



Knights of Columbus June

November 2020 Newsletter

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Grand Knights Comments



It is truly a remarkable time to be a Knight today! Not only are we challenged to 'think outside the box' to assist others, we are humbled to know that our **founder has been declared Blessed by the Pope. Fr. Michael J. McGivney** formed the Knights of Columbus in 1882 and it has grown into a worldwide organization that has yielded much fruit for Christ; it has had a positive transformative effect on the lives of our members, their families, the Church, and our community. It was through the intercession of Fr. McGivney that an unborn baby was healed and this led to his beatification on October 31st.

We began November with two powerful feasts: **All Saints Day and All Souls Day.** During his homily on October 31st, Fr. Jim reminded us that we are all called to holiness. He also said that becoming a saint is not reserved to a small special group of people. I do hope that we always bear this in mind, especially during the tough times of our lives. The saints are our friends in heaven who can pray for us so let's never forget to tap into their intercessory gifts. **This month will close with the first Sunday of Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord.**

On November 11th, we stop and pay tribute to all our men and women in uniform, past and present. Thanks to them, we live in peace and we enjoy freedom in this country. Thanks to all our brother Knights who have served in uniform!

On our docket are a few items to consider. **First**, we would like to hold an online lottery/raffle; **Second**, we are in the midst of distributing winter coats for kids. **Lastly**, we are considering a project to prepare and serve a meal for the needy of the downtown core (this would be in partnership with St. Paul's Cathedral).

Please consider making time to attend our tele-conference General Meeting on Thursday November 12th at 7 pm. We will discuss the particulars of these three items and consider any thoughts that you may have to contribute.

Our special guest for the meeting will be our very own bro. Gio Susini. He will share his story on how he came closer to the Lord during his work in the state of Vermont. I thank bro. Gio for taking me up on the invitation to share this story with you; it will help us with our walk with Christ.

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Here are the details on how to join the tele-conference meeting:

1. Dial 1-866-931-8417
2. When prompted, enter the Conference Number: 8020
3. When prompted, enter the PIN: 875985
4. You will then be prompted to record your name and then you'll be connected into the conference.

May God richly bless you and your families! GVGJHK

As you know, **Fr. Michael McGivney was beatified last week.** We also know his story from the constant reflections and articles found in *Columbia*. We celebrate with all Knights around the world. as we are told "Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus because he was very concerned that Catholics were leaving the faith. Men were leaving to join secret societies, which often in the US were anti-Catholic, and families were being broken up on the death of the breadwinner—the father—because of poverty. His desire was to keep his parishioners and parish families strong in the faith." He encouraged members to reach out to society and make a difference through their charity and unity. How are we doing?



Wednesday is Remembrance Day. Here's a prayer I've often used over the years at the Cenotaph and other events.

*Loving God, Creator of life
We set today aside to come together*



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filled not only with memories of war

but also with a profound hope for peace.

We express our gratitude for the selfless dedication of all who have served or do serve, in any way, in the armed forces of Canada.

With thanksgiving and pride

we ask your protective blessing

on those who are engaged.

Shield them from danger,

keep them strong and steadfast.

Give them courage that they may faithfully perform their duties.

We pause in remembrance of those who gave their lives in the service of our nation. Those of us who live in freedom

will always be in debt to those who helped preserve it.

May their memory never be forgotten to us and may their example continue to inspire us all to lead lives of faithful service. We renew our commitment to the genuine search...

- for true peace which will extinguish all arguments*
- for charity which will overcome hatred*
- for pardon and reconciliation which will disarm revenge.*

Strengthen us to live out daily the standards of loyalty and courage for fallen comrades. May they rest in peace. Amen.



“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer

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for **Fr. McGivney's canonization**? Asking only to fulfill God's holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder.

The journey began December 18, 1997 when the cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney's cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared "Venerable" indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney's beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. **Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?**

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary's he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: **You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online.** Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you



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better. **There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.**

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It's been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do! Vivat Jesus!

2021 Membership Fees Are Due in December

Please pay your annual \$50 membership fees by December 31, 2020

*You can direct your payments to our Financial Secretary, James Vollmer, 411 Scenic Drive, London, Ontario, N6Z 3A9. **Make your cheque payable to: "Knights of Columbus, Council 13404."***

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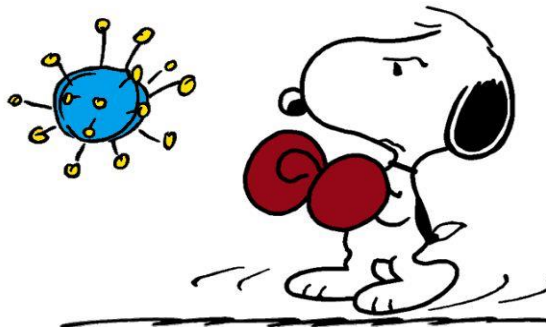
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For The Good Of The Order

***Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
for the repose of the
deceased souls***





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