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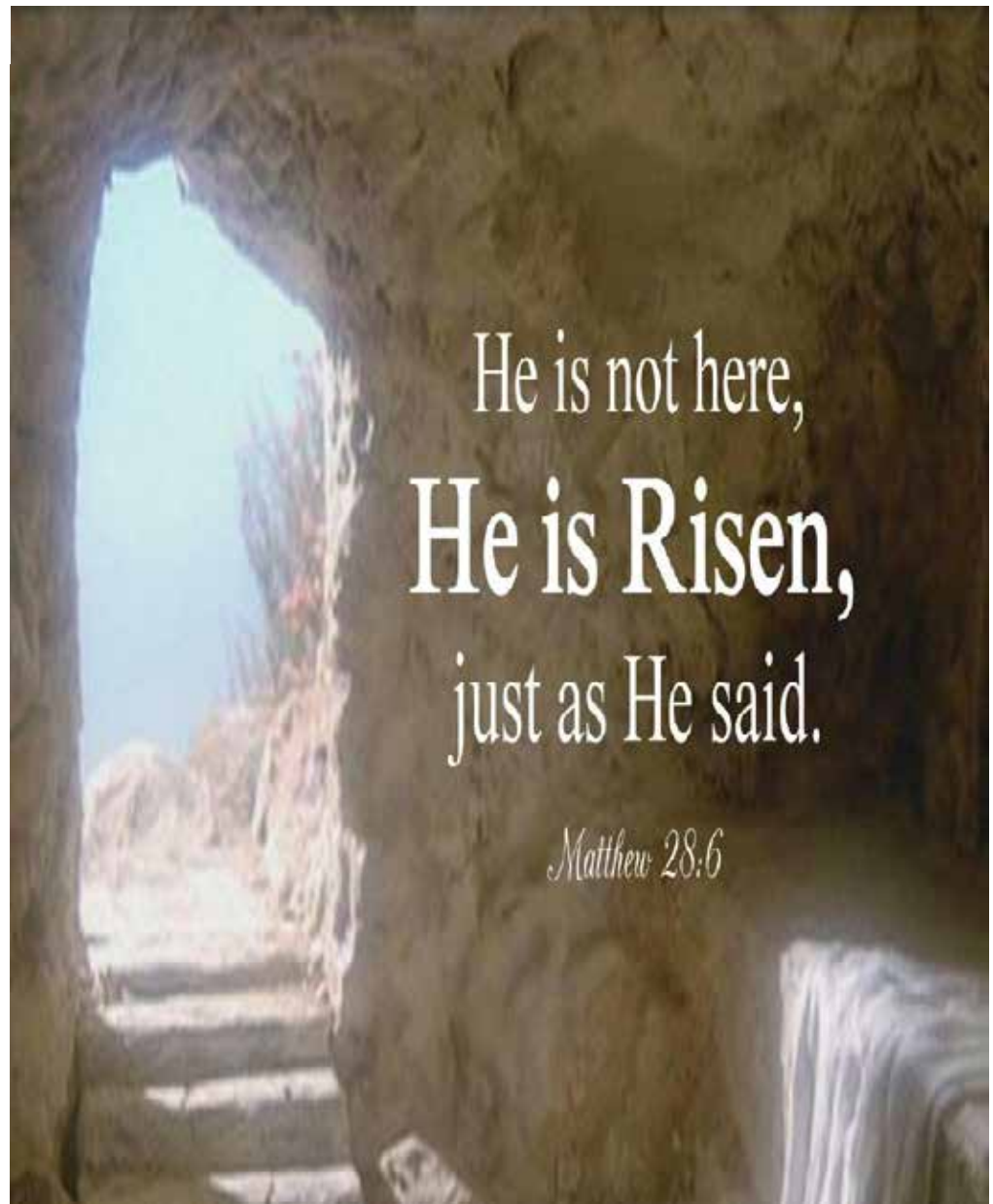
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## State Deputy's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

A few months ago, we announced a new **State** Council program which involves a \$100 supporting contribution for councils that participated in the Supreme Council's RSVP or ASAP Program. So far, the response from the local councils has been great.

Incidentally, the program is made possible because of all the funds raised by councils that participated in the Fundcrazr (Football Sweepstakes) program.

Simply put, the NY State council will donate \$100 to any seminarian (or postulant) that received a \$500 donation from a council that participated in Supreme's RSVP program. Similarly, the NY State Council will also donate \$100 to any approved pregnancy resource center or maternity home on behalf of any council that participated in Supreme's ASAP program.

These supporting gifts are available to any council that has participated in the RSVP and ASAP **since July 1, 2023**, and meet the requirements. So, if your council has already participated in Supreme's program, you can still take advantage of the State Program. If you haven't participated yet, please consider doing so.

All applications should be submitted to Robert Graziano ([Chiefrob451@gmail.com](mailto:Chiefrob451@gmail.com)). Bob has enthusiastically embraced this new program, so he will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Even though Easter Sunday is in the rear-view mirror, please note that the Easter season lasts for a total of 50 Days from Easter Sunday to the feast of Pentecost. Accordingly, I say to you, and to all my brother knights and their families:  
Happy Easter!

Keep up the good work. I am rooting for you!

Fraternally,  
Anthony Ippolito  
New York State Deputy



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My Brother Knights,

As we approach the final days of Lent and look forward to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery culminating in Easter Sunday we must heed the significance of this Feast. As we experienced the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the Penitential Season we must realize the Church's understanding of Easter. From our origins as a faith community the Church recognized that the day of the Lord's Resurrection is Great Easter and the remaining Sundays of the year were Little Easter. The day of Christ's rising is and has always been the most central aspect of our faith.

As Saint Paul stated in his writings unless Jesus rose from the dead we are still in our sin and unable to look to a future of hope and mercy. The empty tomb is the guarantee of God's power and His Divine Mercy. Such a reality is so overwhelming that even the early believers were doubtful when they heard the news from Mary Magdalene and had to be convinced by the very appearance of the Risen Lord in their midst. Today there are still those skeptical. The Church using its liturgical life as a teaching tool has instructed us to return to the ancient practice of referring to the Sundays after Easter as the "Sundays of Easter". We commemorate the central truth of the eternity we look forward to not on one day but on fifty days. Our festival takes into consideration the final catechesis of the disciples, the Lord's Ascension to the Father, and the coming forth of the Promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

How might we celebrate the very special days? As we attended Mass on many weekdays of Lent might we continue that practice in a spirit of Thanksgiving? Might we pray for at those sacred times for our deceased who passed on the faith to us? Might we do something special with our children to recall the reasons for our gratitude to be Catholic: a visit to one of our religious sites in New York? How about enjoying with our young people the movie Cabrini and then visiting her shrine in Manhattan? Before we know it summer will be upon us. Reading about the heroes and heroines of our faith is always a good exercise. Our Church has so many examples of faith to inspire young and old alike. Acts of charity are always in season. Let us act out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Too many of our older friends feel isolated in the spring. Let us ask them if they would like to go out and spend time with us. As I look back on my youth I think of being with my parents and engaging in conversations with their friends. Wow! Some of the stories they told about their lives and adventures. I still remember them.

As I participate in the days commemorating the Resurrection I rejoice with all of you that for us life will change not end. We are called to be drawn to God in the Trinity of Persons, the Blessed Virgin who watches over us, and the Communion of Saints who include our family members, our deceased in the Columbian family, and dear friends who were with us in our times of need. Let us continue to live in Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Patriotism and give witness as Missionary Disciples to the World. I will continue to remember all of you in my prayers and Masses. Please remember me in yours.

Vivat Christus  
Father Brian  
Administrative State Chaplain

## MULTICULTURAL MEMBER DEVELOPMENT



I hope everyone is doing well and ready to move forward to the last quarter of our Columbian year. I personally have visited as many Spanish Masses as the Grand Knights in my area asked me to, and I hope all the Minor Conference Coordinators have had any visits to make.

Remember that Church Drives are still the bread and butter of recruitment. If we use them properly, including the services in other languages, we can increase the membership of our Councils and tap into this great resource. Most foreigners are good practicing Catholics, and if we can include them in our Councils, they could be a great asset.

Language, color, race, and ethnicity should not deter us from inviting fellow parishioners to join our Order since we are all equal in God's eyes. We will never know what they can offer our Councils if we do not ask them to join us.

Remember, we must go where they are; we need to think outside the box, as James Funaro said. Sunday Mass is a place to meet, pray, and socialize with the members of our language community. Many of them have to work one or two jobs, but if we offer some rewarding experiences and to be part of the society at large, they may be interested. Every Council activity, community day, festival, or any other activity in town should serve us to increase our membership in the Multicultural community.

The Membership team is here to help you; please do not hesitate to call on us. We are here to help you cross the finish line (Star Council) together.

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Brother Knights:

It's hard to believe the winter is behind us and the next Columbian year is just around the corner.

Many inquiries have been received regarding training to take place earlier this year. The only way to make this happen in the Metro area, will be for us to offer a New York Metropolitan Area Training on what looks to be Saturday, May 11th, just after the NYS Convention. No location or firm date is available yet. Please watch for an announcement both here in this Newsletter, and by state email soon.



If you have not attended any of the trainings this Columbian year, then you should do your best to attend this session. It's going to be **"HUGE"**! Even if you have attended before, don't miss this training. There will be more fun additions to the training. THIS TRAINING IS OPEN TO ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS. ALL OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE IN YOUR COUNCIL, BE PREPARED! ATTEND THIS TRAINING.**

AND.... to make it even more fun for all that attend. We may be doing another Electric Bike Lottery awarded to one lucky attendee! .... *It will be a folding electric bike, so you can put it in the trunk of your car... or just drive it home!*

Watch for more details soon!

Hope to see you all at the NYS Convention.

This is a Great Year to be a LEADER in the NYS Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

Steve Driscoll  
NYS Director of Training



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



**SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024  
DOORS OPEN NOON  
EVENT STARTS AT 1:00 PM**



### **WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT N.Y.**

Unless they possess a military ID, visitors must visit the West Point [Visitors Control Center](#) **FIRST** to obtain a Local Access Card and then enter via the Thayer Gate. The Visitor Control Center is located at 2107 New South Post Rd. **I recommend using a GPS for the best directions from your home to the Visitors Center.** Below are some general directions

#### **DIRECTIONS TO WEST POINT VISITORS CONTROL CENTER, WEST POINT, NEW YORK**

##### **FROM THE NORTH**

New York State Thruway South to Exit 17, Newburgh, Route 84 East to Exit 10, Newburgh. Take NY-300, NY-32 S and Rte 9W S to New South Post Rd in Highlands, follow signs to West Point.

##### **FROM THE SOUTH**

George Washington Bridge, stay in the extreme right lane. Take Palisades Parkway North 50 miles to the end at Bear Mountain traffic circle. Route 9W North about 5 miles To West Point. This is Thayer Gate.

##### **FROM THE EAST**

Route 287 to Governor Mario M Cuomo Bridge to Palisades Parkway North. At the end of Palisades Parkway Route 9W North to West Point. Route 6 to Bear Mountain Bridge Route 9 North to West Point.

##### **FROM THE WEST**

Route 84 East to Exit 10, Newburgh, Route 9W South, Take the NY-218 exit toward West Point/Highland Falls, follow signs To West Point.

**PLEASE NOTE: ADULTS ENTERING BASE MUST HAVE PICTURE IDENTIFICATION TO ENTER THE BASE. KIDS SHOULD BRING ID IF AVAILABLE**

<https://home.army.mil/westpoint/index.php/about/visitor-information>

*Notes:*

*Catholic Mass is available at Most Holy Trinity Chapel 8:00, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM*

*There will be a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs for contestants and their families hosted by the West Point cadets following the event.*



## RSVP

As the 23-24 Columbian Year draws to a close, those councils and assemblies that are a part of Supreme Council's **REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM** should plan to file their refund application. It is also not too late to participate or increase your participation in **RSVP**.

For current and future participants. A formal application must be submitted as follows:

### APPLICATION SECTION ONE

- The five hundred dollar grant must be vocation related. It is given between July 1 and June 30 within the Fraternal Year.
- The money must be given to an individual not an institution or fund.
- The check must be drawn on a council/assembly account.
- A copy of the check (front and back sides) must be attached to the application. If documentation other than canceled checks are used, include a financial statement such as a council bank statement or a letter of receipt from the recipient.

### APPLICATION SECTION TWO

- To receive a refund, moral support is required, such as:
  - Correspondent between council and recipient
  - Personal visits to seminary or religious residence
  - Invitation of recipient to council/assembly events
  - Similar signs of interest

The application for the RSVP refund must be filed with the Supreme Council before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

## **New York State Council RSVP**

In January's issue of *New York State Life*, State Deputy Anthony Ippolito announced the creation of a New York State Council enhancement to RSVP. Financed by the newly introduced FUND CRAZR PROGRAM, the State Council will contribute an additional \$ 100 to each RSVP seminarian or postulant sponsored by a New York subordinate council. In the March issue, Matching Funds and Supporting Funds Chairman Robert Graziano detailed the process to implement the program.

For each RSVP sponsored individual, a copy of the paperwork required by Supreme **must be sent to State Chairman Graziano**. (54 Bobolink Lane, Levittown, NY 11756; or [Chiefrob451@gmail.com](mailto:Chiefrob451@gmail.com)) In addition, send a copy of the PROGRAM SEMINARIAN OR

POSTULANT CONTACT INFORMATION FORM found on the State Council Website to the State Council Office in Valley Stream.

Full filing information and forms for both the Supreme Council and New York State Council RSVP can be found on the NEW YORK STATE WEBSITE: [www.nykofc.com](http://www.nykofc.com) .

### SPRING 2024

Saint Joseph's Day this year brought us the first day of Spring and with it the rebirth of so much of nature. It also brings us to a time where so many priests celebration their ordination and their dedication to Christ and the Church. What a great time for us as who as Knights are "*In Solidarity with our Priests.*" to celebrate with them. A few suggestions:

- Determine the ordination dates of your priests and send them an anniversary card.
- Offer ordination congratulations in your Council bulletin, newsletter, Facebook Page, or Website.
- Ask your chaplain to write about his call to priesthood and publish his words and publish them in the Council Bulletin or newsletter. Be sure to have remind the brothers to share the story with the entire family. Remember most vocations start in the Catholic family environment.
- Ask your Chaplain to talk about his call to priesthood and ordination during the Lecturer's Program after the May or June Council Meeting.

Please remember State Administrative Chaplain Father Brian McWeeney's words in the first issue of *New York Knight Life*, "My brothers we are in difficulties as to priestly vocations. No priests. No Eucharist. No Eucharist No Church." Let the warm, invigorating days and nights of Spring be the impetus to continue our response to conquer this difficulty.

Got a Vocation Program that is helping, let me know so we all might share.

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## APRIL C&B



Thank you to the Long Island Chapter for allowing the State Deputy and C&B Team to present the C&B Bonus checks at their February meeting. There are photos below.



Msgr. Sherman Council which sold 5.066 books (15.6 books per member), earned \$10,132 in bonus money. The check was presented to their Grand Knight.

Also thanks to the Finger Lakes Chapter for including me virtually at their Chapter meeting. With the help of State Advocate Bill Stewart, bonus checks were presented to 24 councils.

Both Queens and Finger Lakes along with Westchester/Putnam Conference achieved one book per member.

As of this writing the State Deputy and I are going to Westchester on March 24 to present the check to the First Place winner of \$25,000.

### 2024

Based on feedback from many areas and the fact that the convention will be in May, we are launching this year's program earlier than we have in the past. A summary of the program is included in next the two pages. This will give councils an opportunity to take advantage of spring activities in their local areas, i.e. street fairs, carnivals etc. It is our goal to have books to each council no later than April 15. We ask Grand Knights to begin setting up their calendars for their areas for book sales. Some of the successes last year included working with local restaurants to refer patrons, church drives and functions such as picnics, bowling, comedy nights to enhance sales. The Quick Start drawing is July 21 at the Villa Roma so this gives sellers the best opportunity to win. We ask any outgoing Grand Knight to get the ball rolling and not leave it for the next one coming in. Our Major Co-Ordinator Team of Charlie Nesto, Jose Ruiz, Ed Smith and Roman Zguta, as well as Lloyd Ippolito and myself are ready to assist .

Fraternally

Ken Karchinski  
Assistant Director C&B



## C & B BONUS PROGRAM 2024

Our State Deputy Anthony Ippolito (seen here purchasing the 1<sup>st</sup> C & B book of 2024 from C & B Chairman Ken Karchinski and C & B Treasurer Lloyd Ippolito) has enhanced the bonus program this year to generate more charity money *for all COUNCILS AND FOR OUR KEY STATE CHARITIES!*

**PRIZE STRUCTURE will remain the SAME:**

First Prize \$25,000 / Second Prize \$10,000 / Third Prize \$5,000  
(10) Consolation prizes \$1,000 each  
Prizes for the seller are \$1,000 top prize, \$500 second, \$250 third & \$100 for consolation prizes

**COUNCIL BONUS:** All goals are based on Supreme Membership Roster Numbers as of 7/1/24.

**FIRST GOAL:** SELL 1/2 book per member and your Council will receive \$1.00 back for each book sold back to book 1.

**SECOND GOAL:** Sell 1 book per member and your Council will receive an additional \$1.00 (on top of the first goal) back to book

### **ADDITIONAL BONUSES:**

- Prizes to your sellers of books (for Quick Start and Early Bird) If your council reaches bonus status, credits in books towards bonus will be given to the seller's council.

Quick Start / Early Bird

1st prize - 65 books 1st prize - 125 books

2nd prize - 40 books 2nd prize - 80 books

3rd prize - 15 books 3rd prize - 40 books

### **Qualified winners are limited to an individual's name, a Church or Recognized Charity!**

- Sell books equal to 1/2 book per member and STATE will match your councils \$500 Donation to a Catholic School.
- Sell books equal to 20% of your 7/1/24 membership and 20 FUND CRAZR tickets and STATE will donate an additional \$100 to your councils' gift of \$500 to a seminarian in the RSVP program.
- Sell books equal to 20% of your 7/1/24 membership and 20 FUND CRAZR tickets and STATE will donate an additional \$100 to your councils' gift of \$500 to a recipient in the ASAP program.

### **PRIZES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON THE (3) MAJOR CONFERENCES**

#### **QUICK START (7/21/2024) @ VILLA ROMA**

1st Prize \$400.00 Each – Total \$1,200.00

2nd Prize \$250.00 Each – Total \$750.00

3rd Prize \$100.00 Each – Total \$300.00

#### **EARLY BIRD (9/28/2024) @ OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND COUNCIL IN MASSAPEQUA PARK**

1st Prize \$750.00 Each – Total \$2,250.00

2nd Prize \$500.00 Each – Total \$1,500.00

3rd Prize \$250.00 Each – Total \$ 750.00

### **2024 FINAL DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th 2024 @ Villa Roma Resort**

**Books are Available Now!**  
**For more info contact Your 2024 NYS C & B Team**

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**Our Goal this Year is 1 book per Member State Wide!**

**Let's Do It!**

“The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated.”

– William James



Hello my Brother Knights and happy spring to you!! As I look at the Calendar for the month of April, I realized that there are absolutely NO Holidays this month. With Easter taking place in March, it leaves a void. However, after doing a quick Google search, I noticed that there are many different Days of Appreciation! I mean anyone with a FB account gets those wacky posts telling us about this Day or that Day. But I never really paid much attention to them. Until now!

We start off with one we are all familiar with. April 1<sup>st</sup>, April Fool’s day. This year it is also Easter Monday. But there are many others. Here are just a few that I picked out:

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Autism Awareness Day.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – which is both World Health Day & National Beer Day, a good combo!
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – For us old timers is Eight Track Tape Day ( I know some of you still have a box somewhere)
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Husband Appreciation Day – Now here is a good one. Don’t forget to let your wife know about this one!
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - Babe Ruth Day (why not celebrate the Babe – a fellow Brother Knight).

I know all this is kind of silly. But my point is this. As Catholics, EVERY DAY we have a reason to Celebrate. EVERY DAY we have a reason to be *Appreciative*. EVERY DAY should be “I appreciate being a Catholic Day”. Of course, that’s easier said than done. Often we get caught up in the things that are going on around us in our everyday mundane lives that we often fail to appreciate what we have been blessed with. That’s human nature. We have just come through the Easter Season, so we know how much God Loves Us, what He did for Us, what He sacrificed for Us. Our religion is full of so much Grace and Forgiveness and Mercy. Please take the time to appreciate it. And I am saying this as someone who often does not take that time. Someone who does not always appreciate the gifts I have been blessed with. So maybe together we can try to help each other out. Maybe the next time we hear a friend or Brother or family member talking about their difficulties, after listening to them vent and get it off their chest, we can remind them what the Lord has done for us, what He has blessed us with and the good that we have. Vivat Jesus!!

Michael Boehm  
NYS Newsletter Editor



## **Fraternal Correction – what is it and how can it help you as a Leader in our Order?**

We have just come through the Easter Season, a Season of repentance and forgiveness. When we believe what Jesus did for us through His death and resurrection, and choose to follow Him as our Savior, His perfection becomes ours. No, it doesn't mean we turn into sinless human beings, but our identity and standing before God are now forever defined by Jesus' work at the cross. Through the sacrifice of His blood, God provides forgiveness, final and absolute. It transforms everything—how God sees us, how we're to see ourselves, how we're to live in this world, and how our physical death will be nothing more than the beginning of eternity with Him. And it should also transform our relationship with each other, and how we treat and speak to each other. Sometimes as Leaders and Members of the Knights of Columbus, we can find this difficult when dealing with issues that we encounter with Brother Knights in our Councils. And yes, this is something that can, has and will happen in every Council. With this in mind, I thought that I would share the "K of C" way of dealing with a member or members that may be creating an issue or are disruptive in your Council. Of course we always have a desire to keep these things "in house", always remember that your District Deputy is there to help you and should be kept aware of any issue that you may be having. Also remember that your Conference and State Officers are available to assist you in any way as well. It is important that you keep them "in the loop" if things appear to be getting out of hand. And always remember that any activities that are deemed unlawful should be reported to the proper authorities as well. I hope you find this useful!

### **Allow Due Process**

As a Leader in the Knights of Columbus, the principle of due process should guide your leadership in addressing membership, fraternal, and disciplinary issues. Due process simply means that members should be treated fairly and in a manner



consistent with the Laws of the Order. At a minimum, every member should be given notice and an opportunity to be heard. However, before dealing with a matter as a disciplinary issue, you should address it informally and privately through **Fraternal Correction**. As a general matter, the formal disciplinary procedures outlined in the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, should be used only if **Fraternal Correction** proves ineffective.

### **Practice Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**

The Order's Principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity must always guide the exercise of an Officer's authority. These founding principles underlie the Laws of the Order and presuppose that all members of the Knights of Columbus, as Catholic gentlemen, will follow these fundamental tenets. ***Speak Charitably, Bear Wrongs Patiently, and Forgive Offenses Willingly.***

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we should always participate in fraternal activities as Catholic gentlemen. We expect our members to address each other in a spirit of Charity, the first principle of the Order, even when some of our brother Knights fall short of this high standard. This means that ***members should engage in measured and respectful dialogue and debate, even when discussing matters as to which members may have strong opinions and opposing views. Although remarks that reasonably could be construed as personal attacks could form the basis for a charge,*** members should be careful not to impute bad motives to a speaker merely because he has expressed criticism of a Brother Knight. To bear wrongs patiently and to forgive offenses willingly are spiritual works of mercy that every Knight should maintain in his heart.

### **How to Address A Fraternal Issue The Knights Of Columbus Way**

In the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord Himself advises us how to address interpersonal conflict and wrongful behavior: "If your brother sins (against you), go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matt. 18:15) This teaching is commonly called "**Fraternal Correction**." As a method of dispute resolution, it incorporates the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, as well as the principles of subsidiarity and due process. If you study this verse carefully, you will notice that Jesus counsels a private meeting with an errant brother, at which one must speak the truth with charity. This is the preferred method of resolving conflicts within the Knights of Columbus. When dealing with issues relating to misconduct or behavior that is otherwise inconsistent with the Principles of the Knights of Columbus and the

teachings of the Catholic Church, Officers, Chaplains, or other persons having a Leadership responsibility should apply the Principles of Fraternal Correction and subsidiarity. This means that they should, in the first instance, privately and informally approach the individual member in person and, with a charitable spirit, discuss the matter and provide advice and counsel. If this proves ineffective, the next step would be to address the matter at the local council level first and then at the State Council level if necessary. Officers should be able to resolve the vast majority of issues and problems by speaking **directly with the member or by working with the member's Grand Knight and/or Chaplain**. Officers should be a *calming influence* against the rash judgments of those whose first impulse is to disregard the principle of due process and summarily suspend or expel members from the Order. A member who has been accused of misconduct should be given an opportunity to offer an explanation or to clear up any misunderstanding or to otherwise resolve the issue in private. Officers must not resort to formal disciplinary action unless and until all other reasonable attempts to resolve a situation informally have been exhausted. To the extent that a Grand Knight or other officer must resort to disciplinary action, he should always observe the principle of due process. Subsidiarity, a cornerstone of Catholic social teaching, holds that problems generally should be addressed by persons at the local level, those closest to a particular situation. This means that officers should strive to resolve issues relating to council governance at the level of leadership nearest to the issue.

### **Reporting Allegations of Misconduct**

The Order enjoys an excellent reputation among Catholics and non-Catholics alike in all of the countries where we are established. This reputation is the legacy of innumerable good men and their families who have served the Church and their communities through the Knights of Columbus since 1882. Yet, as we have seen in recent years, great institutions can lose their good name in an instant through the negligence or misconduct of even one person. There is no reason to believe that this will happen to the Knights of Columbus, but we are not immune from the sort of allegations that have rocked so many other organizations, including colleges and universities, public schools, corporations and religious congregations. Accordingly, we must continue to follow our longstanding practice of reporting and addressing allegations of misconduct. The Knights of Columbus has instituted our SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, which specializes in preventing sexual abuse that serve children and vulnerable adults and its guidelines should be followed if you encounter anything of that nature. It

is imperative that Council Members are fully compliant and trained in this area. For more information on the Safe Environment Program go to:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/training.html?icon-tabs=1>

As stewards of the Knights of Columbus reputation, State Deputies have a responsibility to know what is going on in their jurisdictions and to report to the Supreme Council any irregularities, misconduct, or abuse. The Order has procedures and protocols to effectively address allegations of wrongdoing, but can do so only if they receive timely notification from their fraternal partners in the field. Luckily for us here in New York, Our State Deputy values and promotes open channels of communication within the State Council and subordinate Councils in order to receive critical information at the earliest possible stage. Upon receipt of such critical information, the State Council can help in addressing the issue and could, if necessary, convey it immediately to the Supreme Advocate.

None of us want to have to deal with any of this sort of thing. And even those of us who have dealt with these types of situations at work or in other organizations may not have been held up to the standards that we at the Knights of Columbus hold ourselves up to. We are after all men of God, followers of Christ. And although we are *NOT* Him, we strive to be like Him. No, we cannot forgive the world for its sins, but we can do our best to forgive our Brother Knight, if he prove worthy.

Hopefully you never encounter an issue where any of this comes into play. Hopefully your Council functions without any sort of problem where this comes into play. Unfortunately the odds of that are slim. After all, we are only men. However if you do encounter any sort of conflict, please do your best to remember **Fraternal Correction**.

Fraternally Yours,

M. Boehm

## National Fraternal Benefit Night. Open to all – members and non-members.

Dear Brother Knight,

We are excited to offer this opportunity for you and your Council to participate in a National Fraternal Benefit Night. This event will not only be informative to you, but it will count as one of **TWO** Fraternal Benefit Nights that each Council must conduct in order to qualify for the coveted **STAR COUNCIL AWARD!** All from the comfort of your home. Just click the link below.



Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, is pleased to offer an informational webinar. This special live webinar, “**Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning**,” features nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author, Ed Slott. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information.

Since our founding, Knights of Columbus has been committed to helping provide financial security and stability to our members and their families. So, we’re proud and excited to bring Ed’s expertise to you and we can’t wait to see you there!

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 PM EST

<http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2>

*No purchase is necessary. This event is for informational purposes only and does not constitute financial, tax or legal advice*



New York State Council Knights of Columbus **Blue Mass and  
Communion Breakfast**

**Sunday April 21, 2024**

**Mass: 9:30 am**

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church  
88 Anchor Ave  
Oceanside, NY 11572

Celebrant: Rev. Bret Stockdale  
Associate State Chaplain, NYS Council Knights of Columbus

**Communion Breakfast: 11 am**

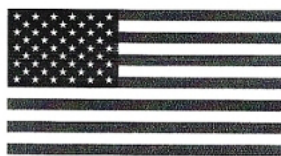
St. Mary's/Maris Stella Knights of Columbus Council #2228  
78 Hempstead Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563

**Tickets:** \$100 for a Table (10 people), \$15 per single ticket

For ticket information please contact:  
Will Tishuck (630) 777-6977 or Al Carfora (516) 641-8511

**Deadline** – April 12, 2024

*This Mass is in support of our Active Officers. We also offer a “thank you” to those who retired from service, and we pray for those who died in the line of duty.*







The NY State Council Knights of Columbus cordially invites you to our annual pilgrimage.



## OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

Manorville, NY

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

10:00 AM Rosary

11:30 AM Mass



# New York State Knight of Columbus



**THE NEW YORK METS**  
VS.  
**THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**



**SATURDAY MAY 25TH, 2024**  
**AT 1:40 PM**  
at CITIFIELD

**\$60 Per Ticket**

**ACT FAST!**  
**LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**



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HIGH SCHOOL**  
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BROOKLYN, NY 11228  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
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**TONYVESCO481@GMAIL.COM**



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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Clearly)

# OF TICKET: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$60 each

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATING BLESSED MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY  
ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD**

**BRINGING HIS STATUE TO EVERY DIOCESE IN NEW YORK STATE  
TO PROMOTE HIS LIFE, MINISTRY AND SERVICE**

**INSPIRING BROTHERHOOD, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TODAY  
SO WE MAY CONTINUE HIS CHARITABLE WORK  
FOR THE NEEDY AND THE OUTCAST**

**BLESSED MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY  
2023 CHURCH STATUE FUNDRAISER**

Father Michael J. McGivney was a Catholic priest who lived in the late 19th century. He founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization that helps people in need and supports the Church.



Father McGivney believed that by creating a strong sense of community and brotherhood among Catholic men, he could help them become better fathers, husbands, and citizens. He also wanted to provide financial assistance to the families of deceased members, so they would not be left in poverty.

**DONATIONS**



- Individual: \$50. Knights of Columbus Councils: \$100.
- Checks should be payable to:  
**"New York State Council Knights of Columbus"**  
(memo field: "Blessed McGivney Statue Fund" )
- Please send checks to:  
**Louis Pepe (93 Rapelve St. 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11231)**



**Did you know there was going to be a Solar Eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>?** How awesome for our Brothers that are in its path! I remember as a kid in school making these little cardboard contraptions with little holes in them so we could watch the Eclipse. I was so excited to watch it. The **history of eclipses** has intrigued humanity for centuries, and it's no surprise that they've also captured the imagination of religious traditions, including **Catholicism**.

Let's explore some aspects related to eclipses in Catholic history:

1. **Solar Eclipse During Jesus' Crucifixion:**

- In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, there's mention of darkness descending during Jesus' crucifixion: "It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three, because the sun's light failed" (Luke 23:44). People of that time were familiar with eclipses and could predict them accurately, so it's unlikely that they mistook an eclipse for the prolonged darkness during Jesus' crucifixion.
- **Brother Guy Consolmagno**, director of the Vatican Observatory, explains that Jesus was crucified during the Jewish festival of Passover, which always coincides with a full moon in spring. A solar eclipse requires a new moon, making it the wrong phase of the moon for an eclipse to occur. Additionally, the darkness during the Crucifixion lasted longer than a typical solar eclipse. While a partial eclipse lasts about three hours, a total solar eclipse only lasts a few minutes.

1. **Appreciation of Eclipses in Catholic Tradition:**

- The Catholic Church has a long tradition of appreciating celestial events, including eclipses.
- In the eighth century, **St. Bede the Venerable**, an English monk, described how a solar eclipse occurs when the moon hides the sun's light from Earth. This appreciation extends to lunar eclipses as well, where the moon moves into the Earth's shadow.

2. **Historical Impact of an Eclipse:**

On **May 29, 1453**, during the siege of Constantinople by the Turk army, a rising full moon was eclipsed. The resulting dip in morale is said to have contributed to Constantinople's defeat, marking the end of the Roman Empire of the Orient after 1130 years.

In summary, while eclipses have fascinated both scientists and theologians throughout history, their significance transcends mere natural phenomena—they evoke wonder, awe, and sometimes even spiritual reflection! I hope those in its path enjoy the experience!



**Is your Council  
on track to be  
a STAR COUNCIL?**

Are all Forms up to Date? ✓ 185 ✓ 365 ✓ 1728

Membership Quota on schedule? There's still time to schedule a Membership or Church Drive, but don't wait!

Insurance Seminars completed or scheduled? (Need at least 2 for the Columbian Year – minimum membership attendance varies by Council)

Council Officers & Directors are Compliant with Training and Background Checks as needed?

Council is in Good Standing with NYS & Supreme Council?

**Remember, if you have any questions or require assistance of any kind with any of these items please contact your District Deputy – he will be happy to assist you. Or if you require additional help please reach out to Assistant Membership Director Paul DiOrio at 631-721-8876 / [PDiOrio44@gmail.com](mailto:PDiOrio44@gmail.com).**





The Catholic Citizen Essay contest and the *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster contest are effective ways to engage our youth. The essay contest is for children from the eighth through twelfth grade. This year's New York State winners were posted in last month's *New York Knight Life* newsletter. The poster contest is for children from kindergarten through eighth grade. All the information you need to offer these programs to the children in your council area can be found on the Supreme website. The due dates for submissions will be published in the Fall. The New York State winning entries are sent to Supreme for international judging.

2024 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest  
New York State Winners

Kindergarten

Annabelle Schenk  
Troy, NY

Grades 1-2

Adele Lester  
Rochester, NY

Grades 3-4

Bella-Rene Peoples  
Rensselaer, NY

Grades 5-6

Liliana Crowe  
Fairport, NY

Grades 7-8

Gracie Ousterout  
Apalachin, NY

Thank you to all the councils that participated this Columbian year, and Congratulations to our State winners and good luck at the international level!

Michael Tully

## THE 2024 NY STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL RETREAT



**SAVE THE DATE: 2025 RETREAT March 21-23, 2025**

The annual **NY State Knights of Columbus Lenten Retreat** attracted 36 Brother Knights from Councils across the state, including 10 new Brothers who were attending their first retreat. Once again Council #4810 St. Joseph knocked it out of the park by sending 10 of their Brothers to this weekend.

The Retreat Director was Rev. Alonzo Cox (St. Martin DePorres, Brooklyn, NY) and his retreat theme was “relationship” – to God, and then to each other -- which was explored in several retreat conferences. Our Associate State Chaplain, Rev. Michael Gelfant (Blessed Trinity Parish, Queens) was instrumental in directing the spiritual programs over the weekend.

Please plan to join us next year: **Friday March 21, 2025 to Sunday March 23, 2025**

### In the words of Brothers who attended this weekend:

“Words cannot express how greatly needed a weekend like this was. Having the opportunity to meet and network with my Brother Knights was just what I needed. The spiritual aspect of the retreat should not go unnoticed, feeling the power of the Holy Spirit moving each of us is something I will remember for a long time. I am absolutely looking forward to next year.”

“The retreat was SO spiritually rewarding, even beyond my expectations...It is my prayer that we continue this weekend retreat and expand it to other KofC Brothers throughout New York State next year. Please trust me when I say, as an attendee, you’ll get more out this weekend than you will sacrifice to be there.”

“This year’s topic, Relationships, was so incredibly helpful in ways that I did not fully comprehend until Sunday morning. Quite often, I felt that my prayer life was lacking, but now I realize that I have been close all along. I found peace with myself and I look forward to focusing on all my relationships, starting with Jesus.”

J. Cerato -



Ithaca Council 277 Purchased the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit in August 2023 to promote the goals of the Eucharistic Revival Initiative at Immaculate Conception Parish. The Council would like to share the exhibit with any council and parish in NY State. GK Dan Carney will be the chief contact person for this initiative. Ithaca Council will develop materials that can be taken home by other councils to promote its availability. The complete exhibit consists of 21 “accordion-style panels with front and back panels highlighting one of 160 different miracles documented around the world by Blessed Carlo Acutis. One accordion panel provides an overview of the exhibit. There are several other pieces of the exhibit as well not shown here.



In addition to the panels of the display, the Council created a multi-media presentation by including a 25-minute video from EWTN on the Miracle at Lanciano. This video ran non-stop on the tv and provided a great overview of what is a eucharistic miracle and the extraordinary story behind the Lanciano miracle. People coming the see the exhibit were invited to watch the video first, then explore the various panels.

Any Council interested in borrowing this very impressive exhibit for display at their own Parish can contact GK Don Carney at 202-702-1170 / [djcinohio@gmail.com](mailto:djcinohio@gmail.com) .



# CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

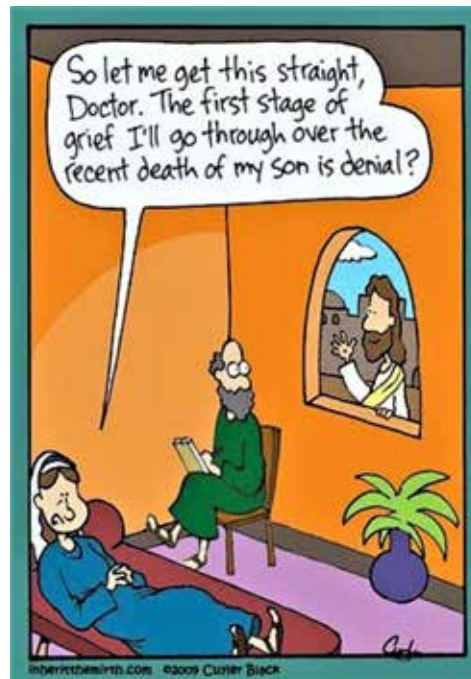
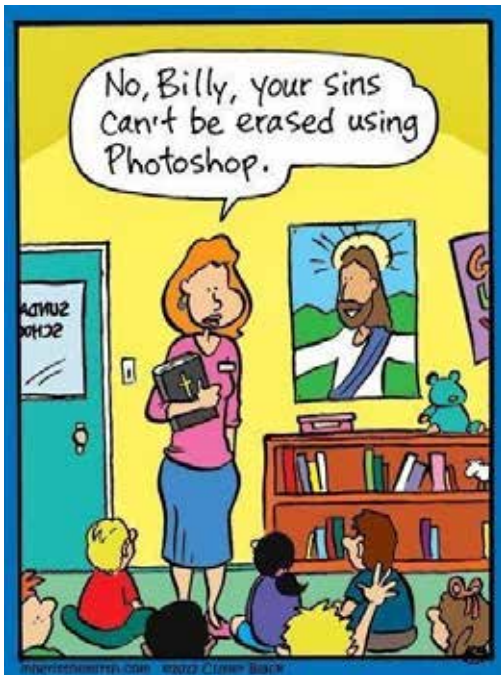
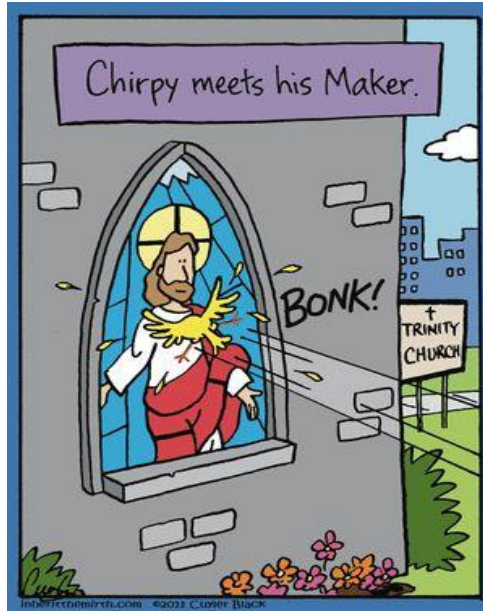
The NYS Annual Convention will take place this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Roma Resort in beautiful Callicoon N.Y.

Reservation Forms and Credential information has been sent out to all Financial Secretaries. If you are attending the Convention as a Delegate please contact your F.S. for your forms.

***If you are a current F.S. and you have not received this information from the NYS Council, please contact Executive Secretary Joseph Bonarrigo at the NYS Office , 203 Rockaway Avenue Valley Stream, NY, 11580 Phone: 631-366-3787/88 Fax: 631-366-3786 Email: [NYSKofC@aol.com](mailto:NYSKofC@aol.com) and he will be happy to assist you.***

Please get your Reservations in as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing all of our Brothers and Delegates at the Convention!









Join us on  
**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/624362663090112/members>

**Facebook Group of New York State Council Knights of Columbus. Posts should be limited to the Knights of Columbus. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have access to resources, such as social media, to help you grow deeper in your faith, stay informed about the Order and connect to your Brother Knights.**



**In order to have enough time to get everything ready for the Newsletter, Please send your Articles and Photos in **NO LATER** than the 20<sup>th</sup> of **EACH MONTH.****

**Send them to the Editor at [mb1122@msn.com](mailto:mb1122@msn.com)**

**We are very pleased with the response that we have been getting and all of the Council activities that you have been sending in. Keep them Coming!**



We are very excited to announce that the NYS Council has a Brand New Website

[www.nykofc.com](http://www.nykofc.com)

Communications Director Ralph Cefalo along with Web Site Chairman Brian Ennis have been hard at work to get this up and running and it shows! They are constantly updating information and content! Soon all the

information that you need regarding the NYS Council will be only a “click” away! **We have recently added a “FORMS” tab where you can find many important Supreme Forms as well as UPDATED NYS COUNCIL Forms such as Grants, Scholarship and Matching School Support! Also, the MEMBERS ONLY Tab will give you access to the NYS\_2023 - 2024 State Directory. It is for NYS COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY and is PASSWORD PROTECTED. While we were sworn to secrecy not to reveal the Password outright, we are prepared to pass it along in a very cryptic and sophisticated code. Some of you will crack the code quickly, some of you will need to phone, or email, a friend. And some of you will be forced to break out your 1936 Little Orphan Annie de-Coder Badge (if you don’t have one just ask around your council, one of those old timers probably still has his). So, in my best Alan Ludden voice, the Password is: ble\*\*edmc\*\*\*ney. All lower case.**

We hope that you keep checking the Website often to see all of the updates!

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LIST!!

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/cREyUxb>

Some of you are still getting our Newsletter forwarded to you by your DD or GK. If you want to get the NYS Newsletter Directly - as well as other important news and information from the NYS Council - just click the link above and register. It's easy!

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### ***April 1: Facts & Historical Events On This Day***

April 1st celebrates April Fool's Day and One Cent Day.

Today is the 92nd day of the year, and there are 274 days remaining in 2024.

Well here we've gathered the most and least important facts that happened on this day in history!

Did you know that on this day in 1976, Apple was launched? Now the largest publicly traded company in the US, the company had its humble beginnings in Steve Jobs' garage.

# A P R I L



**April 1st!**



**April 15th!**



**April 22nd!**

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the [Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI. On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may Report favors through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [online form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

Tel: 203-752-4087

Email:[guild@kofc.org](mailto:guild@kofc.org)