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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Embrace Your Mission

God calls each of us uniquely, seeking to accomplish his plan in and through our lives

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

Later this month, we will observe Good Friday on March 29, which also marks Founder's Day — the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Blessed Michael McGivney.

Father McGivney's decision to start the Knights was, no doubt, the result of much prayer and discernment. He was addressing a particular need in his parish at the time: to strengthen the faith of Catholic men and to support their families in time of need. It's safe to say that Father McGivney couldn't fathom what the Knights would become or how much God would accomplish through him. But this wasn't the young priest's concern. Though the Lord would use his special talents to accomplish many great things, Father McGivney was given a specific mission in a particular time and place.

The same is true for us. God has given each of us natural gifts, talents and desires. And through our baptism, the Lord is calling us to use these gifts to be an instrument in his plan. No matter who we are or what has happened to us in the past, God wants to awaken our hearts and accomplish his plan in and through us. This is true for everyone. Pope Benedict XVI was once asked by a reporter how many paths there are to God. He answered: "As many as there are people."

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Minutes of the February Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on February 13, 2024 by Deputy Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Grand Knight, Advocate, Inside Guard and Trustee One year were excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from January were approved as written.

Membership Report

There is one transfer in process.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain read a short message written about Lent from his Holiness Pope Francis.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$ 12,417.90

Financial Secretary Report

Income – \$ 69 dinner, \$ 60 Fish fry dinner, \$ 39.65 Dues
Bills - Brother Strazzo - \$393.40, fish fry dinner supplies and food and Hospitality Sunday donuts. Brother Koenig - \$1616.80, Fish dinner food. Brother Faist - \$180.81, Winter Formal. Brother Ragusano - \$407.88 Web host annual fee. Brother DeBenedet - \$251.77, decorations for the Fish Dinner

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February Meeting Minutes

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Communications

Two thank you cards was received: Fr. Arlon thanked the Council for the donation to help cover medical expenses. In addition, he provided an update on his recent eye surgery. The second card will be read at the next meeting. It is a thank you from the youth for helping with the winter formal.

Programs Director Report

Wine and cheese first Saturday after the 5PM Mass. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. March the High School Catholic Club are set to host. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. The new Chair is brother Sean as Brother Strazzo needs to step back from this responsibility. February 3 Fish Fry dinner- Income \$4167, Net \$2,062 with approximately 163 tickets sold. The March family potluck is on hold. Wheel Chair support weekend – Brother DeBenedet will speak with Father to set up a weekend.

Unfinished Business

Foodbank help is needed – 8AM – 12PM on the third Monday of the month to fill in for Deacon Jaime. Contact Deacon Jaime.

New Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No Report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

The next meeting is March 29 In Placerville, contact Brother JD to carpool from Plymouth to Jackson. SK Maher challenges all Sir Knights to attend at least one meeting per quarter.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris gave a brief report and delivered handouts to the DGK.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eleanor Strazzo, Steven Routt, Deacon Ed and Fr. Relihan. Pray also for Deacon Jaime, Nancy Koenig, Tom Mathers, Barbara Outland, Shirley Blanchet, Frank Osorio, Jack and Martha Quinn, Barbara Edmonds, Deacon Dan Haverty, Gene Savage, Connie Jane Heria, Sharon Strazzo, Manual Salazar, Thatcher Smart, Jack Dunne, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

No report

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

DGK Waverly closed the meeting at 6:58 .

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders



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The Apostles were average men. Yet they were changed in astounding ways by receiving the Holy Spirit and accepting the mission given to them by Jesus. The same can be true for each of us. Whether we are a priest, religious or lay person, single or married, parent or grandparent, we are each called to serve God in the particular circumstances of our lives.

Though the Lord would use his special talents to accomplish many great things, Father McGivney was given a specific mission in a particular time and place. The same is true for us.

There is great power and freedom in using the gifts the Lord has given us to fulfill his plan. A personal acceptance of mission provides clarity amid the multitude of choices that lie before us. If we are open to discovering the Lord's will for us and allow him to work through our lives, we will find great fulfillment and joy. And the more we strive for real holiness in our daily lives, the more we remove obstacles that get in the way of his plan.

We may never know in this life the good that will come about through our personal acceptance of our mission in Christ, just as Father McGivney didn't know how our Lord would use the Knights over the past 142 years. What we can be assured of, however, is that if we seek to find and live out the mission that God has given us, then we, our loved ones, and all those we encounter will be blessed as a result.

It's encouraging to remember that it's not *all* up to us; it's not even *mostly* up to us. We are but servants who must rely on the Lord to do the heavy lift-

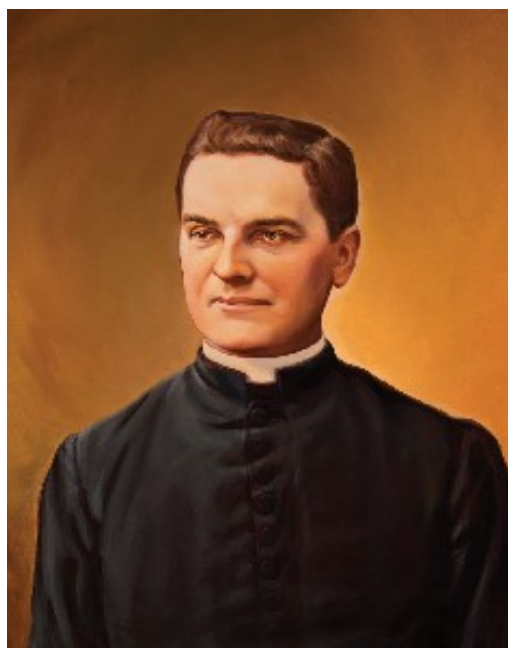
ing: "He made me a sharpened arrow, in his quiver he hid me" (Is 49:2).

We will certainly experience fear, setbacks and reversals, but St. Paul reminds us, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). We know that Father McGivney experienced many discouraging days in those early months and years after founding the Knights. Yet he witnessed to the scriptural call to "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Heb 12:1-2).



The lesson for us is this: Put aside discouraging thoughts and pray for clarity. The Lord is with us and wants to give us the freedom to use our gifts and talents with generosity, courage and joy — for love of neighbor and the greater glory of God.

Vivat Jesus!



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

Dinner Hosts

Kevin Darr March 12

Mark Koenig April 9

The Officers of Council 1849

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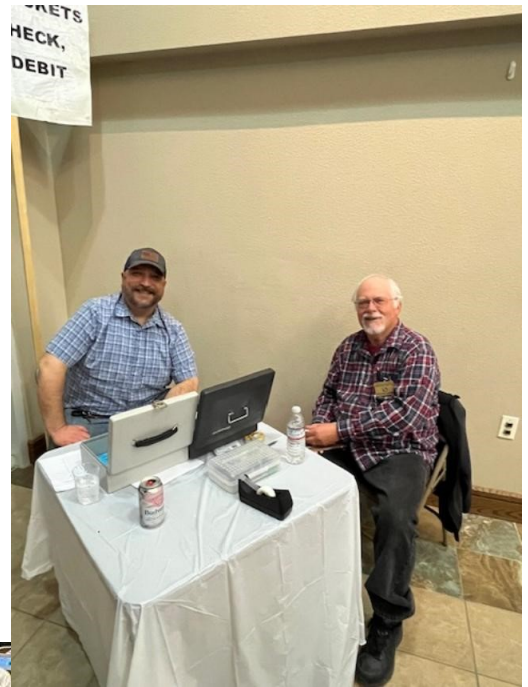
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Fish Fry





Knights of Columbus Council 1849

Events Calendar 2023—2024

Planning meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2023 until June 2024.

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St. Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2023 until June 2024. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Family Fishing Day, Silver Lake, July 1st, 2023

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 20, 2023 (3rd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 30, 2023 (5th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence 5:00 PM September 17, 2023

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 2023

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 12, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, SKD 6 PM, December 15, 2023 (3rd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD 6:30 PM February 3, 2024 (1st Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM March 26, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD 6:30 PM April 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM May 18, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Room

March Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 2: Wine and Cheese Hospitality at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Tuesday, March 5: Knights KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 6:00 PM Mass.

Wednesday, March 6: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, March 10: Knights Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Tuesday, March 12: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at 7 PM.

Friday, March 15: Soup Supper at Saint Katharine Drexel. Begins after the 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross.

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