



**Council 13049**  
**Council Meeting – 19 June 2021**  
**Good of The Order**  
**Lecturer's Reflection**



Have you ever had that nagging feeling that you have forgotten to do something important? Or perhaps forgotten to speak with someone who means a great deal to you? That has been something that has bothered me for a while now, but I just could not put my finger on it. What was bothering me was I felt that something was missing in our regular business meetings, then the other day it finally hit me. We have been forgetting to offer prayers and remembrance to Mary the Queen of the Knights.

As most of you will have noticed, we opened our meeting tonight in a slightly different manner that should not have felt strange at all to most of you. Our opening prayer, the Our Father was then followed by a Hail Mary and at the end we asked Mary to pray for us.

When it struck me what we had been leaving out of our meeting openings, I approached the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight about remembering to include this important remembrance in our meetings. They agreed and we will move forward with ensuring that this is always a part of our meetings.

Let us all reflect on our teachings as Knights and of the invocation that is used in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Mary's love encircles us, drawing us closer to her Divine Son. Under the mantle of her protection, we take up her Holy Rosary.

Mary, Mother of God, with her Knights,  
for the sanctity of human life in all stages.  
Mary, heart of the Holy Family, with her Knights,  
for faithful marriages and joyful families.  
Mary, the Immaculate Conception, with her Knights,  
for decency and purity in our world.  
Mary, to whom her Son would refuse nothing, with her Knights,  
for justice and compassion for the downtrodden and all those who suffer.

Her Holy Rosary in our hands going where we go.  
The salutation "Hail Mary" on our lips.  
What challenge can we not face?  
What victories can we not achieve?

Mary Queen of the Knights, Pray for us.

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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.)