

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

March, 2021



Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Here we are in March and I will begin by wishing you all a grand St. Patrick's Day. It is a special day for me especially since my father, the son of Irish immigrants, died on St. Patrick's Day. Slainté.



This month we begin our raffle to help our pastor, Father Jay, with the CFA. We need at least one volunteer to man a table in front of the church for every Mass for the next three months. There will be sign-up sheet at the next meeting on March 9, so please bring your own pen to sign up. We will also set up an online sign-up for you to volunteer.

Our food drive will be March 26-27, so please sign up with Eric Bisighini. We are also deciding on our annual golf outing soon since Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club has agreed to next November. God willing, we can move forward on this event. Thanks to Brother Tom Reno we are having a live exemplification at the parish center on March 1 at 3 PM. Please arrive at 2:45 PM. Dress is casual, but long pants and your Knight's shirt are preferred. You will be out of there by 4 PM.

Once again thank you for all you are doing to keep our good work for our parish and the wider community. Viva Jesus.

Ron Bowes

Grand Knight

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Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Ron Bowes	Scott Sheldon
Susan Catone	Jerry McIlmoyle
Steve Delaney	Pauline Fachetti
Sam Mattone	Joe Gallo
Tom Kanapky	

Necrology

Keep these departed Brothers
in your prayers

Victor Dina
Roger Reid

Our Brothers Birthday

Thomas Barry	90	Richard Potson	75
Michael Santoro	88	Charles Short	73
Joseph Craven	84	Larry Keener	73
Francis Conwell	82	Robert Smialek	72
Robert Tann	82	David Tura	72
William Srofe	80	James Stevens	71
Eugene Clifford	79	Steve Beck	63
John Vidas	77	Stephen Delany	63
William Finer	76	Stephen Mcentegart	62
James Placek	75	Lucky Haynes	62

Our Brothers Anniversary

LIFE MEMBERS		Guillermo Cardenas	5
John Powers	57	John Dalla Mura	5
Thomas Kanapky	53	John Dean	5
Bruce Simon	53	Edward Kurpaska	5
Joseph Schmenk	47	David Scalise	5
Daniel Shaughnessy	44	James Young	5
Robert Chapman	37	David Burger	5
Walter Pannone	32	Robert Rueger	4
John Chiumento	30	Michael Santoro	4
Herman Schmitt	29	Daniel Birck	3
Rev. John Hoang	6	Robert Crowley	3
Salvatore Trofi	17	Joseph Esagro	3
Thomas Meehan	15	John Kopinsky	3
Thomas Kirkpatrick	10	Ronald Nodzon	3
Laurence Fischer	10	Richard Potson	3
James Krueger	7	Wayne Vuolo	3
Albert Meyer	6		

Laugh

and the world laughs with you!



My doctor asked if anyone
in my family suffered from
mental illness.

I said, "No, we all seem to
enjoy it."

Meditation for the Month

"God wishes us to be meek even toward ourselves. When a person commits a fault, God certainly wishes him to humble himself, to be sorry for his sin, and to purpose never to fall into it again; but he does not wish him to be indignant with himself, and give way to trouble and agitation of mind; for, while the soul is agitated, a man is incapable of doing good."

— St. Alphonsus De Liguori, p. 259

Activities March, 2021

**Rosary
Mondays @ 8:30**

**Blood Drive
Sunday 8:30 - 12:30
March 7**

**Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00
Officers 5:30
Rosary 6:30
March 9
Covid-19 restrictions apply;
Social distancing & Masks**

**March 27/28
Saturday & Sunday
Food Collection**

Service Programs

Director

Larry Fischer 480-0214

Lecturer

(Unassigned)

Community

Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director

Bill Sanchez 492-4666

Membership

(Unassigned)

Retention

Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life Director

John Yaglenski 408-7558

Initiation Degree

Bob Burhoe 460-6546

Cross & Compass

Dick Maier 496-8181

Publicity

Jim Palermo 493-3424

Family Director

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Insurance Promotion

Mark Ueblacker 941-268-1565

Vocations Chairman

Greg Walsh 941-681-2438

Health Services

John Dean 473-0126

If you know of a homebound brother or is residing in a nursing facility please contact Joe Maguire at 493-2784 or Salmac1057@verizon.net

Joe heads up our Visitation Group. A visit can mean so much

Mary comes to our aid to help us



We can ask Mary for prayers just as we ask family and friends to pray for us. Mary loves Jesus. She wants everyone to know and love Him, too. Mary comes to our aid as our mother to help us and to point the way to her Son. Remember what she told the servers at the wedding feast at Cana? “Do whatever He tells you.” (John 2:5) Think of the times she has appeared on earth. She has told people to turn away from sin, to pray **the Rosary**, to pray for sinners, and to pray for peace. She has told us that her Son is very much offended by the sins of people. She asks us to pray and repent. God allowed her to come to deliver these messages to us. He did not have to do that. But, God loves us and He loves His Mother, so He allows her to help us.

Our Challenge for the New Year

This year I challenge our council to meditate on Mary's *fiat* to say yes to pray the Holy Rosary every Monday to end of this dreadful pandemic. I challenge you to join with your brother Knights and Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes in the *FAITH IN ACTION* program to help our parish and community rid us of this virus.

Mary's *fiat* her yes to the Angel Gabriel at the annunciation models perfect discipleship. What Faith our Blessed Mother exemplified... Because Mary unreservedly said yes to God, Jesus became man in order to redeem the world from sin.

God can work wonders, may each of us take up this challenge and place our unconditional trust in the will of God so that he may work His wonders through the intercession of the Rosary.

Peter Spagnuolo PGK

Advocate 9924

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Eric Bisighini.

... Along the Way

In his best-selling book, "The Road Less Traveled", M Scott Peck explains why we need discipline. He says that if we have a little discipline, we can solve some problems. If we have a lot of discipline, we can solve a lot of problems.

Lent is the time to learn or enhance discipline in our lives. The small sacrifices that the Church recommends about fast and abstinence should be the minimum that we do, a base line to build on. Each of us can reflect on our own lives to discern where discipline would help us become more Christ-like. The we will be guided by whispering of the Spirit to identify what we might do to tame our base instincts through the three tried and tested Lenten practices, namely, prayer, fasting and alms giving. Remember we can fast from anything in our lives but especially any recurring sinful practice we confess over and over.

With some effort, we can arrive at Easter renewed with the ability to face and solve more problems.

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

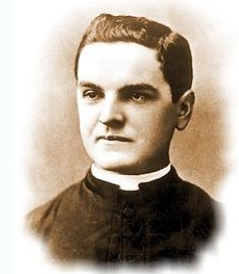
Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza

New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA

www.fathermcgivney.org

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I Was Hungry and You Gave Me To Eat

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused many difficulties for many people, some we know and some we do not know. People who had trouble making ends meet before the pandemic and people who no longer are no longer able to make ends meet. You may know some of them.

The government will be sending out relief checks to those in need. If you receive this check, and are fortunate to not be in need, would you consider to donate it to the Sugar Bowl to help those who do receive a check but who will still be in need after those funds are gone? Make your check out to Catholic Charities and be sure to write "Sugar Bowl" on the memo line, so it gets directed to the proper account.



FOOD COLLECTION

February



502 Pounds of Food

\$2088 CASH

SUPER!!

Thank you to all of the knights who assisted with this collection.

A hearty thank you also to all supporters of this program.

Collecting over \$2,000 when the masses are socially distanced
says quite a bit for Our Lady of Lourdes



Florida State 2021 Charity Raffle

This year, the Florida State Council has reduced the number of books printed to 35,000, making the odds better for each book of tickets sold. Also, the proceeds received from the Raffle, net of printing costs and prizes, supports the Charities initiatives such as **Special** Olympics, Helping Life, Vocations, Citizens with Disabilities, Food for Families and many more. There is only one (1) drawing this year as follows:

There is a total of \$30,000 in Cash Prizes:

1st. Prize - \$15,000

2nd Prize - \$10,000

3rd Prize - \$ 5, 000

Each book has (10) tickets at \$1.00 each. Five dollars (\$5.00) is kept by the Council for each book sold and \$5.00, with the Raffle Book stubs, is sent to the Florida State Council. You need to complete each item that has an asterisk * next to it. Tear off the right side of each ticket for your records. Only one name is allowed on each ticket stub... i.e. no Mr. & Mrs. etc. Either one or the other.

All ticket stubs, along with cash/checks, should be returned to Bob Burhoe no later than May 1, 2021 so that I can forward them to our Financial Secretary Bill Morris so that he can forward them to the State Office in a timely manner. Make checks payable to K of C 9924.

*Drawing will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 @ the Florida State Convention.

Please contact Bob Burhoe at: rb14148@comcast.net or @ 941-716-3243 to obtain raffle books.

BLOOD DRIVE

March 7 8:30—12:30



All successful donations will receive a Covid-19 antibody test in addition to a long sleeve shirt and a 410 E-gift card.

Due to social distancing, it is recommended that donors schedule appointments to reduce wait times. To schedule appointments call:

1-888-936-6286 and press 4

March 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 <i>Rosary</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Blood Drive</i>	8 <i>Rosary</i>	9 7:00 pm <i>Council Mtg</i> <i>Rosary at 6:30</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Rosary</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Rosary</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Food Drive</i>
28 <i>Food Drive</i>	29 <i>Rosary</i>	30	31			