



Knights of Columbus
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Grand Knight Comments

Brother Knights,

There is considerable progress with the reduction in Covid cases and deaths this month while we work under a limited capacity. With many restrictions beginning to ease, we will still hold our June meeting virtually and hope to start the new fraternal year in person. I appreciate your patience and understanding with this format. The May meeting featured our annual election of our council Officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The detailed results are featured later in this newsletter. I also shared a few updates during the meeting on some current and future activities. The Mom Prom we supported with a donation has been rescheduled from April to November. Earlier in the month I participated in a recap meeting from this past January's coat drive. We also began discussions for the next coat drive that will be pulled ahead to October with the idea of having coats available for those in need as winter approaches.

Other late breaking news was shared regarding our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

On May 29th, the church opened for masses only in a limited capacity. Please continue to follow the parish news on Facebook, the St. Thomas a'Becket website and eBlasts. The return of the baby bottles passed out as the parish Lenten Almsgiving program has started and details shared later in this newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy. Looking forward we when we can gather again in the same location.

Vivat Jesus!

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Awards and Recognitions

Once we resume physical meetings, the appropriate recognition will take place at our next meeting.

Fraternal Officers Elected for 2020-2021

The elections for the next fraternal year were completed at this month's general business meeting. I would like to thank all the Officers and Directors for volunteering and serving this current fraternal year. We were able to accomplish several activities, events and provide support for our parish. A special thanks to Bill Simmerer for all his contributions to the council and serving as Advocate this fraternal year. His term concludes on June 30, 2020.

Congratulations to the Officers elected for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The following brothers have volunteered to lead our council through the Faith in Action programs, supporting our parish and community. I look forward to once again serve as your Grand Knight along with the help and support of the Officers and Directors. I will provide a list of the Directors in the June newsletter once I have confirmed the positions.

2020-2021 Fraternal Year

Position	Officer
Grand Knight	Larry Guastella
Deputy Grand Knight	Ed Patrick
Chancellor	Joseph Nader
Recorder	Ben Keyserling
Treasurer	Mike Pisano
Advocate	David Trost
Warden	David Denhard
Inside Guard	Ed Queen
Outside Guard	David Frye
Trustee	Steve Vargo

Baby Bottle Drive

With the church building opening on May 29th for mass, we were able to arrange for a baby bottle drop off cart to be placed in the gathering space. An article was submitted for the Chancellor and the eBlast to communicate the return instructions to parishioners. The cart will remain in the gathering space during the daily and weekend masses for a few weeks to help gather the outstanding baby bottles. If people are unable to drop them off at church or not yet attending mass, they can contact the council and we will arrange to pick them up.

Donations

This spring we were unable to hold our annual Palm Sunday MI Drive. However, the designated charities count on those donations to keep their facilities and programs running. Our council elected to continue the support of our 2019-2020 charities with a monetary donation for each Angel's Place, St. Louis Center and Michigan Special Olympics. Each of those charities were appreciative in a gracious response of our donation.

Upcoming Council Birthdays

Here are our council member's birthday for the next month so you can wish your brothers a special "Happy Birthday" if you like! The following are the **June** council birthdays:

Ronald J. Gering (6-4), David G. Voglewede, (6-4), John A. Hicks (6-5), Steven M. Snider (6-5), Robert A. Bovitz (6-6), Francisco Rodriguez (6-6), Joseph S. Nader (6-9), Robert K. Wood (6-9), Anthony J. Vella (6-10), Brian J. Titus (6-13), Edward L. Harkins (6-14), Walter R. Guzik (6-17), Gasper F. Bellomo (6-18), Dariusz Dzikowski (6-21), Roger J Barrette (5-28).

In Memoriam

We honor our council brothers who have preceded us in death by remembering the date that they went back home to the Lord. We recognize them on our council memorial tower as well. For the month of **June**, please remember all our brothers:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Let us pray

Please remember all council brothers and family members sick or in distress in your prayers.

Council clothing - Need some new council "threads"? Contact [Mike Goodhart](mailto:Mike.Goodhart@mikofc.org) (md8284@mikofc.org) to place your orders or for any questions.

Council website update - Are you checking our council website regularly? If not, you are missing out on the latest news and information from the Knights of Columbus and your council. Find us at www.kofc8284.org . Also check out our **Facebook** page from time to time for updates. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page and get updates automatically on your timeline!

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Note: If you have information, articles or pictures to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Larry Guastella, our Newsletter Editor, at lguastel@gmail.com or gk8284@mikofc.org.

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Upcoming calendar dates:

<p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - Friday morning mass 9 am • 11th - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual) • 17th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm • 17th - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual) 	<p><u>July</u> (All dates are subject to restrictions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th - Friday morning mass 9 am (if mass has resumed) • 9th - Officers meeting 7 pm (virtual if unable to gather) • 15th - Rosary in Chapel 6:45 pm • 15th - General meeting 7:30 pm (virtual if unable to gather)
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Watch your email for more details or changes. Any questions, email to gk8284@mikofc.org