TOGETHER INFAITH



Bl. Fr. Michael McGivney *Feast Day, August 13th*

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This Month's Events Installation of Officers

Thursday, August 8th - 5:30 PM

Begins with Mass in the Chapel followed by the Ceremony and catered dinner in the hall. *All Officers, plan to attend!*



Special Pre-Holiday SALE Select Nativity Silhouettes www.kocignatius.org



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621 Tarpon Springs, Florida

KOC Regular Meeting

Meet in the Hall at 7:00 PM Thursday, August 15th



KOC Corporate Mass Sunday, August 25th 7:00 AM Wear your KOC Polo Shirt!

Share this Mass with your family and friends

For more information: www.kocignatius.org

SMALL MAMA SHEEP



\$11.25 Was: \$16.95

SMALL DONKEY



SMALL SINGLE CAMEL



\$11.80 Was: \$16.95

SMALL DOUBLE CAMEL



 \$8.65
 \$25.95

 Was: \$13.95
 Was: \$34.95

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Fr. Bill Swengros Chaplain Council # 7621

Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for us

> Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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.

My dear brother Knights,

This month we celebrate the memory of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. In his Apostolic Letter, 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."

Blessed Michael was born on August 12, 1852, the eldest son of an immigrant Irish family. At the age of 13, he left school to work in a brass factory to help support his family. Three years later, he began his studies for the priesthood but had to leave after his father died in order to care for his family. Later, he was able to resume his studies and was ordained in 1977 for the diocese of Hartford. Right from the beginning of his ministry, he had a preferential concern for the poor, orphaned, widowed, and oppressed. At a time of great prejudice and oppression against Catholics and immigrants, he started the Knights in order to provide care for those in need and a fraternal support among Catholic men. Fr. McGivney died of pneumonia at the age of 38 on August 14, 1890. He was beatified on October 31, 2020 and his feast day is on Tuesday, August 13. Today, our wonderful order is the largest fraternity of Catholic men in the world!

If you can, join us for Holy Mass. Pray for his canonization. (If you know of someone in need of a miracle, entrust your intention to this faithful servant of God. Who knows, yours could be the miracle that leads to his canonization!) Also pray for your brother Knights, our new Council leaders, our Church and our country. May we always follow the example of Blessed Michael McGivney!

Your brother in Christ,

FEBIL

Fr. Bill Swengros Chaplain



Greeting Brothers of Council 7621!!

This month is full of excitement as we begin together starting with the installation of officers on August 8th. Thank you to our newest officers who have stepped up this year and especially thank you to those who have chosen to continue on!

We celebrate the feast of Father McGivney on August 13th. We must reflect on the past to shape our future. We are called to a higher calling on our three main principles: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. These principles have guided us throughout our history. *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Pro 27:17).*

Our first big fundraiser is in the planning stages and will go full swing this month with our Christmas Silhouettes. Please support this important effort any way you can.

Please be sure to check out the calendar for all our upcoming activities.

Lastly as we approach this election season we must stay informed and above all of the rhetoric. Especially as we examine Amendment 4 and the effect it will have on our children, our unborn children and the medical community. Please listen to Bishop Gregory's message found our on our website.

As always we are here for each other, please reach out for those brothers in need.

Vivat Jesus! Phil Hoyle Grand Knight

Grow our Council, Support our Parish, Grow as Catholic Men Charity, Unity, Fraternity.



District Deputy Note - District 37 Sir David Creamer

Brother Knights,

The new calendar year has begun and we continue to help those who need it the most and to make God's presence even more known to all. Our ultimate goal is to help men, their families, and our parishes to get closer to God. Our Supreme Knight stated that "Where there's a need, there's a knight." Our presence is important to further the order as well as to help out who or whatever needs us. He reiterated that we must sustain and grow our order. Our mission is too important to leave to chance. Through our dinners and events, we are visible to our fellow parishioners, and with this visibility we may be able to add members to our councils. Working effectively with the pastor and priests is critical for they are our extensions to God. They know where the most need is. We must simply do the best that we can so that we are successful and are able to help others out. We are definitely needed and gladly will assist in what is asked of us. Let us show others how they should be acting.

May God bless us all and our works during this new year.



Vivat Jesus! David Creamer District Deputy 37









My fellow Brothers,

Have you enjoyed the times we've worked together whether through our breakfasts, Lenten dinners, Mardi Gras, Casino nights or Oktoberfest?

Do you enjoy the Faith based programs like our Corporate Masses, Baptismal program and "Into the Breach?

If so, don't you think your friends would like to be a part of the knights to enjoy these events, programs and fellowship too.

Why not ask them to join the knights. It's easy! They don't have to pay dues the first year. Use the QR code below or have them call/text me at the number below.

Vivat Jesus! Sir Don Tobey 727-815-8912 **Use QR Code to join -->**





Fr. Edward J. Farrell Assembly #1774

Are YOU a Knight? Are YOU Patriotic? Join the Fourth Degree

Next Meeting is: *Monday, August 12th*

7:00 PM in the Hall

For more information, Contact Don Tobey, FN at **727-815-8912**

Fr. Edward J. Farrell Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

4843 Mile Stretch Dr, Holiday, FL 34690

KOC Baptismal Program



Want to assist?? You don't have to be a Knight, couples are welcome! Contact: Steve Thomas, Baptismal Chairman 508-320-6423

<u>Saturday, August 3rd</u>

Jalen Hernandez and Ryleigh Hernandez. The Celebrant will be Fr. Eva. The Baptism team will be Mike and Terry Grigsby.

<u>Saturday, August 10th</u>

Milana Wielgosz and Alexandra McMeekin. The Celebrant will be Fr. Paek. The Baptism team will be Vince Huth and Shannon Collins.

<u>Saturday, August 17th</u>

Finan Jewell. The Celebrant will be determined. The Baptism team will be Dave and Katherine Creamer.

<u>Sunday, August 18th</u>

Justin Price.The Celebrant will be Fr. Bill. The Baptism team will be Steve and Ann Thomas.

<u>Saturday, August 31st</u>

Rhys Kasanofsky. The Celebrant will be Fr. Paek. The Baptism team will be Dave and Barbara Cardinal.

Our Field Agent's Thoughts

Brothers,

This is an exciting time of year for two reasons.

First, our 142nd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Quebec, August 6-8. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year.

He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do.

I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at: **kofc.org/convention**. Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention.

Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity. If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights - whether through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a handle on financial matters or something else – I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others.

I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year.

As always, I am available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself of this important benefit of being a member of our Order.

Vivat Jesus! Thomas Spinelli 352-895-8586





Knights of Columbus

THIS AMENDMENT HURTS WOMEN!

2024 Florida ballot proposal: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

LAW CHANGES:

- NO MORE time limits on abortions.
- NO MORE requirements that abortions be performed only by medical doctors.
- NO MORE parental consent for minors to have abortions.
- NO MORE safety requirements for abortion clinics.
- NO MORE medical informed consent.
- NO MORE 24-hour waiting period.
- NO MORE laws to regulate abortion at all.

CONSEQUENCES:

- Partial-birth and up-to-birth abortions would be LEGAL.
- ANY "health care provider" could perform abortions WITHOUT BEING A MEDICAL DOCTOR.
- Minors could get abortions
 WITHOUT A PARENT'S CONSENT.
- Injuries or death from botched abortions would increase.
- Women would have abortions WITHOUT KNOWING THE RISKS.
- More women would have abortions UNDER PRESSURE.
- Abortions performed ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, BY ANYONE!

THIS AMENDMENT GOES TOO FAR!



For more information go to: <u>SUNCOASTCATHOLICS.ORG</u>

