



Council 13049
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Good of The Order
Lecturer's Notes



Remembering our Brother Knights and our Neighbours

In keeping with the Order's new recommended format, I'll be attempting to provide a Lecturer's Reflection as opposed to the usual "soapbox statement" that brother Tom and I so love to use. Sorry Tom just had to mention you again!

As I was preparing for my reflection this month, I was again drawn to the reality of our COVID affected lives. I know that I reminded you last June about the Order's "Leave No Neighbour Behind" program, but truth be told, we've been dealing with this pandemic now for going on a year. For some, those who may be without family support or personal contact, it is a frightening and lonely time.

Now I'm not one for quoting scriptures, but did you know that there are some 49 references in scriptures of how we should treat our neighbor? Surprisingly enough one such passage almost appears to have been written with the pandemic in mind. Proverbs 27:10 – "Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away."

I ask all my brother Knights to reach out to a brother Knight, an acquaintance, a neighbor or a family member that you know who may be dealing with this pandemic alone. Your contact and caring may make their journey through the pandemic that much easier.

Prayer for Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.)