## State Deputy October News letter

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Here we are three months in on a new year and the Covid-19 is still having effects on us but we are fighting back slowly and cautiously. Our Councils are slowly opening back up to live participation but still with all the safety guidelines in effect. We will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action. We want to ensure the safety of all our Knights.

Now this is the month we have all been waiting on, The Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. Once Father McGivney is beatified, he will be given the title of "Blessed". Father McGivney will be the first American Priest to be beatified. What an honor it is to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and have such a leader that has inspired generations of Catholic men to put their Faith in action. Over two million strong and growing, we are the right arm of the Catholic Church and will continue to be. Even with our Faith be attacked we are strong. Please pray to Father McGivney for a miracle for our country

October starts the forty days for life campaign. Please pray for an end to abortions and a great way to show your support is to join us on Columbus Day October 12<sup>th</sup> at the planned parenthood office at 1501 Aldersgate, Rd. in Little Rock. Dale Flamand our Respect Life Director has sent out e-mails on the this and needs volunteers to fill one-hour spots from 7am-7pm. Please get with Dale and sign up for a spot and let's show how strong we are against abortions and our respect for human life.

Each year the Diocese of Little Rock picks a needy Church that needs financial help to complete a Parish project called "One Church" and this year its St. Bartholomew in Little Rock. They have been trying to raise funds for a new Parish Hall for Religious education, youth activities, and usage for various Parish organizations to us for years. If you can help the contact person is Rebecca Cargile at Catholic Charities, DOLR, 501-664-0340 and ask for details.

Over the weekend I attended the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Bienville Province Meeting in Hot Springs. I want to say congratulations to our District Master Jeff Priore for rolling out the first ever virtual exemplification process in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree and because of that Jeff and Arkansas won the District of the year award.

Please remember that we are in the process of the "Just Ask Campaign" this supports our resolutions and the "CPID Campaign" for person with intellectual disabilities, The Arc of Arkansas. If you can please be generous to these campaigns

As always pray for new Men to join our order and receive the Fraternal benefits that we are so blessed with. We need new members to grow our order and stay strong against the evils that temp us. St Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil we humbly pray. As always, you're in my prayers, God Bless each one of you and your Families.

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