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# Knights of Columbus

*Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill*

*Fourth Degree Assembly #2381*



The Patriotic Degree

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## Faithful Navigator



### **Greetings and Salutations Brother Knights!**

As members of the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus, I thought this piece of information may be interesting

regarding the Knights of Columbus involvement in adding the words “under God” to our beloved Pledge of Allegiance.

As distributed by the Knights of Columbus:

“How the words *Under God* were incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893. It contained no reference to Almighty God, until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the addition of the words “under God” after the words “one nation”. The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of

Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter.

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville,

August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said:

“We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words ‘under God’ added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful.”

In August, 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as having initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution.” Source kofc.org

## Sir Knights in Action:



### Christ the King 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

District Secretary and Past Faithful Navigator Don Oomens, Faithful Navigator 2381 Phil Weiss, Faithful Navigator David Jones and Faithful Admiral Steve Zalas



### Silver & Gold Mass at St. Mary Huntley

Faithful Sentinel Mark Haemker, Commander Mike Grady, Faithful Navigator Phil Weiss, Past Faithful Navigator Thomas Gerling



### **St. Charles Borromeo School 90<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary**

District Secretary Don Oomens, Past Faithful Navigator Bob Meek, Faithful Navigator Phil Weiss

District Secretary and Past Faithful Navigator Don Oomens also participated in Honor Guards at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Rockford. (no picture)

### **Updated information regarding uniforms from Master Garry Daly**

What can we wear at our honor guards?

At all **Wakes**, Honor Guards may consist of:

Full uniform

Knights with yellow ceremonial sashes with a suit

In the **Church**, Honor Guards may consist of:

Full uniform

Knights with the yellow ceremonial sashes with a suit may partake in the procession. These Knights will appear behind the honor guard leaving a gap.

The ceremonial sash Knights cannot stand in the aisle with the uniformed Knights. They must enter the pews before the clergy processes past them.

In the **Parades**:

Full uniform

Knights with yellow ceremonial sashes with a suit  
KofC shirts with long or short pants

Each parade group is to be separated by some space. Parades have the most options.

In all instances, The social baldric and tux is no longer permitted as part of any honor guard.

The ceremonial sashes may be ordered from the English Company for \$29 plus shipping and sales tax and can be ordered by length:

<https://www.kofcsupplies.com/Item/C2>  
C2 - Ceremonial Baldric- Gold/White

### **Other News**

As previously mentioned, 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. Our sincere appreciation is expressed to SK Paul Isherwood for his dedicated service to the Order as outgoing Vice Supreme Master. Please include him in your prayers as he has recently undergone by-pass surgery.

Brother George Jost has graciously accepted the position of Deputy Commander. Thank you, George.

### **Upcoming events**

Clergy Appreciation Dinner – October 11<sup>th</sup> St. Mary Huntley 10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley, Il. 60142.

Committee meetings are underway and great progress has been made. Co-Chairs David Stuehler and Bill Byrne and team are doing a great job.

Thank you all for your participation. Volunteer sign up for the Color Guard link is located at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/H9CAA>

SUT is 6:00pm.

Tickets are on sale electronically at

<http://bit.ly/clergydinner>.

Reverend Father Peter Sarnicki is celebrating his twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am Mass. 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. Honor Guard  
volunteer sign-up link is located at:  
<https://volunteersignup.org/D3A3L>

An Honor Guard has been requested for the  
Confirmation Mass at St. Thomas More on  
10/12/2019. Bishop Malloy is the celebrant. SUT is  
9:30am at 215 Thomas More Dr.,  
Elgin, Il 60123, Volunteer link is located at:  
<https://volunteersignup.org/BLL33>

The next Exemplification will be conducted on  
10/19/2019 at Aurora Central Catholic High School  
155 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, Il 60506. Form 4  
(all copies) dinner reservation forms, and check  
payable to Garry R. Daly, Master should be  
received by October 1st. A late fee of \$5 will be  
assessed for those received after October 5<sup>th</sup>.



# 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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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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