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Christ's Compass—New Blessed Feast Day

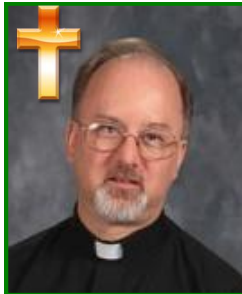
On October 31, 2020, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was declared to be "Blessed". We are now celebrating his first feast day as Blessed Michael J. McGivney. August 13th is that feast day. Interestingly, it falls between the date of his birth, August 12th and his death, August 14th. Blessed McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 and he died August 14, 1890 from the Asian Flu pandemic, at the young age of 38. It is perhaps not coincidental that he was beatified in the midst of the current day pandemic.

Though Blessed McGivney is particularly celebrated among Knights of Columbus members, he is a public blessed and anyone can pray to him for his intercession in their own needs. As we see the new outbreaks of COVID, perhaps praying to Blessed McGivney because of his death caused by a flu can help protect us.

For 20 years the Knights of Columbus have prayed for Fr. McGivney's intercession in our difficulties, that it would lead to his eventual canonization. Here is the prayer:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. John



Blessed Michael J. McGivney

The Knights are hosting an end of life seminar open to all parish families, on Tuesday October 5th at 7pm in Reardon Hall

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<https://stpatricksmauston.com/parish/knights-of-columbus/>

Council Compass— Creative Courage

Steve Hesprich, Grand Knight

Brother Knights and friends,

August 4th and 5th I was privileged to be one of 10 Knights from the State of Wisconsin to be a delegate to the Knights of Columbus 139th Supreme Convention. Originally scheduled to take place in Denver Colorado, the convention was instead virtual with the Wisconsin delegation meeting in Green Bay to attend.

The Supreme Convention gives a poignant view of the impact the Knights have in our society especially on our faith and the value of family. I have attended Supreme Conventions in the past and as with this one, was reminded of the tremendous value of membership in the Knights of Columbus. I was particularly impressed with the annual report of the Supreme Knight, this year for the first time, delivered by Patrick Kelly. The theme of the convention: "Called to Creative Courage."

Over and above the contributions of the Knights over the past year, the Supreme Knight highlighted St. Joseph as a role model for families. He has dedicated his administration to guidance from St. Joseph. Also highlighted will be the feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney, our founder, on August 13th. Consider invoking Blessed McGivney's intercession on important matters in your life (see Fr. John's article on page 1 and article page 5). Later in this issue (page 3) you can read more about the Supreme Knight's annual report.

Steve

Grand Knight, Council 2770

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Family Compass—July Family of the Month

By Jon Field, Family Director

The July 2021 KC Family of the Month is awarded to Howard and Gina Boppert. The Boppert family has been a wonderful example of Christian family values ever since they arrived at St Pats in 2013. Howard was raised Catholic in Woodstock, IL on a corn/bean farm. Gina was raised Baptist in little Cornell, WI, on a dairy farm. Howard graduated from Auburn University with a degree in ag economics while Gina got an environmental/public health degree from UW-Eau Claire. The two met when Gina's brother set his sister up with Howard on a blind date. Gina was welcomed into the Catholic Church and they were married on April 20, 1996. They have been blessed with four children: Johannes, 22, Luke, 21, Anna, 19 and Eli, 17.



Howard and Gina Boppert Family
From left to right: Howard, Eli, Luke, Anna, Johannes, and Gina

Howard and Gina have been very active within their Catholic faith. At St. Pat's, Gina has been involved with religious education for 9 years, teaching 7th, 8th and 9th grades. She also taught as a substitute teacher at the school for 3 years. She has been a eucharistic minister, delivered eucharist to the homebound, been on the parish council, the PCCW and both Gina and Howard helped coach track for 3 years at St Pat's while their kids were there. Howard is a lector at mass and has served on the education committee for 6 years. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2008. Here for the Solomon Juneau council, he helps with the tootsie roll drive, chairs the pancake breakfasts, is the KC Community Director, and helps out wherever needed.

With 4 young adult and teenage kids, they are a very active family in school, athletics and church. The Bopperts are always in motion. They are receiving this award because it is easily recognized how they have taught their kids that their motion revolves around their faith. Johannes has already become a Knight of Columbus. Luke was an alter server, Anna still plays the organ at mass when she is home from college and Eli was an alter server and now an usher. This year, Eli helped at Vacation Bible School. As a family, they attend local, state and national Right to Life rallies. There are so many more activities they do at the church and the community each year. And they participate with outward exuberance and twinkles in their eyes. They are a family that knows that Jesus is their savior and they open their arms out to the world around them and make it a better place, every single day.

For suggestions for family of the month, please contact me. cell: 608-847-6421 / jonfield21@gmail.com

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Free Online Membership

Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020**

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Steps to Join the Knights:

1. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus (or scan QR code above)
2. Complete application, (5 minutes)
enter council # 2770, & promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**
3. Attend online virtual ceremony
(30 minutes) & confirm completion

Sundae on Sunday

Howard Boppart, Community Director

Our "Sundae on Sunday" was a great success! We had four serving lives and about 50 people who enjoyed the treat after the 10am Mass on August 1st. It's purpose was to help with the re-engagement of parish life. We had tables, ice cream and many toppings set up on the sidewalk outside church.



The council budgeted \$200 for the event. We had expenses of \$141.50. We intentionally did not have a donation basket. Despite that we received \$39 in donations, making the net cost \$102.50.

This event was also be a kick off for the start of Vacation Bible School (VBS) which began Monday August 2nd.

We had lots of help with the event. Thanks to Bill Powers, Clinton Pouillie, Steve Thorson, Steve Hesprich, Tom Jordarski, and Jon Field, Howard and Gina Boppart for their assistance.

We had a lot of ice cream and toppings left over which we donated to the Vacation Bible School and youth ministry.

Compass of Membership—Young Men

Steve Hesprich, Membership Director

In last month's **Knight's Compass** I mentioned my optimism about the new fraternal year and helping our council achieve Star Council. That optimism was pumped up further after attending the Supreme Convention August 4th/5th.

We need to put a particular emphasis on encouraging younger men, especially young family men to join the Knights. Several times during the convention we saw the message of a strong Catholic family being the foundational cornerstone of a strong moral culture.

With this centerpiece of our Order, faith and family, the provisions of the Star Council award show us the practical way to build all other aspects of our society and nation.

This then is the imperative of our membership focus. There are a few ways we can turn our attention to young fathers. To be successful we will need the help of members.

In all we do, the Knights inspire. When Catholic men see us protecting families and serving the least fortunate, they will want to join us. Men want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They want a life of meaning, a life of mission. They find it in our brotherhood. We help them grow, and their families thrive.

The Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, made a brief mention of a new membership category called the "Affiliate Member". He didn't really tell us much about what this is, only saying "it's an initiative to re-engage existing members", and that this will "free up councils to focus on what matters most." The program will begin on a pilot basis this fall and presuming it is successful, made available Order wide, most likely in 2022.

The State of Wisconsin Knights have an attractive incentive called "Wiscapita". If we attain our council membership of net 4 members (4 new or reinstated members over any suspended), by September 30th, 75% of our fall per capita will be waived (worth about \$195 to our council). See the promotion below for the full incentive.

WISCAPITA

STATE COUNCIL FIRST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

+ COUNCIL SUPREME QUOTA BY SEPT 30

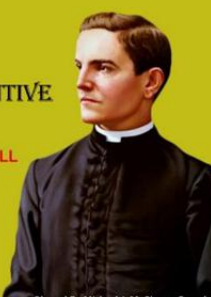
+ COUNCIL RECEIVES 75% WAIVER OF THEIR OCT 1ST PER-CAPITA BILL

AND WILL HAVE THEIR APRIL 1ST PER-CAPITA BILL WAIVED

(\$4.25 A MEMBER)

NOTE: COUNCILS MUST MAINTAIN THEIR GOAL THROUGHOUT THE FRATERNAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE APRIL 1ST WAIVER

'NOW THE JOURNEY BEGINS'



Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Founder

Compass of Family Life—St. Joseph

By Steve Hesprich

I just returned from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention where I was 1 of 10 delegates from Wisconsin. As a delegate I received a number of items including the 2 1/4 inch diameter medallion depicted here, one of 750 such coins struck for the delegates (and certain dignitaries). It is more evidence of the idea of dedicating my time as Grand Knight to the intercession of St. Joseph.



Prayer of dedication to St. Joseph:

My spiritual father and guardian, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my whole being without reservation. Help me to see Your good and gracious purpose in all my trials. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with Jesus and Mary. Should I take my last breath today, be by my side, and take me to heaven to be with Jesus, Mary and you. Amen.

Supreme Knight's Annual Report*

by Steve Hesprich, Delegate 139th Convention

On Tuesday evening August 4th, the delegates to the convention, as well as for all others to view live on EWTN television, was the annual report of the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. It was for me, an inspiring report that mixed Patrick Kelly's wonderful delivery with video and photos supporting various points he made. While he covered 12 different topics, I'll focus on a few areas that I found most poignant. Those areas include, St. Joseph, Blessed Michael McGivney, what it means to be a Knight, and Knights of the Eucharist. The Convention theme was "Called to Creative Courage."

In St. Joseph, we see our mission and mandate. Guard the family. Guard the truth. He led through service and creative courage. So must we. It is the only way to overcome the hurdles facing our families, the Church and our culture.

Father McGivney was a man of courage. He lived in a time of great need. He rose to meet that need, in new and powerful ways. Where he led first, we follow and must lead still. We must take his vision to new places and people. Father McGivney's feast day is August 13th. It will be his first liturgical memorial since his beatification, and it is a day when every Knight should deepen their devotion to our Founder.

A Knight lives by faith and leads by creative courage. Faith and courage compel us to be men of charity. To be a Knight means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living.

Being a Knight comes down to one thing: We get the man right. We empower him to embrace his faith and lead a life of charity, unity and fraternity. Christ in the Eucharist is the source of true charity, the author of true unity, and the builder of perfect fraternity.

The Knights transform acquaintances into friends, and friends into brothers.

*Source: 2021 Annual Report of the Supreme Knight

End of Life Comes to All

By Gregory Helgerson, FIC, Field Agent



Put the evening of Tuesday October 5th on your calendar. At 7pm the Solomon Juneau Council is hosting a fraternal benefits event focused on end-of-life planning. We are still working on the details and arranging for probably 3-4 speakers to touch on different dimensions of this important planning activity. Topics will include medical end-of-life considerations, end of life considerations from a pastoral perspective (our Pastor and Chaplain Fr. John Potaczek will discuss), estate planning considerations, and finally financial options to help prepare (presented by myself).

Put Tuesday October 5, 2021 at 7pm in Reardon Hall, on your calendar.

We know two things are certain, as the saying goes: Death and taxes. We'll take a look at considerations for the time we or our loved ones will no longer be with us, and as well, the issues that arise with our health as we near the time we will leave our mortal life.

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP:

Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day is Aug. 13! Let us invite new men to join the Order and spread his mission as a great way to celebrate our Founder. Online Membership is free using my promo code GHELGERSON through Dec. 31.

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Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney

Portions from the Supreme website—www.kofc.org/

On October 31, 2020, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus was beatified. August 13th is his feast day which we are now celebrating for the first time.

In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (August 12, 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (August 14, 1890).

On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

We encourage all Knights to both pray to Blessed McGivney for his intercession in the needs of our lives as well as to encourage anyone to join the McGivney Guild, at no cost. The guild has a monthly newsletter that highlights efforts toward Blessed McGivney's cause for Sainthood. One more miracle attributed to his intercession would mean Blessed McGivney would become Saint McGivney. To join the Guild go to:

www.fathermcgivney.org

For additional information and resources on Blessed McGivney, see the article on page 5.

Intellectual Disabilities Drive

Jon Field, ID Chairman

On the last full weekend of July, the 24th and 25th, after all the Masses at St. Patrick's, the Knights gave Tootsie Rolls to Mass attendees. The result were donations of \$490.30.



We hope to raise a few more dollars at our upcoming council meeting where a resolution will be submitted to offer selling boxes of our (significant) remaining inventory at \$5/box. A box contains 50 Tootsie Rolls. If you would be interested in purchasing a box but cannot make the council meeting, just let myself or Grand Knight Steve Hesprich know. If the resolution passes, an email will be sent to let members know the availability and pricing.

2020-2021 Families of the Month

By Jon Field, Family Director

In the most recent fraternal year that began July 2020 and ended June 2021, we recognized 12 families as Families of the Month. We wish to recognize all of them here:

July 2020	David & Ann Hoffman
August 2020	Clinton & Lisa Pouillie
Sept 2020	Robert & Therese Gunther
Oct 2020	Tom & Mary Jodarski (also Family of the Year)
Nov 2020	Fr. John Potaczek
Dec 2020	Jim & Jeri Kolba
Jan 2021	Harry & Shirley Buttner
Feb 2021	Joe & Mary Buttner
March 2021	Heath & Cassie Thayer
April 2021	Gerry & Marie Boehm
May 2021	Paul & Nancy Schaller
June 2021	Robert & Therese Severson

None of these couples (and children) sought recognition. It is important for others to know that contributions to the parish are valued. This is one way we can acknowledge the long standing, as well as recent contributions of these families.



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Compass Minutes— July Meeting

By Tom Jodarski, Warden

The meeting began at 7 pm. After opening prayer and pledge the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved as published in the June **Knight's Compass**.

Grand Knight Report: Tom Jordarski received a note from Wisconsin State Senator Marklein thanked the Knights for their generosity in our community (referring to the 2 donations made to St. Pat's science program & the West Side Closet. Toni Ross is the new Principal at St. Patrick's school. Our council will be receiving 2 awards for the 2020-2021 fraternal year—the Columbian Award (for programs) and the Founder's Award (for insurance).

Discussed upcoming events and calendar

July 24/26—Tootsie Rolls after Masses (ID-Intellectual Disability)

Aug 1st—Sundae on Sunday (after 10am Mass)

Aug 29th—Annual Parish Golf Outing

Oct 5th—"End of Life Planning" - Fraternal Benefits 7pm

Nov 2nd—Memorial Mass for deceased Knights (5:30pm Mass)

Nov 6th – Hunters' Night Out

Pancake breakfasts 3rd Sundays of November, December, January, February to benefit 8th, 7th, 6th, and 5th grade classes of our school respectively. Do a virtual breakfast for the corresponding Saturday 5pm Masses.

March 5th—Hunter's Raffle and Game Feed Dinner after Saturday 5pm Mass

May 17th Confirmation at St. Patrick's parish; possible honor guard. Additionally we need a date in January for the Free Throw; and set a fall date for the Punt, Kick and Pass.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$331.88 in the general fund; \$1327.02 in the Charity Fund.

Membership Report: Our membership quota for the 2021-2022 fraternal year is net 4 members. We know of one member who has asked to withdraw so we will need another new or re-instated member to achieve the required quota. For programs we need to get 4 credits in each of the 4 program categories of Faith, Family, Community and Life. There are no required programs and some programs (such as the Family of the Month done for all 12 months) count for 2 credits. For the insurance requirement we need to conduct and/or promote two insurance agency sponsored events. Finally required forms must be submitted on time.

Family Director Report: The Howard and Gina Boppart family is the July Family of the Month.

Community Director: For the protection of children from abuse, both the Diocesan and Knights of Columbus programs must see those participating in events where children are present, be certified. For the Knights, the Safe Environment Program seeks to have additional men certified beyond those mandated (Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director). The Knights certification is good for two years, the Diocesan program requires annual certification.

Old business: it was determined that we should do polo shirts instead of dress shirts for the council. This will be discussed again at the August meeting. There was a discussion about the need for more automatic doors at the church (entry to Reardon Hall and entrance to the vestibule by the elevator. Steve Powers will do a follow up to get pricing.. Bill Powers is coordinating the Sunday usher schedule and needs more volunteers.

New business: Financial Secretary report. Nothing to report.

Good of the Order: Prayer intentions Mike Hannefin and Gerry Boehm. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm to have ice cream sundaes.

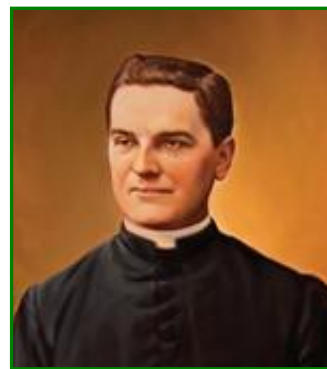


Beatification Feast Day-August 13th

From Supreme Website

Our Founder's beatification last year and first feast day on Aug. 13, 2021, are causes of celebration for the Order. Take a moment this Friday, the 13th, to pray to Blessed McGivney for his canonization and for intentions you have.

The cause for Fr. McGivney began some 20 years ago. It led to Fr. McGivney being declared venerable, the step before a first confirmed miracle, leads to being pronounced "Blessed" by the Pope. During these 20 years the Order established a guild to promote his sainthood. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild publishes a quarterly newsletter and offers a weekly Mass for the intentions of members. Membership in the Guild is free. You can find a variety of resources and sign up for the Guild online at:



<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html>

There are a couple of wonderful videos that have been produced and they are available online as well:

Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRbjAWHvyy8>
(28 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgjFc0EmIPs>
(5 minute version)

A Witness for the World: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-11RizKWlQ>

Finally Here's the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA www.fathermcgivney.org Painting about is by Chas Fagan © Knights of Columbus

Calendar (can also be found in different format on our council web page (link is in the footer of this page))

DATE	TIME	EVENT	HOST	NOTES
Friday August 13, 2021	n/a	Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney	KC2770	declared Blessed 10/31/2020
Tuesday Aug 17, 2021	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday Aug 17, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Sunday August 29, 2021	12:30 PM	Parish School Golf Tourney - Castle Rock Golf Course (CRGC)	Parish	register by calling CRGC at 608-847-4658
Sunday September 12, 2021		Fall Festival	Parish	
Tuesday Sep 21, 2021	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday Sep 21, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday October 5, 2021	7:00 PM	End of Life Planning Seminar	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday October 19, 2021	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday October 19, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	
Tuesday, November 2, 2021	5:30 PM	Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights St Patrick's Church	KC2770	Church
Saturday, November 6, 2021	after 5 PM Mass	Hunters' Knight Out	Parish	
Tuesday November 16, 2021	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday November 16, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Sunday November 21, 2021 Sunday December 19, 2021 Sunday January 16, 2022 Sunday February 20, 2022	8 AM -noon	Pancake Breakfast - Nov -benefit 8th grade class; Dec - benefit 7th grade class Jan - benefit 6th grade class Feb - benefit 5th grade class	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Sunday December 5, 2021	TBD	Diocesan Winter Meeting, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells	State Council	for GKs, FSs, Membership & Program Directors
Tuesday November 16, 2021	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall
Tuesday November 16, 2021	7:00 PM	Council Meeting Reardon Hall	KC2770	Reardon Hall

Council Officers & Directors

Steve Hesprich	Grand Knight
Fr. John Potaczek	*Chaplain
Open	Deputy Grand Knight
Jon Field	Chancellor
Randy Boehm	*Financial Secretary
Jim Kolba	Treasurer
Matt Schwab	Advocate
Open	Recorder
Tom Jodarski	Warden
Open	Inside Guard
Dick Schwab	Outside Guard
Stephen Powers	Trustee for One Year
Don Kratcha	Trustee for Two Years
Bill Powers	Trustee for Three Years

*Program Director	Bill Powers
*Family Director	Jon Field
*Community Dir	Howard Boppart
*Faith Director	
*Life Director	

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