



# Knightly Chatter



Bishop John T Kidd Council 4924 - Windsor Ont.

October / November 2020

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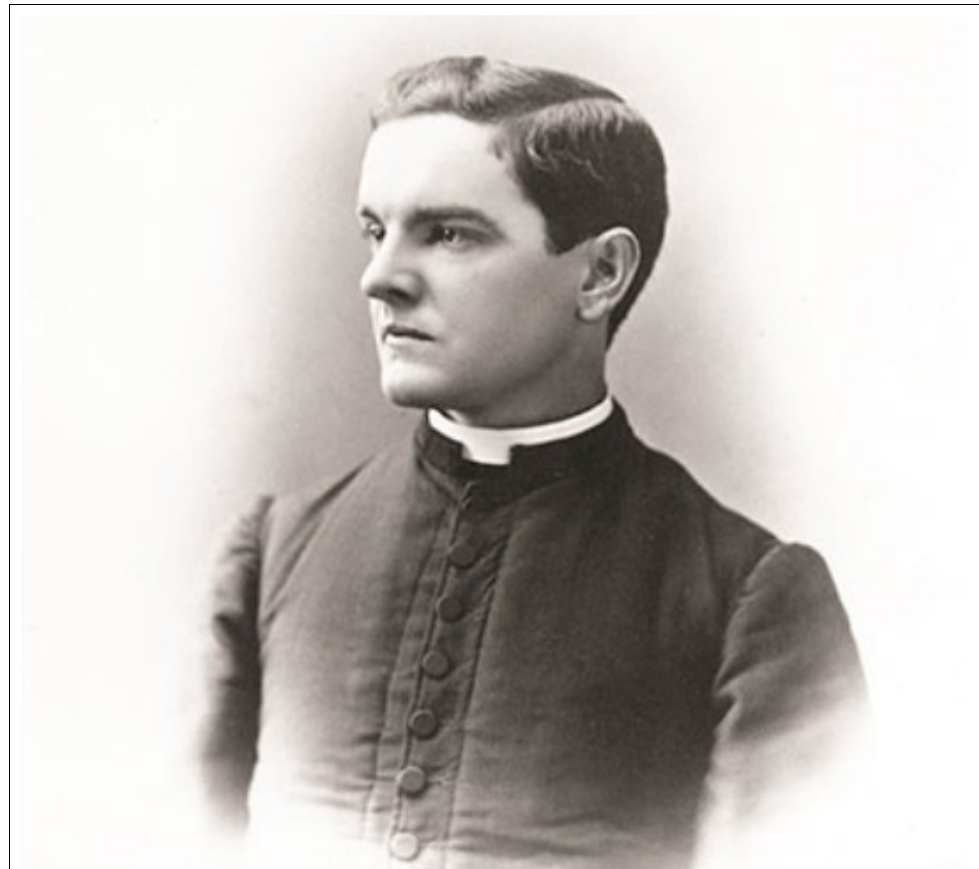
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## **IN GOD'S TIME**

We are invited to reflect on the holy life of Father Michael J. McGivney at this moment in history.

Knights to create [pilgrimage center](#) in honor of their founder who is to be beatified on Oct. 31, 2020

## **Upcoming Events**

**General Meeting** Wed, October 7, 7:30pm online Zoom

**General Meeting** Wed, November 4, 7:30pm

2020 Ontario Charities Lottery draw October 30

Check website [Calendar](#) for details

## Message from Our Grand Knight

Fellow Knights

I am introducing myself to you. Hope all is going well and everyone is staying safe. I am looking forward to working for you .We have moved out of our old office and into the new Hall .We are working with the Church to get organized .We are not able to have in house meetings at this time .I have started to use Zoom meetings to try and keep in touch with council members.

We are in need to fill some council positions we need a Chancellor ,Recorder, Outside guard , Lecturer .If you feel you can fill one of these positions please reach out to me .We can not have any food events now .As we are trying to move forward with the progress of the new hall and kitchen.

With the pandemic on the Diocese of London will not allow any food events at this time see you in a zoom meeting .Keep in touch with your fellow Knights .If you have a email address you wish to use contact me stay safe Vivat Jesus.

Tom Farrer Grand Knight 4924

### There several **Notice of Motions** to be voted on:

1. to donate \$1500 to the St Rose Elementary School Nutrition Program
2. to donate \$1500 to the Corpus Christi Middle School Nutrition Program
3. to donate \$500 to purchase backpacks & school supplies for parish children in need.
4. to allocate up to \$1500 to purchase for Coats for Kids

## Message from Our Deputy Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights.

I hope all is well. I know it has been a difficult few months since covid has hit us but we must fight on. We are still making donations where it is possible.

I hope to reach out to many of you personally to check up on you and I hope you do the same for each other. Remember lets Leave no neighbour behind. In saying this if there is anything I can do for you, please reach out. If not me than a fellow Knight.

I am crossing my fingers that we can do a Christmas party this year in some capacity. I will keep you informed. Hopefully as well we can begin fund raising . We are still having meetings using ZOOM. This can be done on your computer or by phone. If you are not receiving emails let us know, our contact info is on the website.

Remember to be safe and God bless.

Raymond Beaupre DGK

Congratulations to Ed Charbonneau who paid his dues before Dec 31 and won his 2020 dues back.

## Celebrations

### October Birthdays

Louis Ducharme 10-01  
James L Mayea 10-06  
Saad Savaya 10-08  
James C Harwood 10-15  
Michael A Anderson 10-19  
William H Glenn 10-22  
Edward E Petryshyn 10-24  
Roger J Garant 10-28  
Chris A Tighe 10-30

Gerald G Glovasky 10-01  
Gerard A Labelle 10-07  
Denis M Miron 10-10  
Dennis D Little 10-16  
Joseph C Corriveau 10-21  
John H St Louis 10-22  
Peter L Conway 10-26  
Terrance L Thomas 10-29

Farid Ishak Batto 10-04  
John W Mc Neely 10-08  
Kearns Martin Brode 10-12  
Angus J Mac Isaac 10-18  
Leonard W Reaume 10-21  
Alfred E Letourneau 10-24  
John A Abbott 10-27  
James M Tiborcz 10-30

### November Birthdays

Gordon L Drouillard 11-01  
Leonard M Dunn 11-05  
Randolph Bondy 11-11  
Trevor S Thomas 11-13  
Jason A Deshaies 11-18  
John L Mc Fadden 11-23  
Gilbert A Gervais 11-27  
Darcy R Urquhart 11-30

Robert G Larsh 11-01  
Zvonko Koren 11-07  
David A French 11-11  
Thomas C Barker 11-14  
Mark G Parent 11-20  
Joseph R Rivard 11-23  
Steve Di Giacomo 11-29

Gary M Smith 11-01  
Guy P Jacques 11-10  
Mark Sobocan 11-13  
Patrick J Mc Creary 11-16  
Jean Paul Lapointe 11-21  
Gary A Unis 11-24  
Joseph F Tanguay 11-29

## Anniversaries

Josephine "Josie" & Robert Sobocan 10-05-1985  
Jeannie & Sydney Joseph Fauteux 10-12-1968  
Bonnie & Trevor S Thomas 10-18-1980  
Abier & Laith Sami Joseph 11-05-2005  
Rita & Guy P Jacques 11-06-2006  
Marie & Thomas Randall Ray 11-14-1969

At this point charities have been advised that they are not being assigned any sessions until the Provincial Government grants permission. We have earned some income recently and will earn income while the hall is operational.

Thank you for your patience.

Jesmond Tabone

Bingo Co-Chairman

Good Times for You  
Good Things for your  
Community



## Fraternal Survey

By now you should have received your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I want to thank you for taking the time to fill out this year's Fraternal Survey. Let me know what's new in your life, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

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## Message from Our District Deputy

Worthy Brother's

Our founder The Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney will be Beatified on October 31, 2020. I encourage all councils to find a way to share the beatification of our founder to all our members.

Here is some information on Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

The [Vatican announced](#) the approval of a miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, more popularly known among North American Catholics as the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

The last couple of years have seen a bit of a boom in American saint making. Before the beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother in September 2017, no American-born man had yet risen to the distinction of Blessed in the Roman Catholic Church. But when Fr. McGivney is beatified, he will become the fourth American-born male Blessed (or fifth depending on when Archbishop Fulton Sheen's beatification takes place!).

So who was Fr. Michael McGivney? And why is he important to the Church today, more than a hundred years after his death?

### **Childhood**

Michael J. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, in Waterbury, Connecticut, to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary McGivney. Young Michael was a product of his time: he was the eldest of 13 children, seven of whom survived to adulthood; he grew up in a working class neighbourhood; he attended school until the age of 13, when he took advantage of the post-Civil War economic boom and started working in a brass factory in order to bring extra money into his family's household.

### **Seminary studies**

At the age of 16, Michael left the factory to further his education. He traveled with a Waterbury priest to Saint-Hyacinth, Quebec, where he entered the Seminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe. After his time in Quebec, Michael went on to spend two years at Our Lady of Angels Seminary at the Niagara University in Niagara Falls, New York; then from there, on to Montreal for seminary classes at the Jesuit-run St. Mary's College. Sadly, Michael did not initially complete his studies, as he returned home for his father's funeral and, due to lack of funds, could not return to school. But then, at the behest of the Bishop of Hartford, Michael left home again, this time for St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore where he completed his studies and was later ordained in 1877 by Archbishop James Gibbons.

### **Life as a priest**

Upon his ordination, Fr. McGivney served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish

in New Haven, Connecticut. As part of his duties, Fr. McGivney was involved with the pastoral care of the incarcerated inmates of the local jail. His duty extended into a deep loving care for them, best exemplified with his interactions with James Smith, a man convicted of first-degree murder who was awaiting his execution. Fr. McGivney visited him daily, offering Smith pastoral care and love, right up until the day of Smith's execution. On that day, Smith stated that Fr. McGivney's daily visits enabled him to "meet death without a tremor" and that Fr. McGivney should not fear for him. In 1884, Fr. McGivney was named the pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Connecticut, and tasked with infusing the parish with the spirit he had brought to St. Mary's. Sadly, after serving as pastor for six years, Fr. McGivney passed away in 1890 during an influenza epidemic, likely due to complications stemming from tuberculosis and pneumonia. Today Fr. McGivney is enshrined at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

## **Legacy**

Fr. McGivney was not just a man of deep empathy but also a man with deep compassion and a spirit for action. The legacy of this lives on in the [Knights of Columbus](#), a Catholic fraternal organization he established in 1882, whose purpose was to protect the faith of Catholics. This took the form of three pillars:

1. The Knights would serve as an antidote to those secret societies that lured Catholic men away from their faith by offering financial benefits.
2. The Order's insurance program would help keep Catholic families together when a breadwinner died; this would also help prevent a loss of faith among widows and orphans forced to live in state institutions or with non-Catholic relatives or adoptive families.
3. The Knights would champion the full rights of American citizenship for Catholics. This too would support the Church, since ensuring equal rights for Catholics would help limit the social or civil pressure on them to abandon their faith.

Fr. McGivney's organization has expanded beyond the initial three pillars, and today the Knights are well known for their commitment to charity and community service. Since Fr. McGivney's death, the Knights of Columbus have continued to grow and serve countless people. It is the largest Catholic fraternal benefit society in the world.

## **Cause for canonization**

In 1997, Archbishop Daniel Cronin opened the cause for Fr. McGivney's beatification and canonization, and in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI elevated Fr. McGivney to Venerable.

For the next step in the process – beatification – the Vatican requires proof of a miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession. On May 27, 2020, the Vatican formally announced the approval of a miracle involving the healing of an unborn



child from a life-threatening condition.

The date for the beatification ceremony has not yet been announced.

### **Prayer for the canonization of Fr. 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.)

Lastly I want to thank everyone for your hard work and patience during this pandemic. Please remember to continue to check in on our brother's and offer any assistance you can offer.

Fraternally yours,

Jesmond P. Tabone PGK 4924  
District Deputy 39



#### **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

Join men from all over the world, young and old, who work with local parishes and communities to follow a path where faith leads the way.