



NEWSLETTER
OUR LADY OF THE INCARNATE WORD
COUNCIL 15199
OUR LADY OF THE INCARNATION
ASSEMBLY 3309
2309 Monterrey Rd. Rio Rancho, NM 87144

January 2020

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Knights of Columbus

Building the
Domestic Church
**While Strengthening
Our Parish**



Reminder

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at
6 pm at Mimi's in Albuquerque on January 11,
2020

CALENDAR

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:00 PM

Second Monday of the
month

www.kofcassembly3309.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:30 PM

Second Thursday of the
month

www.kofc15199.com

Star Council Award

Congratulations to the Brothers and their families of
Council 15199 for earning the Star Council Award



Diocesan Deputy Frank Melo presents the Star Council Award to Grand Knight Ron Karaskiewicz

2019-2020 Assembly
Officers

Faithful Friar - Father Leo
Ortiz

Faithful Navigator – SK
John Alvarado

Faithful Captain - SK Stan
Talik

Faithful Admiral - SK PFN
Frank Melo

Faithful Comptroller – SK
PFN Ron Meyer

Faithful Purser - SK Henry
Chavez

Faithful Pilot - SK Ross
Aiello

Faithful Scribe - SK Vince
Rojas

Faithful Inner Sentinel -
SK Steve Wilson

Faithful Outer Sentinel –
SK Dominick Lepore

Faithful Trustee One Year
– SK John Garcia

Faithful Trustee Two Year
- SK Frosty Johnson

Faithful Trustee Three
Year – SK Gerald Roybal

Color Corp Commander –
SK James Starr

Knights of Columbus New Mexico 2nd Annual Gathering of Family Conference

Knights of Columbus
New Mexico

2nd Annual
Gathering of Family



February 14 & 15, 2020
Marriott Pyramid Hotel
5151 San Francisco Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM

For Information contact John Brauli,
State Deputy: 505-453-0158

Click above for information and registration

2019-2020 Council Officers

Grand Knight - SK Ron Karaskiewicz

Deputy Grand Knight – SK Philip Watje

Chancellor – SK David Chavez

Financial Secretary – SK Jim Guth

Treasurer – SK Stan Talik

Recorder – SK Tom Plate

Advocate – SK Gerald Roybal

Lecturer – SK Jimm White

Warden –SK Clemente Garcia

Inside Guard – SK Steven Schroeder

Outside Guard – SK Don Mattos

1 Year Trustee - SK Ron Meyer

2 Year Trustee – SK Mark Bagdon

3 Year Trustee – SK Ronald Cook

From State Membership Director Jimmie Beasley

Brother Knights,

Maintaining membership and recruiting new members into your council is a sign of an active, growing council. Here are some more tips to help your council with recruiting.

Your Pastor/Chaplain can be your most effective recruiter.....

Conduct regular meetings with your parish Priest/Chaplain about your council's programs and growth. He can be a great asset in recruiting. Ask Fr. to talk to prospective members/families who have not yet made the commitment to join the Order. Also ask him for the names of parish members that are already doing great works within the parish and who he thinks can greatly benefit by joining. By working closely with your Pastor/Chaplain, your council and parish will be accomplishing greater works in faith, family, community, and life programs.....

Create and use prospect lists.....

Every member of your council knows or hears about men and their families within the parish who are potential prospects. These can include CCD parents, new parish families, men attending RCIA classes, recent high school graduates, retreat/pro-life event attendees, and other parish ministries to name a few (be creative). The council should keep a master list of all potential members and their families. That being said do not sit on that list but rather, actively recruit from it. Invite parish families from the list to help with council functions ie; fund-raisers, community/parish projects, kitchen cleaning/grounds cleaning events, retreats, etc. Remember to recruit the whole family unit, because wives and children must always feel welcomed. Get input from your younger members for ideas on how to recruit and engage the younger families. Invite all families to your Family Gathering and Rosary Night (Family Unity Night). In maintaining, growing, and using your council prospect list, your council will see a surge in new members and, like you, they know folks who would make great prospects as well.....

If you have any questions or, recruiting strategies that are working for your council, please feel free to contact me any time. God bless all.....

Viva Cristo Rey!

Jimmy Beasley

NMSC Membership Director

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Homeless And
Hungry Veterans for
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As a friendly reminder, when sending Form 100s via email to the Supreme Council, please be sure to send them to:

Membership@kofc.org

Many of you may have previously used a different email address ("MembershipRecords" @kofc.org). **That address no longer works and has been out of service for two years.** Please check your email address books to be sure that you are sending to the correct address.

As always, when submitting Form 100s via email, please check that **all the requested information is completed and the forms are legible and signed by both the council officers and the new member.**

Thank you for the wonderful service you provide to your councils and the Order.
Fraternally
Kevin Brady
Manager, Membership Records

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Knight of the Month



Grand Knight Ron Karaskiewicz presents the Knight of the Month Award to Frank Melo

Knights in Action

Church of the Incarnation
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Wreaths Across America



REMEMBERING the Fallen. . . HONORING those who Serve. . .
TEACHING our children the value of Freedom.

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, Assembly 3309 of Rio Rancho, New Mexico in conjunction Daniels Funeral Home, Vista Verde Memorial Park, Rio Rancho, NM participated in Wreaths Across America to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's Fallen Heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every Veteran aloud.

In attendance were local VFW Post 5890, American Legion Post 118, the Legion Riders, the Marine Corps JROTC from Rio Rancho, the Army JROTC from Cleveland High School, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 2010, Church of the Incarnation, Troop 702, San Isidro, Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa, keynote speaker Deacon Norbert Archibeque, Col(R) US Army and WWII Veteran Mr. Joe Ryan, US Army Air Corp. B-25 Crew Member.

Thank you to all who supported this event.







Read by SK Tom Plate

In addition to remembering and honoring the veterans that are interred here at this cemetery and other cemeteries during this Wreaths Across America memorial, let us also remember the members of our armed forces who never made it home and whose resting place is known only to God.

I'd like to share the story of one man who once went from being known to unknown to known again. Michael J Blassie was born in St. Louis in 1948 and was a classmate of my wife when they together attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help school in the early 1960's. Following graduation from High School, Michael graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1970. He then was assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron of the 377th Air Base Wing and sent to Bien Hoa Air Base near Saigon.

On May 11, 1972, 24 year old, 1st Lt. Michael Blassie was on his 138th combat mission in the vicinity of An Loc when he was shot by anti-aircraft fire and his plane rolled, turned upside down, crashed and exploded. Initial recovery attempts were launched but failed due to control of the area by enemy forces. With no evidence that Michael had survived, he was classed "Killed in Action, Body not Recovered". Five months later in October 1972, a South Vietnamese patrol reached the crash site. Human remains were found and recovered along with personal items that were identified as belonging to Michael. The remains and personal items were turned over to US Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. As there had been other aircraft that had gone down in the same area, the lab did not conclusively identify the remains as being those of Michael Blassie and were then designated as "Unknown" with the id of "X-26".

Twelve years later, in 1984, "X-26" was designated the "Unknown" service member from the Vietnam War and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Ten years later in 1994, evidence was discovered by a researcher that indicated that the Vietnam Unknown was in fact Michael J Blassie. In January 1998, CBS News finally picked up on the story. Once the story broke that the unknown may be known, my wife contacted the Blassie family and joined them in contacting officials in Washington DC to have the remains exhumed and DNA testing performed to determine whether the Vietnam unknown was indeed Michael Blassie. On May 14, 1998, 26 years after Michael's plane was shot down, the remains were exhumed and DNA testing proved the identity of the remains were that of Michael's.

Michael Blassie was returned to his family and reinterred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on July 11, 1998. He was 24 years old when he died and returned to his family when he would have been 50 years old. I personally never knew Michael but I feel as though I know him through the stories my wife shared of the memories of him when they were growing up together in St. Louis. His memory can also remind us of those who never had the chance to be reunited with their families. The tomb for the Vietnam Unknown remains empty to this day and the marker has been replaced with one that reads "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen". As of the end of 2018, the number of U.S. military and civilian personnel still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War stands at 1,592.

† Lady Sharon Plate

Knights Setting up the 2019 Nativity in the Prayer Garden





Corporate Communion Mass In Memoriam of our deceased Brother
Knights of our Council and Assembly December 29, 2019

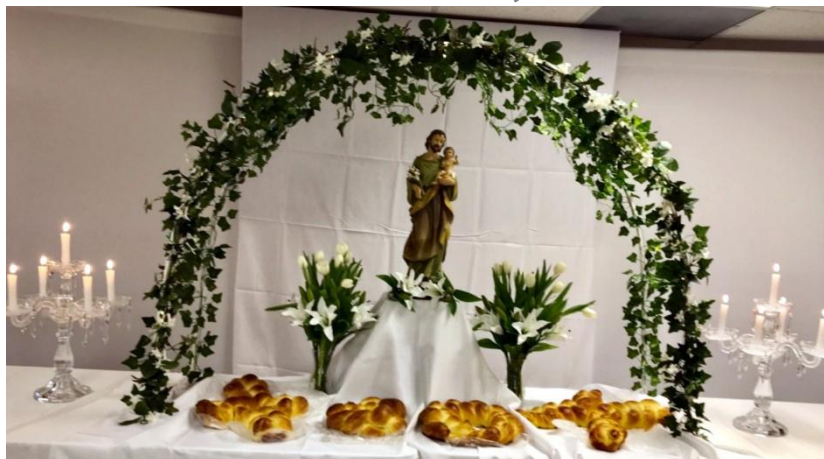




A big and very sincere THANK YOU to all members and their families that participated in our Corporate Communion, potluck and Memorial Service for our deceased Brothers. Participation was good, the food great and plentiful but most importantly the families of our deceased were moved to tears of gratitude.

God Bless you all,
GK Ron Karaskiewicz

Second Annual Saint Joseph's Table March 21, 2020 Italian American Club, Rio Rancho



We need to get a firm commitment of those member Knights that are willing to cook an Italian dish to help serve the Parish.

Based on the success of last year's event, Fr. Leo has asked that the Knights open the event up to the parish community. Because of the limit of about 300 people set by the fire department for the Italian-American Club we have targeted to prepare about 300 meals.

The most critical step in our preparation now is to get a firm commitment from Knights and their families to do the cooking and service the event.

This is a very important event for our Council for several reasons. The money raised will be given to the State's U ultrasound fund to support various Pro-Life initiatives. As an organization we constantly ask the parishioners for money and this event will be an opportunity to give something back to them. It will provide a venue for community building in the Church. And, most importantly, it will be a way to honor and pray to St. Joseph.

If we can get a commitment from 30 Knights and their families to do the cooking, then the amount of food that each family would need to prepare would be to feed 10. Forty Knights doing the cooking and the amount to cook drops to feeding only 7-8.

We will also need Knights to form several committees and take the lead for certain aspects of the event. These committees include: Food, decorations, service and publicity.

Calendar



2019-2020 Activities for Council 15199 Church of the Incarnation

*This calendar is subject to change; stay connected to Council news for updates
A rosary will be recited before each Council mtg at 6:30 PM
Officer, Council and Assembly meetings all at 7:00 PM in Portable #1
Corporate Communion at 10:30 Mass on 5th Sunday of Month
First Degree Exemplifications in Portable #1*

DO MORE. BE MORE. BE A KNIGHT IN ACTION

Date	AUGUST 2019	Date	SEPTEMBER 2019
1	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM	5	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
8	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM	6	9/11 FLAG day; Rio Rancho
10	Men Under Construction	9	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
12	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM	12	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM
25	Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL	21	First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
		22	Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL
		29	Corp Comm & Potluck Hall 8:00 AM -1:30 PM
Date	OCTOBER 2019	Date	NOVEMBER 2019
3	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM	tbd	BINGO night Hall 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
5-10	Marian Prayer ICON in District 4	7	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
5-13	Balloon Fiesta	8	Spaghetti Dinner Hall 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
10	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM	9 & 16	Special Olympics Tootsie Roll Fundraiser
14	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM	11	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
19	Pancake Breakfast Hall 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM	13	Silver Rose in District 4
19	First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	14	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM
26	4th Degree Exemplification	16	First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
26	Trunk-or-Treat Hall 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	23	Hot Dog Saturday (tentative)
26	Hot Dog Saturday (first try)	24	Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL
27	Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL		
Date	DECEMBER 2019	Date	JANUARY 2020
5	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM	2	Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
6-8	Mid-Year Mtg in Alamogordo	9	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM
9	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM	13	Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
11	Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM	18	First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
12	Lady of Guadalupe Mass	19	NFL Sunday Fundraiser
14	Wreaths Across America; Santa Fe	26	Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL
14	First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM		
29	Corp Comm & Potluck Hall 8:00 AM -1:30 PM		



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Date FEBRUARY 2020
1 Pancake Breakfast Hall 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM
6 Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
8 First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
10 Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
13 Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM
21 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
23 Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL

Date MARCH 2020
5 Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
9 Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
12 Council Meeting 7:00 PM; Rosary @ 6:30 PM
14 ~~the~~ CrossRoads Initiative Retreat
20 St. Joseph Table Hall 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
28 First Degree 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
29 Corp Comm & Potluck Hall 8:00 AM -1:30 PM

Date APRIL 2020
2 Officer Meeting P#1 7:00 PM
9 Council Meeting P#1 7:00 PM
10 Good Friday
12 EASTER Sunday
13 Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
25 First Degree P#1 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
26 Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL

Date MAY 2020
2 BINGO night Hall 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (tentative)
7 Officer Meeting P#1 7:00 PM
11 Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
21 Council Meeting 7:00 PM
23 First Degree P#1 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
31 Breakfast Burrito Sunday for PDL

Date JUNE 2020
4 Officer Meeting 7:00 PM
8 Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM
11 Council Meeting 7:00 PM
15-21 Rummage Sale

Uniform Talk



We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449. Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms will be suspended Nov. 1 and resume on Dec. 1.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.
- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

VA



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of Veterans Affairs**

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity Degree

A major announcement was made at the Midyear Meeting that our First, Second and Third Degrees have been combined into a single degree. The new degree (Charity-Unity-Fraternity Degree) takes about 30 minutes and the element of secrecy is no longer a requirement for this degree (we are however still held to the pledges taken at the old degrees). The new degree was held after the Saturday Mass at the mid year and many of the parishioners who attended Mass stayed for the degree.

Our Multi District Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2020, (10am - 2pm) at Lamy Council, 2800 San Mateo and the new degree will be held prior to the start of the meeting, The Charity-Unity-Fraternity Degree is for all new Knights as well as first degree and 2nd degree wishing to advance in the order to 3rd degree. Registration is at 8:00am and the Degree will start at 9:00am with the Multi District Meeting to follow. The Multi District Meeting will cover the material from the Midyear Meeting

Degree Schedule

Charity, Unity, Fraternity (Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees)
January 18, Lamy Council Chapel 2800 San Mateo, Albuquerque, NM

2020 Fourth Degree Exemplification Schedule

January 25- Grants, NM
Hosted by Fr. Howard Meyer, OFM, Assembly 2218. The Class
Honoree will be: Sir Knight Levi Leyba.

February 22- Las Cruces, NM
March 28- Roswell, NM
June 13- Northern NM-TBD

Life

Through prayer

Through participation in vigils

Through evangelization

Through monetary support

Through daily sacrifices, however

Small



The government's own definition attests to the fact that life begins at fertilization. According to the National Institutes of Health, "fertilization" is the process of union of two gametes (i.e., ovum and sperm) "whereby the somatic chromosome number is restored and the development of a new individual is initiated."

Steven Ertelt" Undisputed Scientific Fact: Human Life Begins at Conception, or Fertilization"
LifeNews.com 11/18/13

People of Life and For Life

Volunteer

Educate

Advocate

Donate

Pray

Culture of Life

From SK Michael J Seibel State Pro-Life Director

Brothers All,

We are preparing for the bills that are upcoming in the 2020 legislative session. It is important that our Knights voice their opinion on abortion as the USCCB has identified this as the number one issue for Catholics. Please distribute this petition to all New Mexico Council members.



Earlier this year, thousands of pro-life New Mexicans rallied together to defeat one of the most radical pro-abortion bills in the country: *House Bill 51*.

The failure of the radical bill dealt Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, pro-abortion legislators, and deep-pocketed pro-abortion groups a crippling defeat, as **New Mexicans from every county in the state showed up at the Capitol, called their legislators, and attended rallies for LIFE.**

But that was just out first fight. We must come together again to stop the next round of abortion up-to-birth legislation in its tracks.

To stop pro-abortion radicalism going into the fast-approaching 2019 Legislative Session, we are releasing our 2020 "New Mexicans for Life" Pro-Life Petition.

The same extreme bill will be back — and we must tell our leaders that WE OPPOSE ABORTION UP-TO-BIRTH AND INFANTICIDE, and ANY effort to repeal important conscience protections for our medical professionals.

New Mexico Alliance for Life is proud to be partnering with Right to Life Committee of New Mexico and Family Policy Alliance of New Mexico® on this important project and we are depending on you to make it a success.

Will you help us today by doing 3 things?

- Please **ADD YOUR NAME** by [clicking here](#). It only takes 30 seconds and in addition to your name being added to the petition, a message will immediately be sent to the Governor and your State Senator and Representative.
- Please **SHARE THIS INFORMATION** by forwarding it to your family members, friends, and pastors.
- Please **SHARE OUR PETITION LINK** on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram – newmexicansforlife.com.

Thank you for making your voice heard and for standing up for the unborn.
Add Your Name Today!

From Brother Curt Kuper

A quote from St. Padre Pio
“The day that people
lose their horror
for abortion will be
the most terrible day
for humanity.
Abortion is not only a
homicide but also a
suicide. Shouldn't we
have the courage to
manifest our faith
before those who
commit two crimes
within one act? The
suicide of the human
race will be
understood by those
who will see the earth
populated by the
elderly.”

We are very grateful for your prayers and support as we plan our work to help more moms and save babies in 2020.

We will continue to celebrate a Pro-Life Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents at PDL twice a week and have the Blessed Sacrament available for Eucharistic Adoration (9-4 M-F).



The Chapel of the Holy Innocents designed by our Chaplain Fr. Daniel Williamson, CFR



We have two part-time nurses to staff our on-site licensed medical clinic and a doctor who volunteers his time to analyze the ultrasounds. Your donations allow PDL to help women and families which results in many children being saved. Our staff is also trained to teach Natural Family Planning.



PDL co-sponsors Albuquerque's **Sidewalk Advocates** who are on the sidewalk outside of the abortion mills every week (even on these cold Winter days) to let abortion vulnerable women know that help is available. We will also once again host **40 Days for Life** in Albuquerque (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th). In 2019, we know of 29 saves and 30 turn-arounds from these efforts at the three Albuquerque abortion mills -- praise God and thank everyone for joining the sidewalk counselors in peaceful prayer on the sidewalk.

My Letter to Mommy and
Daddy after Abortion

Mommy... why did you
hurt me?
Daddy did you know?
Why didn't you fight for my
life?

Jesus said I would have
looked just like you
Your hair, your eyes, and
even your smile

I know you didn't mean it
Mommy

Daddy I know you love me.

Daddy, you will never get
to see me

You'll miss my first words,
you'll miss me fall and get
up.

Mommy, you'll never get to
comb my hair or paint my
nails, you'll miss me go to
kindergarten

You guys will miss my
whole life And I will to....

But don't worry, I am with
Jesus now.... Next time
think about what you are
doing, and who you are
hurting,

I AM A PERSON

Mommy, Daddy, I love
you, wish you would have
loved me too

By: Danielle Martinez

PDL also provides Pro-Life signs that are used for several events. In 2020 this will include the Pro-Life March in Santa Fe on Wednesday Jan 22nd, the Jericho Walk for Life on Good Friday, the Men's March for Life in June, Life Chain in Rio Rancho in October, and peaceful prayer vigils led by Father Artur and Philip every Friday.



Fr. Artur and friends with the icon
image of Our Lady, Helper of Mothers

Your prayers and support make all of this possible. Please consider sending a tax deductible end of year donation to Project Defending Life (PDL), 729 San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, or online at www.defendinglife.org/donate.

God's blessings to you and your families in the New Year,
Curt Kuper

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www.defendinglife.org



Patrick Castle from Life Runners, Mike
Seibel from the Knights of Columbus, and Norma from Sidewalk
Advocates visiting Dominique, Abby, and Jacque at PDL

Calling all Knights – Your Help is Needed



From **Grand Knight SK Fritz Martin, St Anne, Council 14124 Albuquerque**

Brother Knights,

I am exceedingly proud to be the new Grand Knight at St Anne Church in ABQ and I look forward to serving Christ with you.

I implore your help... Please help us support our sidewalk advocates on Fridays at Planned Parenthood (PP) on San Mateo Ave in ABQ. There are folks disrupting our peaceful prayer.

A consistent presence is needed at PP to support our sidewalk advocates and the staff at Project Defending Life (PDL), 4 Knights are needed each Friday from 8 am to 11 am.

My point of contact to schedule your time is Randy Wagner at 719-650-1289 or rjw.44@hotmail.com

Thank you in advance for your help and may God Bless you!

Viva Jesus!

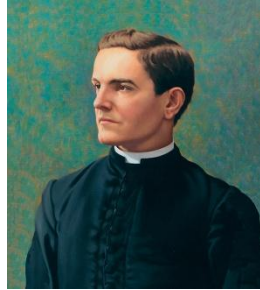
GK SK Fritz Martin

Grand Knight, St. Anne, Council 14124

Did You Know?

A Yuletide story of the Knights of Columbus Founder

By Brian Caulfield 12/23/2019



It was an especially joyous occasion for Father Michael McGivney when he entered his boyhood church for Christmas celebrations in 1877. He was 25 years old, newly ordained, and ready to offer his first Solemn Mass before family members and friends at Immaculate Conception Church in his hometown of Waterbury, Conn. The popular young man, known for his winning manner and personal piety, was among his own people of Irish immigrants, including his mother, and first-generation Irish-Americans like himself and his siblings. Along with the joy of the event, there must have been a few nervous moments for the new priest as he celebrated for the first time the refined and elaborate rites of the solemn Latin Mass.

Though he was confident of his vocation, the path to the priesthood was far from simple for young McGivney. As the eldest of 13 children, he followed his father into factory life after completing school at age 13, working two years for a spoon manufacturer. The local pastor, however, encouraged him to consider the priesthood, and in 1868 young Michael took a train with a handful of other Waterbury teens to Quebec to begin studies at the College of St. Hyacinthe. It was his first time out of the country, but he felt at home with the idea of the priesthood. He continued his formation with the study of the classics at Niagara University's Our Lady of Angels Seminary, where he played for the school's Charter Oaks baseball team. In the fall of 1872, he returned to Canada to begin philosophy studies at St. Mary's College Seminary in Montreal.

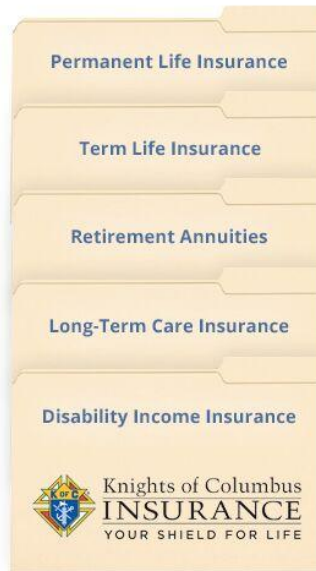
But when Michael went home to Waterbury for the sad occasion of his father's funeral in June 1873, his plans for priesthood were as unclear as his family's finances. However, seeing the great potential in young McGivney, Hartford's Bishop Francis McFarland provided a scholarship for him to study theology for four years at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, where he excelled. Michael J. McGivney was ordained Dec. 22, 1877, in the Baltimore cathedral by Archbishop James Gibbons, who later became a cardinal. After ordination, Father McGivney embarked on the long trip to Waterbury, in central Connecticut, to offer his first solemn Mass – a hometown boy who made good in a growing American Church.

In the new year, he would begin his ministry as a parish priest at St. Mary's in New Haven, where he befriended a band of resourceful, energetic Irishmen and made plans for the formation of the Knights of Columbus. Today, he is a candidate for sainthood with his cause active at the Vatican.

About the Author

Brian Caulfield is vice-postulator for the canonization cause of Venerable Father McGivney. For more information about the cause and to sign up to receive a quarterly newsletter, visit fathermcgivney.org

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December Birthdays

JONATHAN	AULT	1/4
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JACOB	ANKRUM	1/12
SK PETER	AIELLO	1/14
DANIEL	MEYERS	1/19
SK STEPHEN	SAWYER	1/26
SK PHILIP	WATJE	1/28

**Happy Birthday! May God continue to bless you
with peace, love, health and happiness!**

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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 to the Father

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild One Columbus Plaza AF New Haven, CT 06510-3326 USA

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Knights' Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order.
Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on
earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our
public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those
especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always
aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged,
and our Order appreciated.

Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy
Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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