

Council Meeting Message May 2022

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to your objectives for you and your family's future. The next step is to assess your family's present situation. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help prepare your "snapshot" and with reasonable assumptions of parameters, calculations and projections take any bias out of the process and deliver easy-to-understand charts and graphs for review.

If your analysis shows there are gaps in your objectives and expected situation, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. For example, we have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your displayed needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind and financial protection from unexpected life events that quite often are thrown our way. These two areas are so often overlooked; most often not even considered in your financial plans. The harsh reality is the alternative of taking the risk they will not happen may result in financial ruin or chronic poverty.

I can meet with you in person or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. If our combined goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in every council, we need to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. Why not start with YOU and when I provide the help I promise, we can begin to serve your friends and families as well.

Vivat Jesus!