

St Pius X Council 10762
Newsletter



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

GK Dan Pinda

July 2020

Dear Brother Knights,

I pray this newsletter finds you and your families safe and healthy.

I want to thank you all for electing me your Grand Knight for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year. I will do my best to help this council grow and to negotiate the path forward through the pandemic.

I would like to extend my thanks to PGK Tony Pennisi for his tenure, his leadership and his accomplishments as Grand Knight. I also extend my thanks to the officers who supported Tony over the past few years.

I want to thank the new slate of officers that I will be working with over the next fraternal year. I look forward to working with you and I am grateful to have such a good team. I will need your help to move this council along.

This new fraternal year dovetails on the roller-coaster that has started as a result of the pandemic. We will have to change the way we do everything. We will have new guidelines, new restrictions, fewer opportunities to accomplish things we have done in the past. Currently, we will not be able to start scheduling any activities at St Pius X until September, this is a best case scenario. We need to find ways to help St Pius X move forward.

I do not have a grand plan to hit the ground running with. I have just received my training as a Grand Knight from our State Leadership and it mainly consisted of "you need to learn how to do all this" so I have some learning to do. Over the next few weeks I will be reviewing all of our programs and looking to ensure



we have directors for all of the relevant positions. I will be relying heavily on these directors to establish opportunities for us to serve our community and to help us increase our membership. I will also be working with the officers and directors to establish a budget for this new fraternal year. It will be a challenge given all of the uncertainty of our activities.

We will be relying heavily on Webex this fraternal year to remain in contact and to execute our business. Even if we can start having limited gatherings, I want all knights to err on the side of caution. Webex will be a component of our meetings to allow participation with reduced exposure. If you are technically/technology challenged and would like help participating, please let me know and I can help you get set up to participate. Participation is as simple as calling a phone number.

We will continue our weekly Rosary meetings on Fridays at 1PM. I will also look for opportunities to have other fraternal/social gatherings remotely. I want to ensure that we stay connected.

We will have fun. The work that we do is important and it impacts many lives. We need to take our efforts seriously, but we can still have fun in the process. In the immortal words of Mary Poppins "For every job that must be done, there is an element of fun...". These words of wisdom helped me get through a 35 year career and expect they will help us get through this new fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!
GK SK Dan Pinda

All events have been cancelled and meetings will be held using Webex until further notice due to Coronavirus concerns. Access Changed - Page 3!

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Prayer INTENTIONS

A Prayer for Healing...

Dear God,
we place our worries in Your hands.
We place our sick in Your care
and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again.
Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and
know that whatever You do,
You do for the love of us. Amen.

William Bokken
Tom Cormier
Alice Denogean
Roland Durocher
Tom Eagan
Gayla Everett
Eva Fieldhouse
Deanna Gulotta
Dr. William Hassel
Gerald Hennelly
Andrew Jordan
Joan Keaney
Matt & Gloria Landry
Tony Lomonaco
Mike Losada
Deacon Felix Maguire
Ed Marsh
Pat & Tina Marsh
Pat & Jo Maurice
Steve Pieper
Leo Robles
Wayne Rod
Nick Romano
Jean Scarborough
Bill Shaughnessy
Mike Sherb
Stephen Spicker
Nicole Shows
Emmanuel "Dutch" Steenbakker
Michele Tinsley
Mike Vilas

Friends of Knights

Ella Mae Alexander
Ruby Catone
Mary Ann Chimento
Paul Curdo
Mrs Gunilla Eagleton (RIP)
Maxine Nunamaker
Sam Ortega
Dan Pierro (RIP)
Rebecca Puglisi
Mary Stanton
Tim and Sue Sullivan

Clergy

Sr. Therese
Jack Shey (RIP)
Fr Bob Tamminga (RIP)



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Armando K Burruel..... 0704
Ryszard W Kupinski 0706
Robert L Barr..... 0710
James R Curry 0710
Louie Ruocco..... 0710
Douglas P De Salvo 0712
Walter G Ewer 0712
Alan D Mendenhal 0716
Raymond A Steenbakker..... 0716
Dr William F Hassel 0717
Jerry W Payne..... 0718
Richard J Hingtgen..... 0719
James L Liesse 0722
Michael T Vilas..... 0723
John R Spencer 0724
Richard D Reiners 0729

Service Anniversaries

15 Years
David E. Conca



Weekly Prayer Meeting for the Sick and Distressed Fridays at 1PM *** Access Changed ***

Each Friday at 1PM Dan Pinda will be hosting a teleconference to pray the rosary for our sick and distressed Knights, family members and friends. We will pray one of the Mysteries (usually Sorrowful) followed by our councils' "Prayer for the Sick and Distressed" and "A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic". Webex will be used for the meetings, it supports both telephone and video-conferencing. You do not need to worry about Webex if you only want to phone in. To join the meeting follow the directions below:

For those who plan to just dial-in from a phone:

Phone Number: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Meeting number (access code): 126 582 2977 (follow with #)

Meeting password: 84828537 (follow with #)

To use the video conference features from either a smart phone or a computer with audio/video capability you need to do the following:

JOIN WEBEX MEETING

<https://danielrpinda.my.webex.com/danielrpinda.my/j.php?MTID=ma312351baa0e9dbc3ab216ddc466efe3>

Meeting number (access code): 126 582 2977

Meeting password: VivatJesus3 (password is case sensitive)

Please dial-in a few minutes before 1PM so we can start the meeting at 1PM. If you have any problems setting up your environment please call Dan Pinda at (520)298-6706.

Coronavirus Resources and Support

For information and support, the following resources are available Knights and Coronavirus

Spiritual and practical help on dealing with the Coronavirus for all Knights and their families.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/index.html>

St. Pius X Catholic Community

Spiritual Reflections and link to video of Mass on YouTube

<http://www.stpiusxtucson.org/>

Diocese of Tucson

Messages from the Bishop, video of daily Mass

<https://www.diocesetucson.org/>

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)

Many devotionals, daily Mass and much more

<https://www.ewtn.com/>



Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

Office	Name
Grand Knight.....	Dan Pinda
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Mills
Chancellor	Mike Losada
Recorder	Matt Angiulo
Advocate	Ben Spicer
Treasurer	David Meidinger
Warden	Bob Brandt
Inside Guard	Mike Millick
Outside Guard	Rene Caballero
3 Year Trustee	Tino Martinez
2 Year Trustee	Gary Matthews
1 Year Trustee	Grant Pieper

Under the Good of the Order, if any Brother knows of a member of this council or an unassisted Brother of the Order, sick or in distress, please notify GK Dan Pinda or DGK Paul Mills.

Miracle Approved! Father McGivney to be Beatified! Priest launched international lay movement, died in 19th century pandemic

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and

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Thanks to this council's charitable efforts, the Redemptorists' retreat center in Tucson withstood the pandemic

By William Nardi
6/26/2020



From left to right - Ray Obral, C.Ss.R., council chaplain; and

TUCSON, Arizona — When social distancing restrictions Redemptorist Retreat/Renewal (<http://desertrenewal.org>) had April, May, June and much of local Knights from Our Lady of raised over \$46,000 to keep the center from closing its doors.

council treasurer; Father Ed Vella, George Horton, grand knight.

the COVID-19 pandemic forced across the country, the Center (RRC) to cancel all scheduled events for July. In an incredible effort, the the Desert Council 15704 quickly

“Boy, did that keep us alive. It got us through some really hard times,” said Father Ed Vella, a Knight and rector of Our Lady of the Desert Conventual Church, which is part of the renewal center.

The center had already applied for a Paycheck Protection Program grant, but even so, it had to lay off employees. According to Father Vella, some of the employees who were kept on payroll “donated their salaries and worked here for free.”

Around that time the Knights heard the Redemptorists were facing a major budget shortfall, and unanimously decided to raise the desperately needed funds.

“The first thing we did was more or less deplete our bank account, but we knew it had to be done,” said Ray Obral, the council's treasurer. The Knights presented this money in the form of a check for \$3,200 to Father Anthony Nguyen, the superior for the Redemptorist priests at the RRC.

Then began phase two — asking for donations from brother Knights. Within seven days, the council collected an additional \$14,700. At the same time, an anonymous benefactor matched the council's original \$3,200 donation, doubling the initial amount to \$6,400. The same donor generously added a personal donation of another \$25,000.

“This is an outstanding story of a small council stepping up and performing extraordinary things,” said Arizona State Deputy Mario Vassallo.

“They really have the spirit of Father McGivney,” said Father Vella, speaking about the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who is soon to be beatified. “It's true, they saw a need and they jumped. Without them, I really don't know what would have happened here. But they took ownership of this renewal center and they are part of the Redemptorist family. I'm very proud to be acting as the council chaplain.”

Bishop Wiesenberger of the Diocese of Tucson wrote to express his thanks, as did Bishop Olmstead of the Diocese of Phoenix, whose apostolic exhortation “Into the Breach” inspired an entire series of Knights-produced faith formation videos. (**next page**)

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Watch Into the Breach video) <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

“What a great demonstration of faith and generosity by the Knights for a badly needed apostolate,” Bishop Olmstead wrote. Share your story of how your council is helping strengthen people’s faith and offering support during this time. Email knightline@kofc.org or william.nardi@kofc.org.

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fraternity to assist those most in need.”

“Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. “He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy.

Born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Father McGivney was a central figure in the dramatic growth of the Church in the United States in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to a heavily Irish-American and immigrant community in the then-Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to keep his flock close to the faith in part by finding practical solutions to their many problems – spiritual and temporal alike. With a group of the leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary’s Church to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of their breadwinner.

The fledgling group soon became a major force in the areas of evangelization, charity, racial integration, and the defense of religious freedom.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the “Good Samaritan,” his cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. St. John Paul II – who was pope at that time – lauded Father McGivney’s principles, stating in 2003, “In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth.”

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral cited the “remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

Two recent books also tell the story of Father McGivney and his legacy: *Parish Priest* (2006), his biography; and *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* (2020).

More information is also available at www.FatherMcGivney.org