

OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE



April 30, 2020

Worthy Brother Knights,

On behalf of the State Officers it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 115th annual Oklahoma Knights of Columbus State Convention that will be held virtually May 9, 2020 at 3:00pm.

For Dee and me our state convention has always been a great way to see old friends and to share our organizational achievements. This year a silent deadly virus has changed our usual convention setting, but it has not changed my desire to practice my faith or enjoy time with family and friends. Actually, this period has slowed me down just enough to understand the overlooked treasures my faith, family and friends are in my everyday life.

As I grew up my parents and fraternal family taught me to take challenges head on and to never give up. So, while we may not be in the same room, we will complete the business section of our convention in a virtual convention May 9th at 3:00pm. Our other convention programs, like awards and new creative programming, will be completed at our 2020 Organizational meeting July 11th & 12th in Lawton Ok.

Attached to this letter are instructions on how the virtual convention will work over the phone and GoToMeet conferencing. Please read the instructions carefully so we can ensure a successful meeting.

Remember that each of you play an important role in our success. Now is the time for us to roll up our sleeves and accomplish our business at hand. While the time may look grim to many, now is the time to regroup and embrace tools given us to still move forward.

May Blessed Stanley Rother watch over and guide our convention and may our beloved founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney continue to inspire us.

Fraternally,

Matthew Maly
State Deputy

cc: State Secretary



Go Make Disciples

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

April 25, 2020

My Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! It is a great joy to welcome you to the 115th Oklahoma State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Lawton, Oklahoma. I look forward to greeting many of you personally and celebrating with you the good work of the various councils and members of our state, but even more importantly, the opportunity to celebrate together our Catholic faith.

The Lord continues to bless the Church in Oklahoma! I am profoundly grateful for the support of the Knights in so many of the initiatives that are strengthening families, promoting vocations, serving those in need and forming disciples in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Be assured of my continuing prayers and appreciation for you and your families. Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Paul S. Coakley

Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 25, 2020

Memorial of St. Mark, evangelist

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to this annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. I am unable to be with you this year, but I pray that your time together at this event will bring blessings to the people of our state.

You have a unique opportunity as a member of the Knights of Columbus to share the Gospel and live in service to emulate the witness of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. May God bless you and the many acts of charity you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. David A. Konderla
Bishop of Tulsa

CARL A. ANDERSON
SUPREME KNIGHT

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March 29, 2020
Founder's Day

Matthew C. Maly
State Deputy
Oklahoma State Council
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Maly:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights of the Oklahoma State Council. In this time of worldwide uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is prudent to conduct the business of your state convention virtually. Yet even amid the current disruptions, you and your brother Knights are called to be men of hope who must provide for the continued growth and good works of our Order.

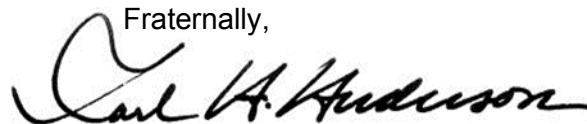
Each Knight participating in this convention has been entrusted with a sacred mission based on the vision of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. As his spiritual sons, we carry on the vital work of building up our parishes, passing on the Catholic faith in our homes and ensuring the financial protection of our families. Father McGivney's life and legacy should inspire us each day as we continue to pray fervently for his canonization.

As we mark our Order's 138th anniversary amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for the Knights of Columbus is greater than ever before. Through the Order's *Leave No Neighbor Behind* pandemic response program, we can reach out to our brother Knights and their families, as well as to fellow parishioners, neighbors and the broader community. Our world needs Knights who will step out into the breach as sterling examples of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, offering a helping hand where one may be needed during this challenging moment in history.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to you, the state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each brother Knight who has contributed to our Order's mission in Oklahoma.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your virtual proceedings and protect the health of every Knight and his family, and may Venerable Father Michael McGivney intercede for us all.

Fraternally,



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight