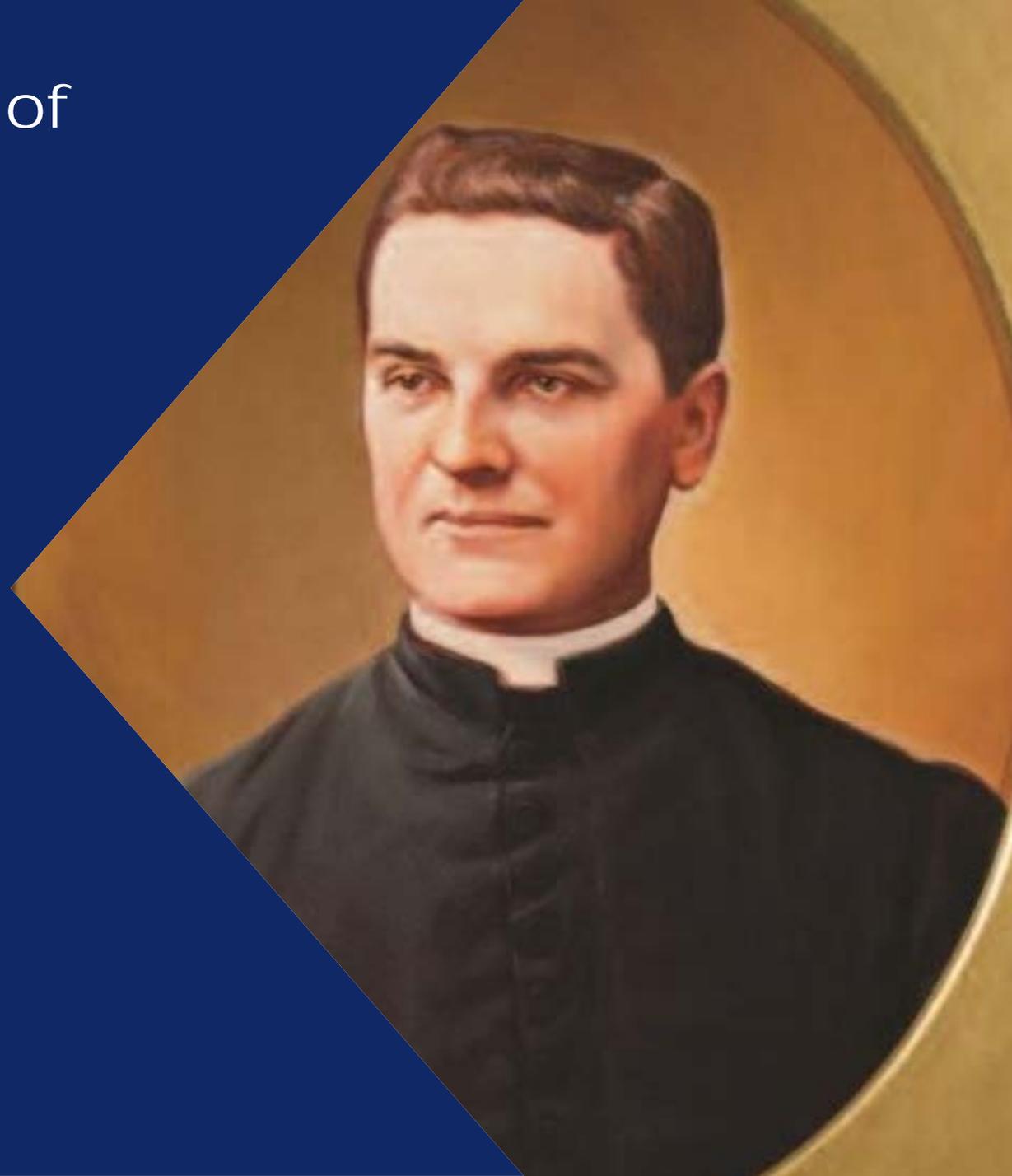


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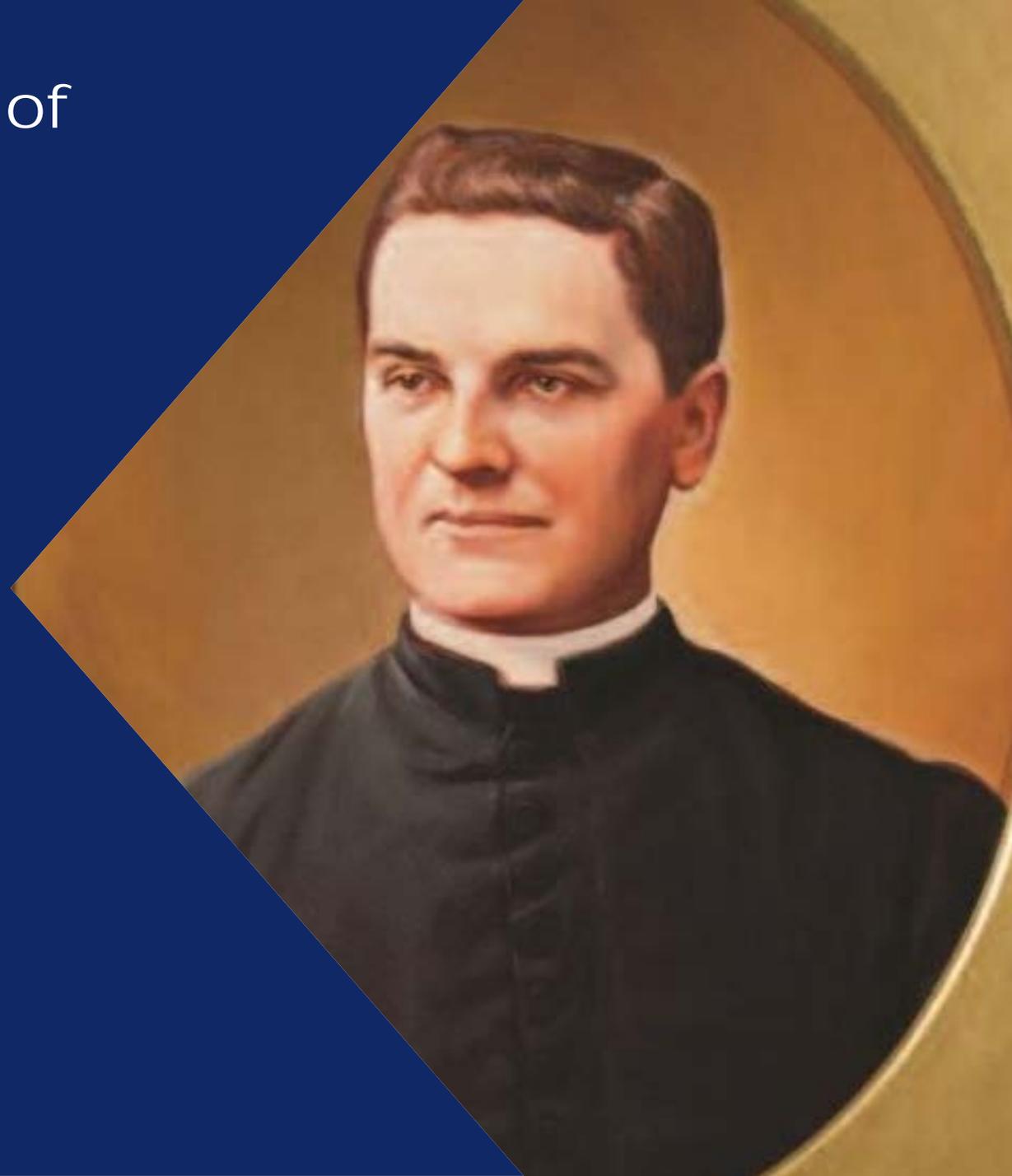
Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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 Blessed Michael 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.





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Thank you.

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