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**MESSAGE FROM
THE GRAND KNIGHT**

Greetings Brothers,

There are many things to look forward to in 2018. Our first meeting of the year will include a first degree for three new members for our council and possibly two from other councils wishing to participate with our first degree admission lesson. That, with the fellowship we share, will make for a great meeting. Please plan on attending, even if it has been awhile, so you can renew your belief in Charity.

The Wild Game Dinner is coming January 27, 2018. We need volunteers for setup, cleaning tables and chairs, preparation, cooking, raffle preparation and selling, cleanup, teardown and washing dishes. Let Bruce Hartley know what you want to do at the next meeting or call him at (608) 931-0235. Volunteering begins on Friday and goes through clean up by 11:00pm on Saturday.

For the dinner, we are asking members to donate a dessert. Please bring your dessert to the hall on the morning of the dinner. Please do not bring anything that needs to be kept frozen or refrigerated.

We are also looking for raffle items for the dinner. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please bring it to the council meeting or contact Bruce or myself to arrange picking the item up. Gift certificates, bottles of quality adult beverages, wildlife prints, and outdoor gear, are all items that we have raffled at past dinners.

At the January meeting we will approve continuing our annual scholarship program. As in years past, we will award four \$125 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from the four parishes we serve. Applications for the 2018 scholarships are available on our website. Also, please forward any suggestions you have for the web page or for our Facebook page to me or Tim Taylor.

Brother John Obermark is going to make contact with many members over the next couple months to remind them how important they are. Please take his call or email with a friendly hello.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Norm Jacobs



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

Brother Knights,

I wanted to give everyone early notice about the next two 4th degree meetings, so that the dates can be saved.

Our next meeting is a business meeting, and will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, **at My Apartment restaurant and bar** in Janesville. The social time starts at 6:00pm, and the meeting/dinner is at 7:00pm.

The February meeting, which is a social meeting, will be at The Rock Bar and Grill in Beloit. Their address is: 101 Maple Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. The meeting will be on Tuesday evening, February 27th. Social time at 6:00pm with dinner to follow at 7:00pm.

The owners at The Rock were very excited to be hosting a dinner for the Knights, and have agreed to let us use one of their private seating areas for free. They usually charge money for the rooms, but they are not going to charge us. They said they would put the best wait staff they have on that night and we could order off of their menu, which has many nice selections, with separate checks. I am hoping that everyone will be able to come, as it is right on the Rock River, and has very good food based on the previous times Paula and I have eaten there.

I want to thank everyone who made it out to the Christmas Dinner this past week at The Butterfly Club. We ended up having 33 people at the dinner, and I am hoping we can beat that in February.

Please let me know if you have any ideas/suggestions for future social dinner sites.

I will send out more notices as the meetings get closer.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom Stoiber, FC



**ROSARY FOR LIFE - Join fellow knights and families in praying for an end to abortion
January 8, 4:30 pm at OLA**

**1st Tuesday of the month - Council #605 meeting
4th Tuesday of the month - 4th Degree meeting**

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**Annual
Wild Game Dinner**



Saturday, January 27, 2018

If you are a hunter or know someone who is, please consider donating part of the hunt to this Knights of Columbus fundraiser.



A SAINT IN THE MAKING

THE CAUSE FOR THE KNIGHTS' FOUNDER MARKS 20 FRUITFUL YEARS

His life inspires and his vision still lives as the process toward sainthood continues for Father Michael J. McGivney. In the 20 years since the cause for his canonization was opened, devotion to the founder of the Knights of Columbus has grown throughout the Order and spread widely among the Catholic faithful.

The humble parish priest, who founded the Knights with a handful of parishioners at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., was declared venerable by the Vatican in 2008. His intercession is sought by priests and laypersons in all the challenges of life, and he still is known as a friend of the poor and neglected; an advocate for widows and orphans and those affected by divorce and family breakup; a supporter of Christian family life; a trustworthy guide to the young; a promoter of the Catholic faith; and above all, a champion of charity, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus.

The canonization cause was opened on Dec. 18, 1997, in the Archdiocese of Hartford, then under Archbishop Daniel Cronin, with the Knights of Columbus serving as the "actor" or prime supporter. Dominican Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the first postulator in charge of the cause, set out to compile the positio, a deeply researched and carefully footnoted document drawing upon all historical evidence attesting to Father McGivney's holiness and virtue. After review and approval at the archdiocesan level, the positio was sent to the Vatican and on March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney a "Venerable Servant of God," recognizing that he exercised the theological and cardinal virtues "to a heroic degree."

During his apostolic visit to the United States the following month, Pope Benedict called Father McGivney an "exemplary American priest" whose work was key to the "impressive growth" of the Catholic Church in America during the 19th century.

With his cause active at the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints, a miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession is required for him to be declared Blessed, and then another such miracle would be needed for canonization or sainthood. All Knights and their families, as well as everyone devoted to Father McGivney, are encouraged to implore Father McGivney's intercession in all struggles in life, especially in times of serious illness, and to report any favors or healings to the Father McGivney Guild, the office that promotes the sainthood cause.

But the cause is about more than seeking miracles, as vital as that is to its successful completion. The cause also involves learning about the many practical virtues of this exemplary priest and the ways he responded in an informed and practical manner to the serious challenges facing his immigrant parishioners. His cause for sainthood also encourages us to emulate him in our daily lives, as Knights and as Catholic laypersons, and pray for his help in our daily struggles.

The vitality of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is a prime indicator of his continued popularity and presence in people's lives. With close to 170,000 members throughout the world, the Guild has received reports of thousands of favors over the years, a testament to the intercession of Father McGivney and the trust that people place in him. These favors fall generally into four categories that Father McGivney was concerned about during his earthly priesthood:

Employment and finances. Just as his parishioners looked to Father McGivney for guidance at a time when the words "No Irish need apply" were often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.

Substance abuse. In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and he founded a parish "total abstinence" society. Many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse through praying to him.

Family reconciliation. Divisions occurred within immigrant families struggling to make ends meet, and they are not uncommon today with the increase of divorce. Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.

Return to the faith. Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from leaving the Church to join anti-Catholic secret societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

In 2009 officials of a supplemental tribunal, constituted by the Archdiocese of Hartford, formally sent a new report to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The tribunal interviewed additional witnesses, including several medical doctors, about the circumstances of a reported miracle attributed to Venerable Michael McGivney's intercession.

Twenty years may seem like a long time to wait for a holy person to be canonized, but it is far from an unusual period for a sainthood cause. We can use this time to renew our faith, deepen our prayer life, join the Guild and unite our prayers for the good of the Knights of Columbus and for an increase of devotion to its founder.

CALENDAR

January

- 2 Council Meeting
- 8 Pro-Life Rosary - OLA
- 23 4th Degree
- 27 Wild Game Dinner

February

- 5 Pro-Life Rosary - OLA
- 6 Council Meeting
- 27 4th Degree

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