

Standing With Military Chaplains

Saint John XXIII Foundation honors Knights of Columbus in recognition of service to Catholics in the military

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly was named 2025 Honorary Patron by the Saint John XXIII Foundation, which contributes to the pastoral support of Catholics in the armed services, during its Patrons Reception in Charleston, South Carolina, on Oct. 23.

In the award proclamation, the foundation's board of directors thanked the Knights of Columbus for supporting the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, for the past 40 years, since the archdiocese was created in 1985.

Notably, through fundraising by the Fourth Degree, the Order has been a strong supporter of Archdiocese for the Military Services' Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which helps fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. armed forces. The Knights' [scholarship program](#) addresses the shortage of chaplains ministering to the 1.8 million Catholics served by the archdiocese worldwide.

The Knights of Columbus and the military archdiocese have also co-sponsored an annual Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage for wounded, ill and injured U.S. military personnel since 2013. In addition, for more than 20 years, they have collaborated to distribute more than 700,000 copies of the Order's *Armed with the Faith* prayer book to U.S. military personnel at home and abroad.

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Minutes of the November Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM on October 14 by Deputy Grand Knight Gonzalez. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from September were approved as written.

Membership Report

One new Form 100 was received for Gary Rocke

Meeting was suspended for a pre- stition from Amador's Operation Care

Grand Knight Report

DGK Gonzales ask and sent around a sign-up sheet for Knights to provide dinner at our meetings. There are still some open months.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain was not present at the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$14,400.27

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October Meeting Minutes*Continued from page 1:***Financial Secretary Report****Income –**

Dinner - \$46

Bills –

Steve Debanedet – Octoberfest \$526.46

Bob Strazzo – Octoberfest \$171.53

George Feist – Octoberfest \$575.00

Shawn Simpson – Donuts \$147.87

Matt Powers – Octoberfest \$611.36

George Hoover – Octoberfest \$463.00

Communications

None

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. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Octoberfest was well attended with an estimated profit of \$3,900. Multiple Knights received comments that this was the best event KOC have put on. A Man for All Seasons is all set. Please attend the Jackson Veteran's Day parade, only 3 last year. Parade 11/11 at 9:00 AM. Discussed moving the Knight's Christmas Dinner and was agreed it would remain 12/5.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The parish has requested help in purchasing matching vestments for Father and Deacon. We agreed we wanted to help but since we had no details or cost estimate the item was tabled.

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.

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

No report

District Deputy Report

DD Morris gave a brief report and reaffirmed the great job we are doing.

Good of the Order

We did not have last month's list but we added the following as sick: Lynette Heddings and Jim Magee, the repose of the soul of Al Shindlep.

Lecturer Report

No report

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

DGK Gonzalez closed the meeting at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Burr for David Sanders.

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In remarks delivered remotely, Supreme Knight Kelly, who served in the U.S. Navy for 24 years, thanked the Saint John XXIII Foundation for its spiritual support of Catholics in the armed services. “I gratefully accept this award on behalf of the over 2 million members of the Knights who are so committed to charity, unity, fraternity — but also to patriotism,” he said.

“One thing I saw when I was on active duty is the great value that our chaplains bring,” continued Supreme Knight Kelly, who served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG) as a Navy lawyer, both in active duty and in the Navy Reserve, retiring with the rank of captain.

“I worked very closely with chaplains, being a JAG,” Kelly said. “When I was deployed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam (LPH 9), the flagship of an amphibious ready group, we were very fortunate to have a chaplain. He and I became very good friends, and worked as a tag team. I would send [sailors] to the chaplain when I knew that they needed a sympathetic ear.”

Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, was the principal celebrant of a Mass preceding the Patrons Reception. Concelebrants included Msgr. Anthony Frontiero, vicar general of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA; and priests of the Diocese of Charleston.

The Mass celebrated the feast of St. John of Capistrano, the patron saint of military chap-

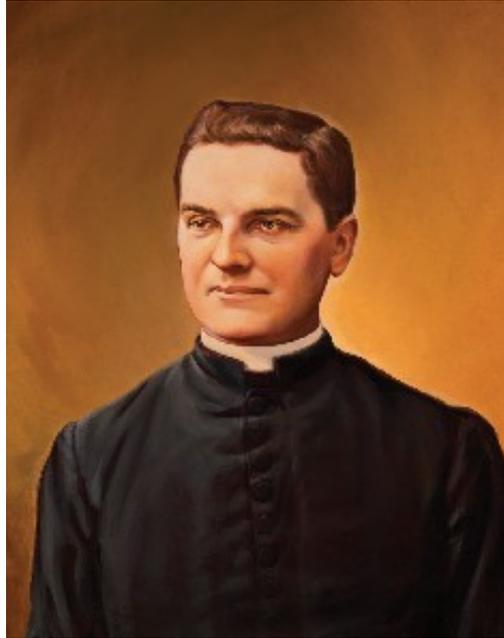
lains, who led the Hungarian army to successfully defend the city of Belgrade from an Ottoman siege in 1456.

“It is only fitting that Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and the Knights of Columbus be honored with this award,” said Archbishop Broglio, who is president of the Saint John XXIII Foundation. “Historically, the Knights of Columbus have always been present, going back to the First World War and they have continued to be supportive of our military and the archdiocese, including catechesis, vocations programs and so many other ways.”

RON KUZLIK writes from Stamford, Conn., where he is a member of St. Augustine Council



Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, is pictured with Fourth Degree Knights outside St. Patrick Church in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 23. (Photo by Jessica Yurinko)



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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November Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 2: Knights Donut Sunday at SKD after the 10 AM Mass.

Sunday, November 2: A Man for All Seasons in the Gym at SKD at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 4: Rosary on KVGC Radio at SKD at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, November 5: Planning Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, November 11: Veteran's Day Parade Main Street and North Street, Downtown Jackson at 9:45 AM.

Tuesday, November 11: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

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