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# Knights of Columbus

*Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill*

*Fourth Degree Assembly #2381*



The Patriotic Degree

[KofC2381.org](http://KofC2381.org)

## Faithful Navigator



### **Greetings Brother Knights!**

As you all are aware the Knights of Columbus core principles are:

- 1) Charity
- 2) Unity
- 3) Fraternity
- 4) Patriotism

Recently a Sir Knight asked me in the Narthex of my Parish what is patriotism? Is it the support of war? I thought this was an interesting question and imagined others might have the same question.

Per the Merriam-Webster dictionary “patriotism is the love for or devotion to one’s country”. Wikipedia states that “patriotism is the feeling of love, devotion and sense of attachment to a homeland and alliance with other citizens who share the same sentiment”.

The Knights of Columbus addresses reasons for joining the Order and declares “Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.” (a)

To answer the question if the Knights of Columbus support war, I thought a brief history of the Knights of Columbus in World War I would be interesting.

Supreme Knight James Flaherty proposed to President Wilson that the Order establish soldier’s welfare centers in the United States and aboard. Forty-four million dollars was raised and or allocated from a Knights of Columbus national fund drive. The first club was started in St-Nazaire, France which was the principal debarkation point for the American Expeditionary Force. Their goal was to provide recreation and amenities to men of all races and religion and to provide some resemblance of a home away from home. These “huts” also provided Chaplains and servicemen a place to pray. Their motto was “Everyone Welcome, Everything Free”. The clubs migrated over France, England, Scotland Ireland, and Italy.



**U.S. soldiers and K of C field secretaries stand outside of a K of C hut in Andernach, Germany, circa 1919. Photo by E.S. Brooke / Knights of Columbus**

Overseas and closer to the front, the Knights started mobile kitchens “Huts” to serve food and coffee to

servicemen and help give them a break from war. To run the huts, Knights of Columbus workers, known as Field Secretaries, began arriving in France from the United States in March 1918. These men did not qualify for military service but still wanted to help as much as they could. Their uniforms were like the U.S. Army's but with "KC" on their shoulder badge and buttons. Naturally, secretaries quickly got the nickname "Casey." (b)



**A K of C field secretary, known as a "Casey," passes a cup to a U.S. soldier from a rolling kitchen in Juvigny, France, 1918, while other soldiers from the American 32nd Division look on. Photo: U.S. National Archives 111-SC-21372**

No one in their right mind supports war. But this example from World War I illustrates how the Knights of Columbus support the love of thy fellow man of all races and religions even in times of conflict.

Sources:

- (a) KofC.org 4 Principles 4 Reasons
- (b) The History of the Knights of Columbus in World War I.

## Sir Knights in Action:

Thank you, Brothers, for stepping up!

Founders' Day parade September 27<sup>th</sup>



Mike Grady, Bob Meek, Marshall Spangler, Phil Weiss, Lupe Mancilla, Kevin Wright, Bill Borque

Fr. Caliente Installation at St. Rita Catholic Church Rockford



Othello Gargenera, Phil Miller

## Msgr. Steven Knox Installation



Don Oomens, Dan Quirk, Phil Weiss



## Other News:

SK Craig Larson of Minnesota has been appointed to serve as Vice Supreme Master of the Marquette Province effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021. Craig has served our Order and the Minnesota Jurisdiction in many capacities, including State Deputy and Minnesota District Master. Let's express our sincere gratitude to SK Paul Isherwood for his dedicated service to the Order as outgoing Vice Supreme Master.

## In Memoriam:

SK Dennis G.J. Kwain passed away August 6th. His service was on August 10th which I attended in Peotone as a representative of Assembly 2381. Dennis was a Former District Deputy and was the founding Faithful Navigator of El Cardenal Assembly 2381 chartered in April 1995. In 2013 the name was changed to the Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Assembly. Dennis had fifty years of service to the Order.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him;  
may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## Upcoming events:

Charles Borromeo School is celebrating its 90th anniversary on Saturday, September 7th, at the 5:00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Malloy. SUT is 4:30pm but be aware that parking will be limited, so you may have to park on the street with a walk of up to two blocks. Location is 297 E. Jefferson St., Hampshire, Il. 60140

Clergy Appreciation Dinner – October 13<sup>th</sup> St. Mary Huntley 10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley, Il. 60142. Committee meetings are underway. Co-Chairs are David Stuehler and Bill Byrne and team are doing a great job. Thank you for assuming this responsibility.

Reverend Father Peter Sarnicki is celebrating his twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination on October 13th at the 11:00am Mass. His Eminence, Bishop Malloy, will be the celebrant. This is a major milestone for a priest so let's show our appreciate

for Fr. Sarnicki. SUT is 10:30am. Location is 111 S Hubbard St., Algonquin, Il. 60102.

The next exemplification will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Central Catholic High School.

May God bless you all!

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**In service to God, the Domestic Church  
and Family.**

# FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY GUILD

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one need do is fill out the application below and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of the cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.

Complete and return to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.



**YES**  I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild's work.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

## MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

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If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.



## **From the Editor**

Submissions for this newsletter are due **NO LATER** than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of each month. Please submit your articles and photos (with taglines) to the editor. **NEXT DUE DATE IS Sep 21.**

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## 2019-2020

### Meeting Schedule

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Aug 27 - ELGIN	KofC Hall	10 Villa Ct
Sep 24 - CARPENTERSVILLE	St. Monica	90 N John F.Kennedy Dr
Oct 22 - ALGONQUIN	St Margaret Mary	111 S. Hubbard St
Nov 26 - HAMPSHIRE	Domoulin Farms	16N393 Walker Rd
Dec No Meeting		
Jan 28 - WEST DUNDEE	St. Catherine Sienna	845 W Main St
Feb 25 - HUNTLEY	St. Mary	10307 Dundee Rd.
Mar 24 - ELGIN	KofC Hall	10 Villa Ct
Apr 28 - CARPENTERSVILLE	St. Monica	90 N John F.Kennedy Dr
May 26 - ALGONQUIN	St Margaret Mary	111 S. Hubbard St
Jun 23 - HAMPSHIRE	Domoulin Farms	16N393 Walker Rd