



**Council 13049  
Council Meeting – 15 April 2021  
Good of The Order  
Lecturer's Reflection**



Brothers, for the month of April on behalf of our Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and myself I'd like to engage you on two very important topics that affect our Council.

The first topic deals with our upcoming Council Elections. As you've already heard, at our next Business Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, we will be holding elections for the Council officers' positions for the 2021/22 Columbian year. This is a time when we turn to our brothers and invite all to consider putting your name forward to take on a role within the executive. If you currently hold a position, we encourage you to either remain in this position or perhaps advance to a higher position. Keeping our Council's executive continually fully staffed also allows us to have a good succession plan in place for the future as well.

The second topic I'd like to raise with you concerns recruitment. As Supreme's website states, "Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and his faith."

Within our parish community, there are many men who currently are not Knights or in some cases are Knights who belong to other Councils. If you know such men from our parish, we encourage you to reach out to them and invite them to join or to transfer their membership to this Council.

As our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight mentioned during our discussions on this topic and I'm paraphrasing, by inviting Parish men who are not Knights or who are Brother Knights affiliated to another Council in a Parish they formerly attended, not only would this help our membership grow, but there is the potential for one or more of these Knights who may take on a leadership role in the future as well.

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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.)