



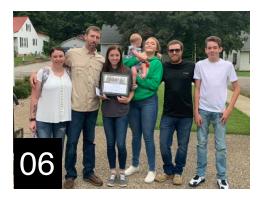
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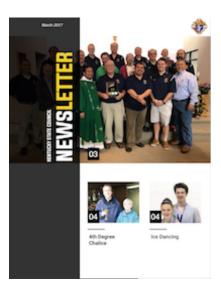
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#### **KY State Council Newsletter**

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## **Ultrasound machine placed at Little Way**

Bishop Flaget Council #13053 headed up a project to place an ultrasound machine at Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center in Louisville. Bishop Flaget was assisted by Fr. Dentinger Council #390, St Joseph Council #12354, St Edward Council #15841, St Michael Council #15525, Mt Mercy Council #14604, and St Louis Bertram Council #10682. Together they raised \$20,338 which was matched by the Supreme Council through the Ultrasound Initiative.

The following is a reprint of an article in Little Way's 3rd Quarter Newsletter.

Each year, the Knights of Columbus Bishop Flaget Council 13053, looks for a significant project to help the community. During Little Way's Benefit in October, Ellen mentioned plans to remodel the facility including a second ultrasound room, and God stirred the hearts of the Knights present.

Jack Banbury stated, "The Knights Officer Corp agreed that we could help with an ultrasound machine. Of course, we had no idea that the COVID 19 virus was lurking nearby. With a lot of prayers and impressive agility and flexibility, we crossed the finish line in June 2020 raising the nearly \$21,000 that would be matched by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. In June, Little Way took delivery of a brand new state of the art unit. What a fantastic project!"

Darlene, Little Way's Nurse Manager, said, "We are so thankful for this new machine which allows us to see early pregnancies with so much more clarity

and detect fetal heartbeats earlier than ever before. This machine has shared truth to girls troubled by an unplanned pregnancy allowing their hearts to be softened to the idea of motherhood. Our God is so good!"

We want to thank not only the Bishop Flaget Council, but all who contributed to this campaign, including the state council and six local councils. The Knights of Columbus are an immense blessing to Little Way, our clients, and our community.



Knights, Steve Krebs and Nick Debattoleomo, with Ellen and life-saving ultrasound machine

## 2020 Big Brown Truck Pull

Members of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Council #14372 participated in the Big Brown Truck Pull on August 29th to raise money for <u>Special Olympics of Kentucky</u>. As a council, they raised raised \$2,363. Overall, \$31,000 was raised to help the Special Olympics program.



# **New Officers for Assembly #309**

On August 27th, Msgr McGee Assembly #309 installed their new officers.



L-R: Lawrence McCrobie - Faithful Scribe, Luke Williams - KY State Treasurer, Fr. Patrick Dolan - Faithful Friar, Dr. Edward Jachym - Faithful Captain, Jason Hutchins - Faithful Navigator, Rick Downs - Faithful Comptroller, Richard McIntire - Faithful Trustee, Frank Wheeler - Faithful Pilot, David Winebrenner - Faithful Admiral.

## **Family of the Month**

Hardinsburg Council #2499 named Paul Millay and his family of **Holy Guardian Angel Catholic Parish** as Family of the Month for August. Congratulations to Paul and his family. Thank you for everything you do for the parish and our Order.



## Ideas for recruiting during these times

The following is an excerpt from a letter that District Deputy Joe Carter wrote to the leaders and members of the councils in his district.

I have heard many reasons why the current environment makes recruitment nearly impossible. Council officers have mentioned how COVID-19 has restricted church drives and one-on-one recruiting. Currently, the councils in District 14 have recruited 11 new members, loss 2 members for a net gain of 9 new members. Clearly, some councils have figured it out. They have determined that church drives are possible using the church directory. They call parishioners they believe will be excellent members of their council, obtain their email addresses, and enter them in the council's prospect page. After a couple of weeks, they sent the prospect a join online membership card, call them and discuss council specific activities and encourage them to sign-up. These councils have combined church drives and one-on-one approaches creating an effective recruiting technique.

Today's environment is restraining not preventive. All of us need to think about what we can do, not what we cannot do.

## Something to think about

Below is a reprint from <a href="http://www.knightstochrist.org/">http://www.knightstochrist.org/</a>. Good information, especially during these times of social distancing.

#### **Leave No Neighbor Behind!**

#### September 22

# FRATERNITY is a cord of three strands

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:12

What do you do to render a man worthless? Unrecognizable? A thin shadow of his glorious potential?

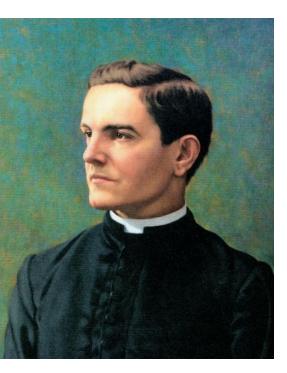
Nothing. Nothing at all. Just leave him alone. Don't let him rub shoulders with another man. Don't let him come into regular contact with other growing, capable men.

It is not good that man be alone. Period. We weren't made for it. And left to it, we die. Perhaps that's why solitary confinement is considered "cruel and unusual" punishment by some. Ask any POW and he'll tell you the roughest part is the aloneness. Somewhere along the line there developed the myth of "The Man Alone." We were taught that true men were to be "rugged individualists." John Wayne usually rode alone. So did Clint Eastwood. And it's killing us. When men stumble toward isolation, when men lose touch with each other and the home, that's when men, marriages, families, and an entire culture begin to die. ~ Stu Weber, adapted from Locking Arms

Are you a member of the fraternity of Knights in name only? What would it take to get you involved in council activities? When was the last time you attended a council meeting? What should our council do to bring our band of brothers closer together?

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. ~ Hebrews 10:25

# Beatification of Father McGivney to take place Oct. 31 in Hartford, Conn.



HARTFORD, CONN. — Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed."

Details of the beatification ceremony have not been released, including what COVID-19 restrictions might still be in place in the fall, such as limiting congregation size, social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings. The Vatican

Congregation for Saints' Causes announced the date for the beatification July 20.

The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion.

That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

#### Beatification cont.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

McGivney, who will be the first American parish priest to be beatified and has long been a hero of working-class Catholics, can be viewed as a martyr of a pandemic. When he died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, it was during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s."

He added, "Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

After the announcement that the priest would be beatified, Anderson told Catholic News Service in an interview: "We've been praying for years for this to occur, and finally this day has arrived."

The initial work on his sainthood cause began in 1982 on the Knights' centenary. His cause was formally opened in Hartford in 1997, and he was given the title "servant of God." In March 2008, the Catholic Church recognized the priest heroically lived the Christian virtues, so he was given the title "venerable."

Generally, two miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession are required for sainthood — one for beatification and the second for canonization.



# State Deputy Steve Zanone

My Brother Knights,

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers for our beloved State Chaplain, Fr Mario, as he struggles to recover from what appears to be a severe bleeding stroke. He has suffered nearly the same stroke as my wife Sandra had exactly four months prior to his. Father Mario is a blessing to all of us. His good-natured humor, wise counsel, and

sacramental ministry is beyond comparison. Please continue to pray for his speedy and complete recovery. With God's help, all things are possible, and we hope to have him back soon. In the meantime, we will most likely need a substitute priest at our mid-year meeting. We will invite the council chaplain from whichever council obtains the highest percentage membership growth from the date of the Organizational meeting until November 15th. That Chaplain will be invited to stand in for Fr. Mario as chaplain for our meeting, and as celebrant for our Mass. The State Council will pay for all his expenses.

Brothers, we need to find ways to hold our council meetings and to continue our programs and recruiting. I am fully aware that many of us may not use our normal spaces to meet, but I am asking you again this month to be safe and creative in finding a way to hold your meeting. As always, the State council will host your meeting on Zoom. All you need do is ask. If you are meeting virtually, please let me or State Secretary Tom Johnson know. One or more of the State Officers would enjoy attending your meeting. It is a great way for us to get to know you better. We want you to succeed. We are here for your council, and we welcome the chance to be with you even if it is virtual. Recruiting is possible even with the current situation we find ourselves in. Be creative. Make use of the tools we have available to us. Virtual meetings, live streamed degree ceremonies, ondemand degree ceremonies, e-membership are all at our disposal. Be sure to reach out to your pastor to see what he needs, and to ask his advice on how and whom to recruit. If your council is doing something creative, please let me know, or send it to IPSD Cameron Peck, for inclusion in the newsletter. Maybe if it works for you, it will work for other councils, too.

# Zanone cont.

On a personal note, I want to publicly thank the State Leadership team for stepping up to the challenge this year. These Brother Knights are going above and beyond the normal, as my family and I deal with my wife's stroke, and now Fr Mario's as well. Guys, I don't know what I would do without you. I also want to thank the PSDs that I have reached out to for advice. To a man, every one of you has taken the time to offer sound advice, and I appreciate it.

Brothers, we are certainly in unchartered waters this year. But we have good men to sail this ship. We will not sink. On the contrary, I firmly believe that this is our time to shine. It is our time to reach out to our neighbors and help them. It is our time to stand firm in our faith and let the world know that immorality is not acceptable. It is time for us to reach out to the members of our church and bring them into our order so they may strengthen their faith in these trying times.

Vivat Jesus, Steve Zanone State Deputy

# **State Secretary**

# Tom Johnson

**URGENT NEWS:** Our State Chaplin Fr. Mario Tizziani suffered a very serious stroke on Aug 29th. He has been in an induced coma for a week now. Please pray for beloved Chaplin Fr. Mario!



Its September...Normally that means the kids are back in school (in-person), after school activities, fall sports and family reunions but 2020 is proving to be much different. For 6 months now we have been tip toeing forward and stepping backwards. Regardless of what lies ahead, "Fall" is right around the corner. It's time to start taking care of those outdoor chores and projects that you've wanted to get done this summer and it's time to focus on your council and the charitable works that make a difference in the lives of so many.

The Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative is an excellent program put together by Supreme to guide us and encourage us to not only be men of faith but to be men who practice our faith. I strongly encourage every council and every member to watch the 12 part series of Into the Breach. There is a link on the Supreme website: go to <a href="https://www.kofc.org/intothebreach">www.kofc.org/intothebreach</a> to view the videos.

Based on extensive research by Supreme:

Men want to...

- 1. Grow in their faith
- 2. Become better Catholic men by performing Charitable works
- Involve their families. This gives them the opportunity to be with their families and share their Christian values with the children and neighbors

4.

Men are expected to be "equal" to their wives and share in all family responsibilities. And their wives have to believe that involvement in the Knights of Columbus is beneficial to the family. Monthly Update \_\_\_\_\_

# Johnson cont.

Bring them in slowly. Get them involved, let them move at their own pace and always extend a helping hand.

#### **Upcoming Regional Meetings:**

Our WSD Steve has decided not to hold the traditional September Regional meetings for a number of reasons, one big one being a lack of attendance by the councils in the area and their representatives. Instead he will be holding two (2) Regional meetings in October for our DDs. As of this writing the first meeting will be held on Oct 3rd at Cardome in Georgetown and the second meeting will be held on Oct 17th in the Owensboro area. Details are still being finalized. Stay tuned!

#### **Secretary's Report:**

The NMB-1 Invoices for the period Jan 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020 went out around July 27th, 2020 via email. To date I have received payments from 23 of 40 councils that were billed or 57.50% of the invoices that were sent out. Hopefully I'll have 100% by the end of September. Sixty days should be ample time for a council to approve the voucher and issue a check.

I also want to report that I have been in the process of auditing our records. What I have found is that there were 13 councils that had not paid their FY 2019-2020 NMB-1 fee & 15 councils that had not paid their NMB-2 fee for FY 2019-2020. The unpaid fees amounted to \$605.00 dollars. Around August 11th, I began sending out emails to the GKs &FSs of those councils. So far 6 councils have paid their past due billings. Thank you.

In addition, there appears to be 12 councils that have not paid their FY 2019-2020 Per Capita dues amounting to \$6,372.50. I will be reviewing those accounts in the near future. Once I have completed my review I will be contacting the councils personally.

#### **Please Pray:**

The upcoming election is less than two months away. Unless you have been in a coma or have buried your head in the sand, you can't help but see the hatred and animosity toward people of faith. Pick up your Rosaries and pray. Pray that through the intercession of Mary the United States of America may

# Johnson cont.

once again turn from our sins of abortion, hatred, jealousy, anger and envy. For without God we are nothing.

Let's make the 2020-2021 fraternal year a year in which we turn to God and give Him thanks for all things.

Take Care & God Bless, Tom Johnson State Secretary



# State Treasurer Luke Williams

Worthy Brothers,
I hope you and yours are well this Month.

#### September 11, 2020 - Patriot Day

This past Friday night at sunset in front of the hospital I work at, I stood at the base of the flag pole with the flag of the United States at

half staff in honor of "Patriots Day" looking at the sunset. I was there to raise the flag back to full staff at the end of the day as it is customary. This task was not one of those day to day activities done by me and it was considered an honor by me to be able to perform this duty. As the sun was setting while I had this honor, it reminded me of how we easily get caught up in the activities of our day and get in a routine which can rob of us of precious moments God gives us such as that beautiful moment. Those of us who can remember that September day back in 2001 will never forget where we were when we heard about the absolute horror unfolding in the media. We lost a lot of our freedoms as a result of those terrorist acts in the name of our protection. We continually pray for those who lost their lives that day... Infectious Disease COVID19 Pandemic

In the spirit of Patriot Day, I challenge all of us to put ourselves in the day after Patriot Day mindset of 19 years ago as we all tried to decide what it was "we" were going to do to show support for those Hero's who died trying to help anyone affected by the planes that were used as weapons against our freedom.

I ask you all to be present and accounted for with whatever you decide to be a part of "No Neighbor Left Behind" movement. It has been so easy to sit back and only think of ourselves during the past 6 months of this pandemic. Brothers, there are so many small things that we need to do for others, especially now since this pandemic has disrupted the way of life, we all

Monthly Update ———

# Williams cont.

were taking in until it became the norm for folks to stay away for their "safety". I do believe in "physical" distancing in times of sickness but this does not mean we put our humanity on the back burner.

Please reach out and begin the come back with a heartfelt yearning for the love of our fellow man as Jesus commands us to give so we all can be with him in Heaven.

#### **KY State Council Website - kykofc.com**

In order to keep in touch with those Knights closer to home, please visit the Kentucky State Council website for information on those who are helping, how to help, and links of where to find out more.

#### Supreme Council Website - kofc.org

One of the links to help find our more is the Supreme Council website. Please visit and look around.

September Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori Please consider Archbishop Lori's September challenge which is attached below...

"This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the "Brotherhood" episode of the Into the Breach video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program."

https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/monthly-challenge.html?1tab=1tab0

# Williams cont.

#### **Latest News**

Here is link to some of the activities (news) that Knights are involved. https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/index.html

#### Prayers for those in need

We all know someone who has physical, mental or spiritual needs, that prayers are required by us (especially those near and dear to us).

Please take a moment and do this now and frequently.

Peace, Luke A. Williams State Treasurer

# State Advocate

# **Dick Burns**

Brother Knights,

#### **State Chaplain**

Brothers, please pray for our State Chaplain, Fr. Mario Tizziani. He has suffered a stroke and is being kept under heavy sedation. Fr. Mario is a good friend to the Knights and a fine priest. I'm including him in my daily rosary intentions and several times a day I'm asking Fr. McGivney to intercede on his behalf.



#### **Council Forms**

- Form 365, the Service Program Personnel Report was due 8/1. As of 9/4 Supreme reports that 47 councils have not yet submitted this form. This is important so that new Program, Youth, and Family Chairmen requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Chairmen can get important information and training.
- Form 185, the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, was due 6/30. As of 9/4, Supreme reports that 17 Councils have not submitted this Form. This is important so that new Grand Knights requiring SET qualifications can be notified and other Officers can get important information and training
  - We recognize that most councils are not holding physical meetings and some aren't holding any
    meetings and may not have able to have elections yet. If that's the case, please submit new forms
    185 and 365 with last year's names and change them later.
- Form 1295, the Semiannual Council Audit Report, is due 8/15. As of 9/4 Supreme Reports that 47 councils have not submitted this form. Of those 47, 21 are two or more audits behind, and 5 of those are 3 or more years behind. Councils who miss consecutive audits are subject to having the \$5K bond that Supreme provides for Treasurers and Financial Secretaries revoked.

#### **SET Compliance**

The GK, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director of each council are required to take KofC provided Safe Environment Training. As of 8/5, Supreme reports 72 Brothers from 32 councils whose status is pending, meaning that they will have to do first time or refresher training this year. Those people will be getting notification from Supreme shortly and will get 30 days to complete the training.

# Burns cont.

#### Recruit! and Retain!

At least 12 councils have initiated new Brother Knights so far this year, despite the pandemic. Feel free to ask your District Deputy, the State Officers, or our Regional Growth Director for assistance in recruiting!

If each Knight asks 4 men a year to join the Order, and only one of them says yes, you'll still double the size of your council. If you don't ask, you don't grow. Be sure to use the new eMembership as a tool to get men to take the first step toward full membership.

Vivat Jesus! Dick Burns State Warden

Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18



# State Warden Gary Dykhuis

Worthy Brothers All,

Football Frenzy Sweepstakes Ticket are due to me by October 18, 2020. As we learned in the First Degree or the Admission Degree, CHARITY, is the primary principle. The Frenzy is one of the easiest ways a Council can raise money for charity. It also requires very little effort or investment on the Council's part. The Council also profits

from the sale of the tickets, by 50/50 split, with Kentucky Charities. Councils receive \$3 back for each ticket sold. For two tickets sold, you receive a third ticket online, making your odds batter. Last year, some of the winners were Councils, buying the leftover tickets. Councils that sell 25 tickets earn 25 points toward the coveted 90.4 Proof State Deputy Award.

Proceeds going into the Kentucky State Charities can be shared as grants, by applying for them. If you would like for the Charities Board of Directors to consider a grant request, consult the Program Guide, or ask your Grand Knight, District Deputy, or a State Officer for a "Request for Funds" form to fill out.

#### School is in session

Please watch for School Busses as the local schools start back in-session classes.

#### Ask a Neighbor (Catholic) to Join our Order

Supreme has upgraded to a new, cleaner platform to host our online events and Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Therefore, invitations that led to the On24 platform are now obsolete. To invite a candidate to the On-Demand ceremony, please use the NEW invitations available in English and Spanish. The invitation, registration, and reporting processes remain the same.

Vivat Jesus!! Gary Dykhuis State warden



# District Master Bill Schmidt PSD

Sir Knights -

The Kentucky Fourth Degree continues to grow strong! On August 29th we added another 46 new Sir Knights! This brings our total to 107. This is going to be a great year for the Fourth Degree in terms of membership growth. Thank you to all our new Sir Knights for joining us.

The next online Exemplification will be on November 7th at 10:00 AM EST (9:00 AM CST). Please help us and recruit your Brother Knights into the Fourth Degree for this next online Exemplification. Faithful Navigators were sent information and the new eForm 4 for candidates to complete. I cannot stress enough how this new online format is the easiest, quickest, and cheapest way for a Brother Knight to join the ranks of the Fourth Degree. The initiation fee has been reduced from \$70 to \$50 for the online Exemplification. Join us on November 7th! The balance of the Exemplification schedule has not yet been finalized but will likely include both online and in person Exemplifications. Details to come.

As a reminder, there will be a Fr. Edward Sorin Provencal Meeting of the District Masters and the Vice Supreme Master on September 26th. I will be in attendance representing the Kentucky District. If there are any changes or updates that Faithful Navigators need to be aware of, I will certainly pass on the information.

If your Assembly has not yet sent me your officer information, please send me the report of officers chosen. This is the most important information that your Assembly has to offer. Please email the report to BillSchmidtPSD@comcast.net.

# Schmidt cont.

In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we must first grow in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Recruit new members into your council and advance them through the higher degrees so that they can become Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. Our councils, parishes, and communities need us Sir Knights more than ever. Let's build up our Army of Knights to fight for what is right and just.

Fraternally,
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# Why We Offer Insurance

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St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn.

It may seem counter-intuitive that a Catholic organization, and one of the world's largest charitable organizations, would be in the life insurance business. But it's not odd at all. Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of the Knights of Columbus mission since the beginning.

#### **Two Problems, One Solution**

In the drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney. On numerous occasions in his life, Father McGivney witnessed the devastation wrought by the untimely death of a breadwinner.

As a young seminarian, Michael was forced to leave theological studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. Without his father's income, the family was unable to support Michael financially, and he was only able to continue his studies after receiving a scholarship from the local bishop.

Less than a decade later, Father McGivney, then an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., faced a similar situation. One of his parishioners, Edward Downes, Jr., was also forced to quit the seminary and return home to New Haven to support his mother and twelve siblings after his father died unexpectedly.

In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that their families could not properly care for and support them. The Downes' were able to account for most of their family members, but were facing the very real prospect of losing their three teenage boys unless each had a guardian to sponsor and stand for him in court, and provide \$1,500 to back the claim to guardianship.

On Feb. 6, 1882 – the very same day as the first organizational meeting for what would become the Knights of Columbus – Father McGivney appeared in court to stand as guardian for Edward's brother Alfred. The court accepted, and Father McGivney was satisfied with the outcome, but not with the recurring nightmare of financial hardship.

"Even though he was only a young man," his biography, *Parish Priest* says of Father McGivney, "he was filled with a lifetime of anger and frustration at the sense of doom that settled over nearly every family that lost its wage earner... On the afternoon of February 6, he was more determined than ever that what had happened to the Downes family need not happen to anyone else."

#### **The Mission Begins – And Continues**

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with "entrepreneurial zeal" to found the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to "unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members."

The initial system of "life insurance" designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As the organization grew so too did the insurance program. The pass-the-hat system was transformed into one of the largest\* and superior rated life insurance programs in North America.\*\*

The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$113 billion of life insurance in force; over 40 years of superior ratings from A.M. Best; and 18 consecutive years of sales growth, but all that is secondary.

What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families.

2020 is not 1882. Times are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service.

<sup>\*</sup>Ranked in the top five percent of life insurers in North America according to assets under management by Best's Statistical Study

<sup>\*\*</sup>As of January 2020, rated A+, Superior for financial strength by A.M. Best



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History Report —

# History Report

# Billy Hancock PSD

Supreme Awards FY 2019-2020

This fraternal saw 52 Councils earn 62 Supreme Awards. Seventeen are Star Councils. The source document for the creation of this chart did not allow me to determine multiple Stars. On behalf of State Deputy Cameron Peck (Now IPSD) I extend his congratulations to the officers and members of the fifty-two Councils Keep up the good work!

Fraternally,
Billy R. Hancock, PSD
State Historian

#### Supreme Awards 2019-2020

Council	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
390	Louisville				Х
1004	Morganfield				Х
1055	Paducah		X	X	
1264	Lebanon			X	
1290	Bardstown			X	
1315	Bowling Green		X		
1320	Henderson		X		
1367	Uniontown		X	X	
2046	Whitesville	X			
2499	Hardinsburg			X	
4473	Louisville			X	
4665	Shively	X		X	
5453	Hebron				X
5634	Louisville			X	
6317	Danville	X			
6743	Grayson County				X
6897	Murray		X		

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# **Supreme Awards 2019-2020-1**

Council	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
7387	Hawesville			X	
7831	Sebree		Х		
7847	Hopkinsville				X
10263	Nicholasville			Х	
10682	Louisville	Х			
10725	Owensboro		Х		
10988	Calvert City				Х
11132	Madisonville				Х
11453	Aurora	Х			
11470	Georgetown				Х
12354	Mt Washington	Х	Х		
12502	Independence		X	Х	
12623	Radcliff		Х		
12965	Oak Grove			X	
13053	Louisville				Х
13304	Lagrange		X		
13917	Versailles	Х		X	
14128	Somerset	Х			
14372	Lexington			X	
14604	Pewee Valley				Х
15181	Dawson Springs				Х
15484	Calhoun	Х	Х		
15525	Jeffersontown				Х
15613	Lexington	Х		X	
15699	Louisville	Х			
15841	Louisville				Х
15914	Fort Campbell				Х

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## **Supreme Awards 2019-2020-2**

Council	Location	McGivney	Founders	Columbian	Star
15931	Louisville		X		
15979	Louisville				Χ
16179	Louisville				Χ
16232	Scottsville				Χ
16956	Middlesboro	X			
17234	Harrodsburg	X	X	X	
17247	Owensboro	X			
17445	Covington	X			
52		15	14	16	17

# **Upcoming Events**

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