



Knights' News

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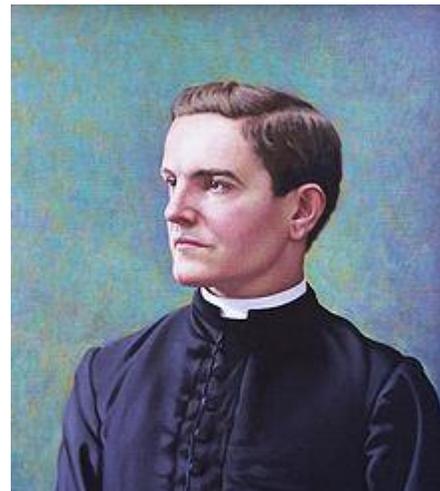
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Founding of the Knights of Columbus

From his own experience, Fr. McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the father/wage earner's untimely death. Many Catholics were struggling to assimilate into the American economy.

On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Chapel in New Haven, Connecticut, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a small group of parishioners as a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance in the event of the men's deaths to their widows and orphans. The organization developed as a fraternal society. Fr. McGivney was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.



GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

March is here with snow, rain and possible floods in the low areas. Make sure you are prepared with additional food, water and alternate location for shelter.

In my time with the military, I served in three flooded areas of Northern California. Once near Cordelia, California, there was eight feet of water that flowed over Highway 80, stopping traffic for 10 hours. The Bear River Levee near Marysville broke and flooded orchards and homes 20 feet deep with folks evacuating to Beale AFB and Clear Lake, California. I used heavy equipment to build berms and used water barrier bladders to keep a fire station open. We used our heavy trucks (HEMTT, and HMMWV) to get into mobile home parks to rescue people and bring nurses into areas that people needed help. These were very rewarding experiences for me.

The snow pack is above normal in the Sierra's and another perfect situation for flooding could happen again this Spring. Warm weather and more precipitation could cause an emergency situation in the valley. Be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Be ready and have a plan for you and your family.

Now is the time, if you feel the need to volunteer, join the Red Cross and become a member. They really need dependable people of any age that they can count on. You must be able to endure a little hardship. I hope to see you there!

We will need an army of men come Spring to keep the grasses in Paradise at bay! I see the rain and snow during the last part of February, and all I can think of is the endless need to maintain the properties of our widows, the disabled, elderly and extremely poor. I wish many more would get out and help the people of Paradise. There are people that cannot afford to pay the exorbitant fees that are being charged in Paradise. If you can, get out and help your neighbor and pass on the good faith of being a Knight.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

March is the month of Lent – commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan. It was a precursor to his public ministry, and a time we can use to renew our devotion to Christ and His Gospels as we journey with him in the desert. We also continue to be blessed with the easing of COVID restrictions, and the return of normal church and council activities.

When prompted enter promotional code:
BlessedMcGivney

Take advantage of this while the offer lasts!



Now through June 30, 2023

See what Knights do in California at:
www.californiaknights.org

March is also traditionally the month for membership drives. Founder's Day, the day Father McGivney created the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, is generally recognized and celebrated on March 29. Each year we attempt to recruit new members around that date in commemoration of the Order's anniversary. Ask your Pastor if you can hold a membership drive one weekend near that date during Lent. Setup an information table outside the church and invite parishioners to join at all the Masses.

As an even more powerful recruiting tool, membership is free to those joining online through June 30, 2023. By entering the code "Blessed McGivney" in the online application found on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org/joinus, first-year membership dues are waived. The "QR" code on the card accompanying this article, when scanned with the camera on a smartphone, will take you directly to the online membership application.

When members join online, welcome them into your council by having them attend a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. An online member counts as a new member when they join your council. Several of the councils in District 2 are in the process of forming an exemplification team or have one already.

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Calendar of Events***March / April***

March 8 Officers meeting at 9:00am.

March 15 Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

April 12 Officers meeting at 9:00am.

April 19 Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

James Nockelby—2nd

D. J. Lemire—9th

Kevin Kriebel—18th

Gary Spanfelner—22nd

Paul Relei—2nd

Skylar Brown—13th

Gary Behne—19th

Salvador Macias—24th

Walter Williams—3rd

David Young—17th

Rev. Patrick Henry—19th

Keith R Johnson—26th

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Kathy DeCristofaro (cancer), Gina and Duncan Barnard, Linda Shores, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, Cheryl Barron, John Johnson, Jim and Nancy Barnes, Tom Kelly, Jerry Foster, Kim Keysling (K.O.'s daughter) and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters and the Corona Virus. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for our brothers and sisters and allies who were left behind in Afghanistan. Pray for America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

KNIGHT HUMOR

-The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

-Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

-Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.

-When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

-Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough."

-If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

Please share your exemplification dates with the other councils in the district so they can participate too if they have candidates waiting.

The featured program for the month of March is, quite appropriately, *Spiritual Reflection*. Use your time to reflect on the pain and sacrifices Christ bore for our benefit. I encourage you to participate in the *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays during Lent, either at your own parish or by viewing a video on the Knights of Columbus California State Council YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#). Sometimes we think there are days when we are facing challenges – imagine what Christ endured in his Passion and final days on Earth.

As always, my compliments to the councils in District 2 for the support you provide to your Pastors and parish community. Godspeed to the many events and activities you are planning! Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- dabbott79@gmail.com

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