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GRAND KNIGHT Message

Worthy Brothers All,

It has been a privilege to serve as your Grand Knight during this past fraternal year. I have been fortunate to receive support from many exceptional members of Council 9792, which has led to several significant achievements.

Our Council earned the Star Award for the second consecutive year and achieved record numbers in the Lenten fish fries this spring. We welcomed 15 new Knights into our Council, including 8 from the Hispanic community at Holy Family. Many of these new Knights have immediately become active, volunteering at numerous events, and one will be assuming an Officer position at our next installation ceremony.

Our Council 9792 was honored at the recent State Convention with a First-place award (out of 105 entries) for our "5th Station" program. This success is due to the contributions of so many, for which I am deeply grateful. I am leaving the council in the very capable hands of Joe Farrell, your incoming Grand Knight. I'll join as one pair of strong shoulders that will carry Joe to a spectacular year.

Thank you all for your dedication and service.

I've searched each month for a saint whose story inspired me and shared these stories with you, my brothers. My inspiration for this final Grand Knight's Letter is the man who has inspired millions of Catholic Men over the past 143 years, our founder the Blessed Michael McGivney.

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The cause for his canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996; in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue." On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced that McGivney had been approved for beatification, which officially occurred on October 31, 2020.

McGivney was born to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary (née Lynch) McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a brass mill in Waterbury, Connecticut. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at

13 to work in one of the brass mills' spoon-making departments.

In 1868, at the age of 16, he entered the Seminar de Saint-Hyacinthe in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. He continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary near Niagara Falls, New York (1871–1872) and at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College in Montreal, Quebec. While in seminary, he and other seminarians formed a baseball team and McGivney was recognized as a naturally talented ball player. He had to leave the seminary, returning home to help finish raising his siblings after his father's death in June 1873. McGivney later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland; he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, by James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore at the Cathedral of the National Shrine of the Assumption.

From his own experience, McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, 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. McGivney was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners. McGivney spent seven years at St. Mary's and then became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston in 1884. He died from pneumonia at the age of 38 in Thomaston on the eve of the Assumption in 1890.

The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating back to 1937 during the Great Depression. As of 2013, the order had more than 1.8-million-member families and 15,000 councils. During the 2012 fraternal year, the order donated \$167 million and 70 million man-hours to charity. By 2020, the order reached the 2-million-member mark. During the 2022 fraternal year, the order donated \$185 million and 49 million man-hours to charity. In 1996, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford

opened the cause for canonization, an investigation into McGivney's life with a view towards formal recognition by the Catholic Church of his sainthood. Gabriel O'Donnell is the postulator of McGivney's cause and the director of the Fr. McGivney Guild, which now has 150,000 members supporting his cause.

The diocesan investigation closed in 2000, and the case was passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican City. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing McGivney's heroic virtue, thus declaring him "Venerable." As of May 5, 2015, a miracle attributed to McGivney's intercession was under investigation at the Vatican. On May 27, 2020, the miracle attributed to the intercession of McGivney was approved by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and authorized by Pope Francis. The miracle involved the healing of Michael "Mikey" Schachle in his mother's womb after doctors at Vanderbilt Medical Center in 2015 gave him a zero percent chance of survival. On October 31, 2020, the beatification Mass of Michael McGivney was celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin presiding on the Pope's behalf.

McGivney envisioned the Knights of Columbus as a means for Catholic men to deepen their faith, engage in charity, and foster community. Under his inspiration, the organization grew globally, promoting solidarity and service. Beyond financial aid, the Knights focus on education, disaster relief, and youth development, championing causes such as religious freedom and the sanctity of life. Their widespread efforts continue to make a profound impact worldwide. Rooted in unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus embody McGivney's legacy and values.

Pray for the Canonization of Father Michael McGivney.

VIVAT JESUS! Ed Udell, Grand Knight

JUNE SCHEDULE

- **June 1st SUNDAY • Farewell Continental Breakfast @ 9:00pm – 12:00 noon**

- **June 2nd MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm** in Columbus Hall.
- **June 5th THURSDAY • Widows' Lunch @ 11:30am** at Seed Kitchen & Bar
- **June 9th MONDAY • Carpenter Open** at Indian Hills Country Club @ 11:00am
- **June 11th WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree** (Assembly 2161) at Holy Family, Steak Night. @ 7:00 pm followed by the meeting.
- **June 21st SATURDAY • Council Pool Party** at Meadowgrove Swim & Tennis Club from 10:00am – 1:00pm.
- **June 23rd TUESDAY • Officers' Meeting @ 7:00pm** in Columbus Hall.

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Deputy Grand Knight



Brother Knights, Relatives, & Friends



- ❖ His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
- ❖ Repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's daughter-in-law, Susie
- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Jim Mahoney
- ❖ Christy Bartnicki's father, Rick Abbott
- ❖ Brother David Bartnicki's father's sister, Jeanie Wood
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Joe Sturniolo's wife, Sue
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's brother-in-law, Clay McCommon
- ❖ Brother Bob Slone's wife, Mary
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Don Thomas
- ❖ Barbara Hammond, widow of Council charter member Brother Huey Hammond
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Don Kurowski
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Carl Swanson's brother, Bill
- ❖ Amy Drick's mother, Jacqueline Drick
- ❖ Brother Larry Bolterstein
- ❖ Brother John Brenner
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter, Patti Myers

- ❖ Brother Edgar Leon's sister and brother-in-law
- ❖ Brother Jose Hernandez's friend's mother, Maria Perez
- ❖ Jodie and Thomas Giardino
- ❖ Brother Al Meyer's mother-in-law, Lucia Serrato
- ❖ Brother Alan Wind's wife, Patrice
- ❖ Brother Robert Morales' wife, Carmen
- ❖ Brother Dick Kennel's brother, Carl
- ❖ Brother Joe Cregan
- ❖ Brother Brian Wilson
- ❖ Brother Mike Rapp
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ Brother Ted Colebeck
- ❖ Phil Mooney
- ❖ All homeless people
- ❖ For peace and the people in ALL war zones
- ❖ For the victims of all natural disasters.
- ❖ For our country, that we may return to civil discourse and unite to support our democracy.
- ❖ For our leaders and politicians that they responsibly govern with wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion.
- ❖ For vocations and the clergy, religious, and laypersons serving the Church.
- ❖ For Law enforcement • Cobb Precinct #4
- ❖ For the safe return of service personnel deployed throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! George Thomas, Recorder

PRAYER REQUEST will be listed for three (3) months unless extended or removed by request.



Dangerous drugs are being sent to children by mail.

Did you know that anyone can order the dangerous abortion pill over the internet with almost no restrictions? Yes, about 1500 unborn children are killed every day by the use of these pills. The numbers are uncertain because there is no accounting requirement for the distribution of these pills. Emergency rooms are probably the only source of finding out how injury occurs after a pill regimen is taken by a pregnant mom. In fact, the reports of death because of botched abortions are mostly because the users of the pills fail to seek help after experiencing the harmful effects of these dangerous drugs. We must be vigilant and take

action when we hear of tragedies like this which could be prevented by proper enforcement of laws already in force. Do not just close your eyes and ears when you hear the alarm. For more information check out Americans United for Life at AUL.ORG

VIVAT JESUS! Peter Badolato, Pro Life Director



40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ **25,386 Lives saved since 2007** (that we know about)
- ✓ **165 Abortion centers closed** (recently in Seattle, Chicago & NYC)
- ✓ **269 Abortion workers quit QUIT** (that we know about) 1,000,000 + volunteers in 1,800 cities
- ✓ **Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 has already saved FIVE lives so far this year.**

The reason why I mentioned the three cities that had recent abortion facilities close is the fact that they are pro-abortion states. Surprisingly the majority of abortion facility closures (60%) are in pro-abortion (Blue) states. We are ecstatic to share that the flagship Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Manhattan has closed its doors after 13 years of 40 Days for Life campaigns outside! This notorious abortion facility was dedicated to Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, and at one point did up to 10,000 abortions per year... but today it's for sale because of dedicated prayer warriors on the sidewalk. Praise God for this amazing victory that shows that prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil can end abortion anywhere!

My last article explained what a medical abortion is and how gruesome it can be. I apologize if I offended anyone, but there is no way to softly describe a medical abortion. I will now move on to "What is "Medication Abortion" / Abortion Pill? Although it is not as gruesome, it does have some gruesome facts.

1. **A series of pills that kill a developing child:** Medication Abortion is a two-drug cocktail that ends the life of the developing child during the first trimester of pregnancy. The first pill (mifepristone/RU-486) blocks the pre-born baby from receiving the hormonal support [i]

(progesterone) essential for the baby to develop, and the second pill (misoprostol) causes the uterus to contract and expels the baby from the uterus.[ii]

2. **Painful:** Side effects include vomiting, fever, nausea, chills, diarrhea, and headaches.[iii] According to the Mayo Clinic, women might need painkillers to manage pain after a chemical abortion, and they might not be able to "go about [their] usual daily routine" after a chemical abortion.[iv] "I was amply prepared for the bleeding, but not for the pain," said one woman of her chemical abortion. "I...spent a few hours in enough pain to be incoherent." [v]
3. **Messy:** While abortion providers often describe pill-induced abortion as similar to having a period, former abortion worker Abby Johnson described her abortion experience as like "sitting in the middle of a crime scene...I sat there for hours bleeding, throwing up into the bathroom trash can, crying and sweating." [vi]

Women are told by the abortion pill provider that after taking the second pill (misoprostol) when they start to have contractions to sit on the toilet and expel the baby and flush it down the toilet. The abortion pills are only to be taken up to 10 weeks of the pregnancy. This creates a trauma in some woman because the bathroom has just become the abortion facility. When they have to use the bathroom they remember the horror that they went through aborting her baby. One woman said that she was not prepared to see hands, fingers, feet, toes, a human person because she was told it was just a clump of cells. There have been some reports of women that were so traumatized that they were no longer able to use that bathroom and ended up having to move.

VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder



Brother Knights, as suggested by our Worthy Grand Knight, I will give our June talk. And, if time permits or if we have a social this month, I also have another talk planned on a subject dear to me, and I would enjoy giving a talk on Padre Pio. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting.

VIVAT JESUS, Brother Carl Swanson

28th Annual Carpenter Open CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plan on attending our **28TH ANNUAL CARPENTER OPEN** on **JUNE 9th** at Indian Hills Country Club. This is our Council's largest fundraiser of the year, which has the greatest direct impact on our charities in Marietta and the surrounding areas. Event cost includes green fees, golf cart, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, & cash bar.

COUNCIL 9792 ELECTIONS PROPOSED 2025 • 2026 OFFICERS

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Chancellor James Anderson
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Outside Guard Jose Flores-Hernandez
Inside Guard Robert Burns
Trustee 1 Year..... Ariel Medrano
Trustee 2 Year..... David Bartnicki
Trustee 3 Year..... Ed Udell
Lecturer..... Keith Gaupp

ELECTIONS: Monday, June 2nd Meeting

123rd Georgia State Convention



We're proud to announce that our Council 9792 won **First Place in the Family Category** of the State Council Program Awards at the Georgia Knights of Columbus Annual Convention.

The award was given for our Lenten initiative, "The Fifth Station • I Will Carry Your Burden." During parish fish fries, teens from the faith formation program assist guests by carrying their meals to the table, symbolizing Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus carry the cross.

This simple yet powerful act has strengthened youth involvement, increased family participation, and brought our parish community closer together. Thank you to all who supported and participated in this meaningful program!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 2024

Samuel Porras	3 rd	Randall Shrum	11 th
Donald Todd	3 rd	Jeff Garland	15 th
Harry Freeman	4 th	Rodney Spence	19 th
Mason Kane	4 th	Dcn David Barron	20 th
Robert Slone	4 th	Alan Stensland	20 th
Gary Kucera	10 th	Kenny Comeaux	21 st
Charlie Crawford	11 th	Emmanuel Melendez	23 rd
Rev Mark Lacey	11 th	Richard Biro	29 th
Rev Jaime Rivera-Cortijo	11 th		



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