

## Pope Leo Meets with Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain

As the United States celebrated Independence Day last week, Pope Leo XIV received Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican. The July 4 audience was the first meeting of the U.S.-born pope with the leader of the Knights of Columbus and the chief shepherd of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which in 1789 became the first diocese in the United States.

During their visit, the supreme knight and supreme chaplain pledged the Order's loyalty to Pope Leo and promised ongoing prayers and support for his pontificate.

They also provided the Holy Father with an overview of the Knights of Columbus, highlighting the Order's charitable activity and men's faith formation programs.

Archbishop Lori, [speaking afterward with the Catholic Review](#) in Baltimore, described the meeting as "an opportunity to present kind of a comprehensive picture of who the Knights are and what the Knights do and what some of its current initiatives are."



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### *Minutes of the July Business Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on July 8 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Advocate, and Trustee one year were excused. Brian Bulger was appointed and accepted the position of Outside Guard to fill the vacancy after the passing of Brother Esola. May Charlie rest in peace. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from June were approved as written.

### **Membership Report**

One candidate, Dave Drummond, filled out a form 100 application and another is interested in transferring.

An exemplification may be conducted in August.

### **Grand Knight Report**

GK Waverly announced the funeral mass of Bob Bambusa to be Saturday June 14 at 10AM. Help may be needed for the reception. Contact Brother Strazzo.

The first planning meeting to discuss the Oktoberfest dinner produced action items. Follow-up meetings will be needed and announced.

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**July Meeting Minutes****Continued from page 1:**

The cook was thanked for the delicious dinner.

**Chaplain's Report**

No report.

**Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$11,757.80

**Financial Secretary Report****Income –**

Dinner - \$18

**Bills –**

Hospitality Sunday - \$155.84 – Brother Strazzo

Amador USPS - \$192. – annual fee for PO Box

**Communications**

No communications this month

**Programs Director Report**

On the first Tuesday night of the month at 5:30 there is the recitation of the Rosary. There shall be a break during the summer months. The first seven months for hosts is filled. August 10, installation of officers at St Patrick's at noon. Picnic to follow in the hall and side dishes and desserts will gladly be accepted and shared with those present. The Council has been asked to participate in the parish picnic on August 24. Participation consists of providing and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs to serve 400- 500 people. It was M/S/A to purchase the meat and an additional \$200 was approved. Donut Sunday has been moved to the first Sunday of each month. The Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Oktoberfest planning is in progress. The new Columbian year began, and dinner hosts are needed at each business meeting. Sign up sheet will be passed around the room and look for an email from the DGK.

**Unfinished Business**

The resolution certificate for KVGC and Jim Guidi and staff was presented to them in person for hosting and broadcasting the rosary for the past four years. Thank

you, Brother Ragusano. Brother Magee will research Knights gear and share ideas at a future meeting.

**New Business**

No new business

**Advocate Report**

Safe Environment - is in progress, several members need to complete the process. GK Waverly shall follow up with members who need to complete the training.

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings.

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris gave a brief report including . The next Chapter meeting is in Roseville on July 19. He will be traveling to Visalia for training. Continue working on Safe Environment training and send documents in.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Esola, Bob Bambusa, Gary Gladen and Family. Pray also for the victims of recent floods, the victims in Esparto, Sal Ponce, Barbara Outland, Carmen Moreno, Jim Magee, Suzan Chain, John Doner, Bill Benson, Bob and Susan Dominic, Nancy and Dennis Shortino, Bob Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

**Lecturer Report**

A video presentation was shown that included fun facts about the Catholic church and Artificial intelligence.

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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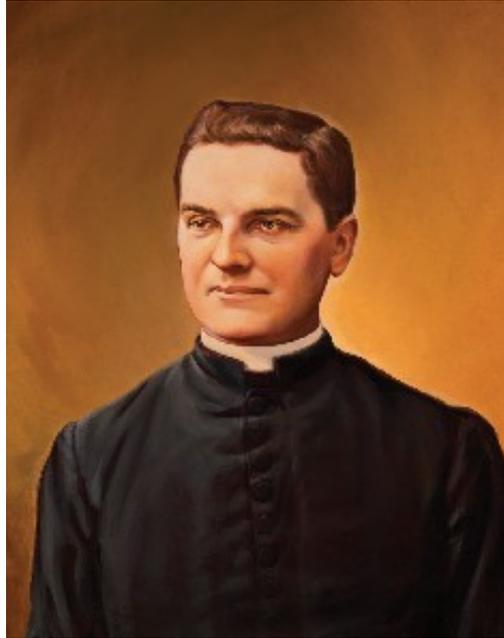
“He asked some good questions about aspects of the work of the Knights,” the supreme chaplain continued, “particularly the *Cor* program.”



Supreme Knight Kelly presents Pope Leo XIV with a photo of the tank-landing ship the pontiff's father served on during World War II. (*Vatican Media*)

Supreme Knight Kelly and Archbishop Lori presented the Holy Father with special gifts on behalf of the Order related to the patriotic occasion of the visit and Pope Leo's Augustinian background. One of the gifts was a framed archival photo of the launching of LST-286, the tank-landing ship on which the pope's father, Louis Prevost, served during the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. The gift held special significance, given the supreme knight's own service in the Navy and that Archbishop Lori's father, Francis, served on a similar tank-landing ship during World War II.

They also gave the pope two early English editions of works by St. Augustine of Hippo — his famous autobiographical *Confessions* (printed in 1660) and *Meditations* (printed in 1728), the latter comprising selections from three Augustinian works of piety: *De meditatione*, *Soliloquies* and *Enchiridion*.



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.

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## August Calendar of Events

*Sunday, August 3: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.*

*Wednesday, August 6: Oktoberfest Planning Meeting at SKD at 5 PM.*

*Wednesday, August 6: Planning Meeting at SKD at 6:00PM.*

*Tuesday, August 12: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.*

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