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Knights of Columbus

Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill

Fourth Degree Assembly #2381



The Patriotic Degree

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Greetings Brother Knights!

Brother Knights.

“And He said, ‘Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.’”-Luke 4:24

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”-Luke 6:22

I hope all is well and everyone has enjoyed the Holidays. The Knights are evolving and focusing on what they can do to keep supporting the community and parishes. If you know of any men looking to be part of the Knights. At the end of this letter is a link. Please get them this link.

If you know any current members of Knights and is at the 3rd Degree level. Invite them to become a member of the 4th degree. There is a **Virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on Saturday, February 20, 2021.**

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 26th - next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. may be held VIRTUALLY or HYBRID (both in-person and virtual) further details to follow closer to the date depending on what guidelines will allow at that time. Be on the lookout for emails with the link. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming 4th degree activities and learn about the different programs the local councils in the area are doing.
- Saturday February 20th - VIRTUAL 4th degree exemplification. This is a great opportunity to

advance to full Knighthood, learning the Patriotic lessons of the Order so you have an opportunity to participate in wakes for fallen brothers, Confirmations and other special Masses, parades, and so on. This is also an opportunity for existing 4th degree members to attend and support the new candidates as well as refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree. Further details are included in the registration packet included with this newsletter, for now plan and budget accordingly. Deadline for forms and monies is BEFORE JANUARY 26TH.

We are in challenging times, but we all need to do our part to continue to move forward, only through everyone’s efforts can we grow our membership. **THE CHURCH NEEDS US! THE CHURCH NEEDS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! THE CHURCH NEEDS THE FOURTH DEGREE!**

Please also be on the lookout for emails about upcoming activities, especially wakes (provided social distancing guidelines allow) as these typically do not have much advance lead time and is one of the highest honors we can provide to our fallen brothers and their families.

It is truly an honor to participate in 4th degree activities, perhaps the most visible degree of the order. Whether it be marching in a parade, participating in an honor guard for the Bishop, or serving as part of an honor guard at a fallen brother’s wake is truly a humbling and honored experience. As a reminder there is **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** to participate in these honor or color guards and there are **NO LOCATION BOUNDARIES OR RESTRICTIONS** to participate in these functions in the area. Especially as all assemblies are working to rebuild their Color Corps, we need to step forward and help each other out which includes honor and color guard requests

outside of our typical geographic area. If we want others to support us at our events, we need to reciprocate that is the brotherly and fraternal thing to do.

Just as it is important to grow membership in the Knights of Columbus so we can continue to do the good works that we do, it is equally important to advance members to the patriotic (4th) degree to ensure we have enough members to promote the visible degree of our order, serve at a wake, etc.

Be sure to visit the Bishop O'Neill Assembly website www.kofc2381.org to check out upcoming activities, etc. In addition please be sure to visit the fourth degree Master's website www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com for information on upcoming exemplifications, etc. If you do not receive these emails please let Mark Halper know. Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you guys at upcoming events and activities. Any questions, etc. please contact Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net



On December 19th, 2020 the Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Assembly # 2381 was able to participate in the Wreaths across America program. The program places an evergreen wreath on the graves of veterans in December of each year. We were at the St Mary Cemetery in Huntley. The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the Huntley Veterans organizations organized this activity.

Join the Knights.

Are you looking to get connected and get active with Charity Minded Male Catholics?

Consider Joining the Knights

Sign up at kofc.org/join.

Trivia

A Prince Among Birds?



Early European immigrants to North America gave the cardinals their name. The bird's red plumage reminded them of the red vestments worn by senior members of the Catholic hierarchy. The crest may have been a factor. One early name that failed to catch on was *Virginia Nightingale*.

According to The Internet

(<https://www.reference desk.com/resources/state-bird/illinois.html>) the cardinal was made the official bird of Illinois in 1929 after receiving 39,226 votes. Schoolchildren selected this bird over the bluebird, meadowlark, quail and oriole.

I think children should be taught the names of our common birds from infancy. Cardinals are a great place to start.

Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone (you do not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus) who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. The goal is to spread the story about his holiness of life, and seek his intercession before the throne of God. THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER. The guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his virtuous life and works, plus the guild is an outward sign of support showing our interest in having this priest canonized. As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus DOES NOT automatically enroll you in the Guild. Not only because Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, but also because in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, we want to honor them by bringing about sainthood to the first native born Catholic Parish Priest in the United States. Please visit the Guild website at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org> or complete the attached included with the newsletter to become a Guild member. Father McGivney is now that much closer to becoming a saint, let us all do our part to help get him closer to the sainthood finish line! Thank you for your support.

KofC Assembly #2381 January Virtual Meeting

Tue, Jan 26, 2021 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CST) - Officers Meeting

Tue, Jan 26, 2021 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CST) - General Assembly Meeting

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/254936037>

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Vivat Jesus,

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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. _____
4. _____

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.

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Submissions for this newsletter are due NO LATER than the 3rd Sat of each month. Please submit your articles and photos (with taglines) to the editor.

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