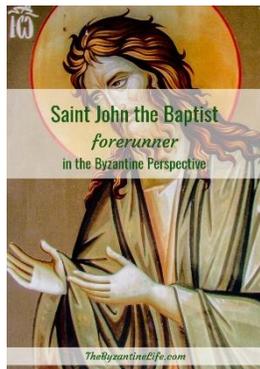




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MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED AT OUR LADY of the DESERT CATHOLIC CHURCH CLASSROOM – COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING

18386 CORWIN RD., APPLE VALLEY, CA 92307 ON THE FIRST TUESDAY @ 6:30PM

Pre-meeting rosary commences at 6:10 pm

SK Ruben Baltierra, Faithful Navigator

For information on Southern California Forth Degree Events or Assemblies not posted in this bulletin, please go to the SoCal Fourth Degree Newsletter @ socalfourthdegree.com

Faithful Navigator's Message

Sir Knights,

As the Columbian comes to a close, as well as my term as Faithful Navigator, I want to thank all for your support. I would especially like to thank Bill Korch, Manny Joia, Joe Ardiente, and Glen Kraig for advice and help when I had a question. This has been learning experience for me. To say this year has been one like no other is an understatement with all the changes being made, not to mention the situation we are in due to the coronavirus. I am sure that the next years officers will do their best and we will move forward.

FN Ruben Baltierra 760-987-8824



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MAYBE THIS YEAR ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE.

News / Notifications from Our District Master, SK Ray Forgette

May 29, 2020

Worthy Sir Knights:

In May a message was sent by our DM with a forwarding a link to a NY Times article noting that Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to Fr. Michael McGivney!

He Commented,,,,,We are getting closer.



Knights of Columbus Founder, Who Died in a Pandemic, Moves Closer to Sainthood

Pope Francis has credited a 2015 miracle to the Rev. Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who died in 1890 during an outbreak that researchers now believe may have been caused by a coronavirus.

NEW YORK

Was There a Saint Born in Waterbury?

Profile of Roman Catholic priest Rev Michael J McGivney, born in Waterbury, Conn, in August 1852, who has been nominated for sainthood by Rev Gabriel B O'Donnell; McGivney founded Knights of Columbus and sought to protect widows and orphans;

By Frances Chamberlain



At this point the link was interrupted with a marketing advertisement for the NY Times. Not willing to commit to this arrangement, I am posting a message forwarded to Sir Knights from SK Manny Joia that originated from the office of Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Dear Brother Knight,

It is with particular joy that I write to share with you the news that, at Noon today in Rome, the Vatican announced the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled.

This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort, and I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as "Blessed Michael McGivney."

The Vatican announcement can be found below:

Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding:

[...] the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest, Founder of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia.

I would ask each brother Knight to learn more about our founder at the newly updated Father McGivney Guild [website](#) where the Order will also regularly post news and updates related to the beatification.

And if you would like to learn even more about our founder's heroic life and continuing legacy, please consider reading Father McGivney's biography, [Parish Priest](#), and the newly-released book [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#).

Sincerely,
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Sir Knight Joia mentions reading the illustrated history which he found to be well done. In my short tenure as a Field Agent I purchased a copy of the Parish Priest so I could better understand our fraternities' birth and share it with my customers. The book is a biography and very interesting in that it deals with trials and tribulations of Father McGivney's Connecticut parish and the Catholic families of that parish/period. The why and how our Fraternity becomes most clear as the reader gains a better understanding as to the stimulants of the organization structure.

Post Covid-19 Call Outs From District Master Ray Forgette

Worthy Assembly Officers

As our churches begin to reopen, I am starting to get requests for call outs. So that there is no misunderstanding, call outs are to be allowed only with the approval of the parish, when the appropriate civil and diocesan authority has allowed for them and only when safe. When they are allowed, we must follow the rules, including social distancing and face masks when required. The Supreme Master has decided that if face masks are required for our participation, they should be black, and we should be uniform.

As many parish re-openings are on a limited basis (i.e. 25% of capacity) we must be respectful of the desire of other parishioners to attend as well. Consider a procession that brings Father to the altar, and then disburses so that others can be at Mass as well. Alternatively, consider a smaller call out, with 4-6 SKs so we do not consume the entire capacity of the Mass.

BUT REMEMBER

If Father says “No”, then no it is. If your doctor says no, do as your doctor tells you.

I pray that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. Please remember those on the District prayer list as you say your daily prayers.

God bless.

Raymond J. Forgette, Master
Southern California District
St. Junipero Serra Province
Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree..... 310-920-0523 www.socalfourthdegree.org

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Pope Francis, SK Rev. Delwyn Haroldson, All Priests & Deacons, Souls in Purgatory, First Responders, Active Duty Personnel and Support Staff serving the five Military Branches of our United States of America, and also the District Prayer list...

KofC Fourth Degree District Prayer List 2020

Mark Amber, Tom Arias, Leonardo Asuncion, Fred Babineau, James E. Beach, Larry Campitiello, Anna Castenada, Mason A. Capristo, Al Castellano, Alma Chew, John and Mary Correz, Gary and Lynn Clark, Crew of MV Oasis of the Sea, Stephen Demonteverde, Renante Engo, Ray Espinoza, Virginia Ferrio, Mike Fitzpatrick, Juan and Elizabeth N. Gabrillo, Estelita Hazard, Anai Hernandez, Hybki Family, Helen Keller (RIP), Sharon Kerr, Raymond Lewis, Fr. Dan McSweeney, Rafael Morales, Keith Myers, Joan Peirce, Irene Prata (RIP), Marcus Ross (RIP), Gabriela Quintana, Roseile Quiroz (RIP), Sanchez Family, Vincent Santosa Family, Carol Silva (RIP), Armond and Joan Tavianini, Joseph Thompson, Levester Thompson, Paul Triguero, Sue Ann E. Tumakey, Joseph Vasquez, Mario Vesperas, Antony Vezzetti, David Vezzetti, Jayde Wettengel, Kaydee Zoeiro

Please note... in the absence of a meeting prayer listing, you are urged to contact the editor should you wish to have someone added when no meeting is held.

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS 2019/2020

Faithful Navigator SK Ruben Baltierra 760-245-9235
Faithful Captain SK Charles Stanley 760-242-8793
Faithful Comptroller SK Wm Korch 760-240-0603
Faithful Purser SK Ralph Knipstein 760-553-5771
Faithful Outer Sent SK Tony Lacivita 760-240-2175
Faithful Trustee1 SK George Summer 760-240-0306
Faithful Trustee 3 SK Manuel Joia 760-242-5345

Faithful Pilot SK Gary Thomas 760-662-6806
Faithful Scribe SK Louis Rivera 760-900-4631
Faithful Inn Sent SK Gary Schlemmer 760-961-8777
Faithful Admiral SK Joseph Ardiente 719-429-1881
Faithful CCC SK Manuel Joia 760-242-5345
Faithful Field Agent Jesse Martinez 661-341-1390
Faithful Friar SK Rev Fr Delwyn

NEW REGALIA INFORMATION

This message, pertaining to the Fourth Degree regalia, contains the phone number for customer service.

We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia. TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama.

In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders. Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the **cost has dropped to \$449.**

Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms were suspended Nov. 1 and resumed on Dec. 1.

What to know:

As before, Orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.

The Customer Service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327

TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which You represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

KofC-4-Uniform 833-562-4327

New Official Regalia of the Fourth Degree:

Product Details:

1. Navy Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons
2. Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers
3. Official Fourth Degree Necktie
4. Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge worn over the left eye. Rank/Officer patches can be ordered below.

Please see Color Corp Drill Manual for additional elements of the Regalia of the Fourth Degree. The new regalia is to be worn as you would a business suit. The beret is worn with the fourth degree metal badge placed directly over the left eye. The right side of the beret folds down toward and over the right ear. Once you receive the regalia, please take it to your tailor for professional finishing. Trousers come with an unfinished hem. The Official Regalia of the Fourth Degree is purchased as a set. Individual items are not for sale at this time. The garments of the official regalia are made in Italy of high quality wool, made specifically for the Knights of Columbus. The blazer buttons hold the K of C Crest. The Fourth Degree Blazer Crests are hand embroidered using metallic thread. The tie is Custom Italian silk and is made in the e USA. Please get professionally measured by a tailor prior to order.

4th Degree Official Uniform	
SIZE CHART	
Jacket & Trousers Size Guidelines	
Size	Height
Short	5'5" - 5'8"
Regular	5'9" - 6'
Tall	6'1" - 6'4"
Xtra Tall	6'5" - 6'8"

Blazer & Trousers sizes based on height. Trousers come unfinished.

Beret Size Guidelines	
Size	Measurement
Small	21 1/8" - 21 1/2"
Medium	21 7/8" - 22 1/4"
Large	22 5/8" - 23"
X-Large	23 1/2" - 23 7/8"
2X-Large	24 3/8" - 24 7/8"
3X-Large	25 1/8" - 26 1/2"

Correct head circumference into hat size for the beret.

Please get professionally measured by a tailor prior to ordering.

	<i>Knights Of Columbus</i> Fourth Degree Exemplification Info & Saint Junipero Serra Province Southern California District	
	PLEASE RECRUIT	

When unforeseen problems arise the Southern California District of the Fourth Degree responds. With the cancelling of the Fourth Degree dates, COVID-19 has wreaked havoc. But working through a Pandemic is not new to the California District. Having been formed in the decade of the Spanish Flu Pandemic may have built a little resilience in our Districts operations. District Master, Ray Forgette, has been busy familiarizing with the Virtual world successfully conducting meetings. COVID -19 can still affect our Brothers and their livelihood may be seriously impacted. For that reason, the District Master has urged Assembly Comptrollers and Navigators to look at each case carefully to ensure tardiness of dues is not due to such circumstances. If that is the case, please contact the Faithful Navigator and/or Comptroller. And, if you've been impacted severely, there may be some form of assistance that can arranged through Columbian Charities. All of that said, this can still be a great year for all of our Third Degree Brothers to step up. The October 17th Exemplification date may still be viable as we pray a preventative Corona Virus vaccine will be manufactured.

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The Emblem of the Fourth Degree

Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree deem it an honor and privilege to carry our **TRIAD EMBLEM**, which features The Dove, The Cross, and The Globe. Our Honored Order cherishes as its Patron, Christopher Columbus.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols fashioned on our sword and lapel pin, typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead The Most Holy Trinity

The Globe - God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross - God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian gentleman in their private And public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, Bishops and Hierarchy of the Church, and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and priests. Considered under a religious aspect, we have the honor and privilege of wearing on our swords and our lapels the sacred symbol of the Most Blessed Trinity. This should always remind us to live a good Christian life, and that we should never bring dishonor on the emblem we have been privileged to wear. By this, others may see our good works, through which we will glorify our Holy Religion, our Honored Order and our Beloved Country.



Rev. Father Michael J. Mc Givney



Honor our founder **VOTE TUESDAY !** June 2nd @ 6pm

Call 978-990-5057

Access code 2525684



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Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

A few days ago, S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all of its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus are tied for first! *

The Knights is one of six companies - out of a total of 66 - that has a AA+ rating on financial strength, and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a "very strong" business risk profile, and an "excellent" financial risk profile.

Financial strength and stability are on a lot of people's minds lately, and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall among the competition.

However this unprecedented international crisis may be impacting your family, please know that I am here to help you review your situation, and discuss how the Knights may be able to help.

And - to respect social distancing protocols - we have transitioned to virtual meetings. I can meet with you over the computer whenever you'd like.

So let's chat! Let me know some times that work for you, and together we can figure out how the Knights' best-in-class financial strength can help protect you and your family.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jesse R Martinez
Field Agent

**Ranking North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. April 6, 2020.*

**DONT
COMPLAIN.
VOTE**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The words "UNDER GOD" came to be added to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893, It contained no reference to Almighty God,

until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge

of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the

addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation", The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the

effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings,

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective,

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart, Several State Fraternal Congresses acted like- wise almost immediately thereafter,

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress, From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said:

"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance, These words will 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. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful"

In August, 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as having initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution,

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