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Knights of Columbus

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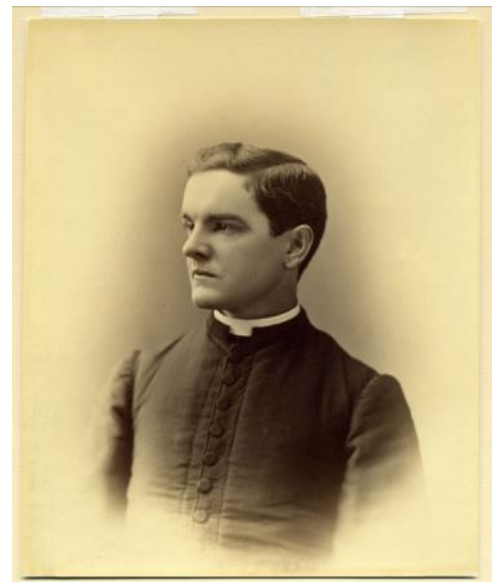
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Miracle Approved! Father McGivney to be Beatified!

The Vatican announced May 27 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.



↑ Venerable (soon to be “Blessed”) Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.
Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives

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

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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Antonio Reyes
- 3 – Norman Andrews
- 11 – Thomas McEachran
- 12 – William Van Hattem
- 14 – Richard Peters
- 20 – Alifaga Peapea
- 22 – Robert McEachran
- 28 – James Waters
- 30 – Neil Cuffy

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Gilbert & Sally Chavez – June 23, 1956 (64 yrs)
- Michael & Chris McDermott – June 28, 1980 (40 yrs)
- Cheng-Feng & Le-Chi Hsiang Tsai – June 28, 2008 (12 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2019-2020

- Grand KnightSK David Wood PGK925-458-0888
- ChaplainFr. Johnson Abraham510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand KnightOpen
- ChancellorOpen
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
- RecorderSK Mike McDermott925-676-2384
- Financial SecretaryGary Downs925-825-4409
- TreasurerSK Richard Milward PGK925-699-5852
- LecturerDeacon Tony Reyes925-671-0134
- AdvocateOpen
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan925-864-9867
- Outside GuardWayne Schafer925-323-6518
- One-Year TrusteeSK Carlos Garcia PGK925-680-2814
- Two-Year TrusteeJohn Wright925-798-5962
- Three-Year TrusteeSK Frank Mazzuca PGK925-381-5624
- Supreme Field AgentBrian Montone510-689-6998
- District DeputySK David Schwartz PGK510-325-7810



SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – St. Justin, Martyr
- 2 – Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- 3 – Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- 6 – St. Norbert, Bishop
- 9 – St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor
- 11 – St. Barnabas the Apostle
- 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor
- 19 – St. Romuald, Abbot
- 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- 22 – St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop or Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr and Thomas More, Martyr
- 24 – Birth of St. John the Baptist
- 26 – St. Josemaría Escrivá, Priest
- 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor
- 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
- 29 – Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 30 – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Officer Nominations for 2020-2021 – Last Call

THERE ARE STILL THREE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED.

Believe it or not – It is now time to vote on our slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year, but three positions are still open: Deputy Grand Knight, Advocate, and 3-Year Trustee.

The nominees for each office and the duties and responsibilities for the three open positions are indicated below.

If you are a Third Degree Knight, consider becoming a Council officer.

GRAND KNIGHT – NOMINEE: DAVID WOOD, PGK

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – OPEN

- Assists the Grand Knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight
- Commonly also serves as the council's Program Director overseeing the council's program directors and activities
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee

CHANCELLOR – NOMINEE: CARLOS GARCIA, PGK

WARDEN – NOMINEE: CHENG-FENG TSAI

RECORDER – NOMINEE: MIKE McDERMOTT

TREASURER – NOMINEE: RICHARD MILWARD, PGK

ADVOCATE – OPEN

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings
- Knows council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed

INSIDE/OUTSIDE GUARD – NOMINEES: PATRICK MONAHAN/WAYNE SCHAFFER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – NOMINEES: 1-YEAR: OPEN

2-YEAR: FRANK MAZZUCA, PGK

3-YEAR: JOHN WRIGHT

- Consists of the Grand Knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of 3 years, 2 years and 1 year
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies



UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is currently being held online most Thursdays.

If you are a 1st or 2nd Degree Knight, you will receive invitations by email as new dates and times are announced. All you need to do is click on the link in the invitation for the date/time you would like to participate. You will then be sent a link to participate.

After watching the exemplification, you will receive a certificate of completion (you must stay online for the full 30 minutes).

For additional information, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, June 13, 2020
- POSTPONED -
New date to be announced

Council Calendar of Events

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** THE JUNE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD ONLINE. KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR EMAILS VIA FLOCKNOTE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
- **COUNCIL EVENTS:** FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, ALL KNIGHTS EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED/POSTPONED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN ASSISTING FR. JOHNSON ON A LIMITED BASIS AS THE PARISH SLOWLY REOPENS AND RETURNS TO NORMAL. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, CONTACT BROTHER DAVID WOOD.

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the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title “Blessed” on Father McGivney.

“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.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

- John Fitzpatrick
– June 18, 1985 (35 yrs)
- Earl Head
– June 13, 2004 (16 yrs)
- Elvis Castelino
– June 29, 2006 (14 yrs)
- Juan Fernandez
– June 13, 2013 (7 yrs)
- Mark Longhi
– June 13, 2013 (7 yrs)
- Robert McEachran
– June 13, 2013 (7 yrs)
- James Shafi
– June 26, 2014 (6 yrs)

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– after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that 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.”

More information is also available at www.FatherMcGivney.org

Prayer for the Canonization of Father 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 to the Father

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild One Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY... St. Agnes Parish Memorial Brick Order Form



Dear Parishioners,

St. Agnes Parish Catholic Community and St. Agnes Council 15344 of the Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer you and your family the opportunity to purchase engraved memorial bricks to be placed in front of the Parish's new *Memorial to the Unborn*, which will be located next to the statue of Mary.

The *Memorial for the Unborn* will become an important part of our Parish's history and a lasting tribute for loved ones and the engraved memorial bricks are a special way to honor your children, grandchildren, parents, special friends, as well as memorialize your loved ones.

The cost of each 4"x 8" brick is just \$50 and includes your personalized message of up to three lines engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology, ensuring long-lasting strength and durability in the engraving. Ordering is three easy steps...

STEP 1: Create the message for your brick:

- ◆ You may use any combination of lower and UPPER case letters.
- ◆ Bricks may contain up to three lines of 20 characters per line.
- ◆ Character count includes all letters, numbers, punctuation, and spaces.
- ◆ The example below has a total of 19 characters (15 letters, 1 punctuation mark, and 3 spaces.)

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Example –	T	h	e		R	.		S	m	i	t	h		F	a	m	i	l	y	
Please print clearly	Line 1 –																			
	Line 2 –																			
	Line 3 –																			

STEP 2: Fill-in your information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

STEP 3: Mail this form and your check:

Please make your check (\$50 per brick*) payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 15344** and mail with this order form to:
Gary Downs, 1756 Bishop Dr., Concord, CA 94521-2022. (*Each brick requires a separate order form.)

- ◆ We will submit all brick orders for engraving at one time once we have received orders for 100 bricks.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For questions contact: Carlos Garcia, 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net