

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"*  
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### Blessed Michael J. McGivney Beatified

Attendees at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT, erupted in applause and church bells rang as Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was officially declared "blessed" at his beatification Mass held on October 31, 2020.

In a decree from the Vatican that was read at the Mass, Pope Francis credited now-Blessed Michael McGivney for his "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters" that "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

The Vatican decree was read by Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, the main celebrant of the Mass, with Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore — Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus — providing a translation. Other dignitaries present included Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston, Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford, as well as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and other Supreme Council officers.

The celebrations emphasized Blessed McGivney's humility, his holy witness and his love for the parishioners he served, with his "crowning achievement" being the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.

→ Mikey Schachle, who was miraculously cured in utero of a fatal condition and named after the Knight's founder, presents a relic of Blessed Michael McGivney to Cardinal Tobin.



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Edward McGuirk
- 10 – Hugh McManus
- 12 – Robert Bove
- 17 – Enrico Kevin Bunyi
- 25 – Tom Grewis
- 26 – John Neudecker
- 28 – Virgilio Acma
- 29 – Edward Lee

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Christine Artale (Ronald)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carlos & Mary Garcia – November 14, 1982 (38 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

- Grand Knight .....SK David Wood PGK .....925-458-0888
- Chaplain .....Fr. Johnson Abraham .....510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand Knight .....SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- Chancellor .....Open
- Warden .....Cheng-Feng Tsai .....925-890-0353
- Recorder.....SK Mike McDermott.....925-676-2384
- Financial Secretary.....Gary Downs.....925-825-4409
- Treasurer.....SK Richard Milward PGK .....925-699-5852
- Lecturer.....Deacon Tony Reyes.....925-671-0134
- Advocate .....Open
- Inside Guard.....Patrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside Guard.....Wayne Schafer .....925-323-6518
- One-Year Trustee .....Open
- Two-Year Trustee.....SK Frank Mazzuca PGK .....925-381-5624
- Three-Year Trustee .....John Wright.....925-798-5962
- Supreme Field Agent.....SK Carlos Gutierrez.....415-517-7560
- District Deputy .....SK David Schwartz PGK .....510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor, Advocate, and Trustee** remain open. The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK David Wood.



## SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – All Saints
- 2 – All Souls Day
- 3 – St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10 – St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
- 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
- 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- 15 – St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor
- 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin
- 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- 23 – St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot
- 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and his Companions, Martyrs
- 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- 30 – St. Andrew the Apostle

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The beatification Mass follows five months after the May 27 announcement that Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney. The miracle involved the healing of Michael “Mikey” Schachle from fetal hydrops, which causes a fatal accumulation of fluids throughout the body of an unborn child.

The Schachle family, including Mikey, attended the beatification Mass and presented Cardinal Tobin with one of Blessed McGivney’s relic. Members of the KofC founder’s remaining relatives also participated in the celebration.

During the event, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson read a brief biography of the KofC founder, stating that Blessed McGivney remains a witness and inspiring example for the more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus around the world.

“Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, Father McGivney’s vision empowered the laity to serve the Church and their neighbors in a new way, through a greater commitment to charity and build effective cooperation between laity and clergy,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “Today’s beatification serves to encourage that vision of lay leadership and fellowship.”

Blessed McGivney was born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., and began his priestly ministry in 1887 after being ordained in Baltimore. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to offer practical solutions to immigrant Catholic communities in Connecticut. In 1882, he founded the Knights of Columbus to provide spiritual support to men and offer financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of a breadwinner. He died of pneumonia on Aug. 14, 1890, after falling ill amid a pneumonia pandemic.

The process for his possible canonization officially opened in 1997. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney “a Venerable Servant of God,” citing the “remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest.” Today’s beatification brings Father McGivney one step further in the canonization process, which could eventually lead to a declaration of Father McGivney’s sainthood.

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# UPCOMING DEGREES

## New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that you can advance to the Third Degree any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

To participate in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, you will need an invitation. To receive an invitation, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or [richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com](mailto:richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com).

Be sure, also, to tell your friends about the Knights and how easy it is get them started as new members.

## Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, April 11, 2021  
- POSTPONED -  
New date to be announced

## Council Calendar of Events

- November 2 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.
- November 11 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- November 16 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.
- Every Sunday Help wanted. Knights are needed to assist with indoor Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM, indoor Mass Sunday at 8:00 AM, and outdoor Mass Sunday at 10:00 AM.

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Supreme Knight Anderson thanked Pope Francis, Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop Blair and others for their support in this process, saying that he believes that the beatification will reinvigorate the Knights’ charity and strengthen the Order’s fraternal brotherhood. He evoked Pope Francis’ new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* — which calls Catholics to decide whether to be “Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders” — saying it was “providential” that it was published the same month as Blessed McGivney’s beatification.

“We know the decision blessed Father Michael McGivney made, and we know the decision many of his brother Knights made following his example,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “Inspired by the example of blessed Father Michael McGivney, let us now go forward with a renewed spirit of charity so that we too can be a blessing to all people.”

*Blessed Michael McGivney’s liturgical memorial will be observed annually on Aug. 13, the day in-between his birth (August 12) and death (August 14).*

For more about Father McGivney’s legacy and influence on people around the world, visit [kofc.org/beatification](http://kofc.org/beatification).



## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

J Benavente  
– Nov. 9, 1995 (25 yrs)

Robert Bove  
– Nov. 7, 2000 (20 yrs)

Sumner Peery  
– Nov. 7, 2000 (20 yrs)

Linus Farias  
– Nov. 19, 2012 (8 yrs)

Timothy Hadley  
– Nov. 22, 2014 (6 yrs)

Edward Lee  
– Nov. 20, 2017 (3 yrs)

Thomas McEachran  
– Nov. 20, 2017 (3 yrs)

Wayne Schafer  
– Nov. 20, 2017 (3 yrs)

Ronald Connolly  
– Nov. 18, 2019 (1 yr)

## Top 10 Facts to Know About Long-Term Care Planning

November is *National Long-Term Care Awareness Month*. To mark the occasion, here are 10 interesting facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

- # 1 – Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was 20 years on average in 2019.
- # 2 – By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.
- # 3 – The number of people in need of long term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.
- # 4 – Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.
- # 5 – By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.
- # 6 – For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.
- # 7 – Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.
- # 8 – Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.
- # 9 – The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2019. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.
- # 10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long term care. You’ll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

For more information on Long-Term Care Insurance contact Knights of Columbus Supreme Field Agent Carlos Gutierrez at 415-517-7560.



# 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](mailto:cmgarcia@astound.net)