



The Knight Times



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends,

Of course let me begin by saying I hope this message finds you and your families healthy and safe in this unprecedented global event. I pray that we all stay strong and will soon be able to enjoy our normal daily activities, as well as each other's company. Most important, if you are in need of assistance, please let us know, and we will do all that we can to provide the necessary assistance. This includes without saying the assistance of our prayers. If you know of someone who is in need of our prayer, please be sure to let us know to add him/her to our list of intentions.

We have instituted a phone call check-in with those on the sick list. It is something we have tried to do in the past and recently Jim Callahan has stepped up to take on this task. Many of you may have already heard from Jim. Because the care of our Brothers and Families in need is such an important mission for us, I am extremely appreciative that Jim has stepped up; for that reason I am recognizing him as March's **Knight of the Month**.

All events and meetings remain cancelled through the end of April. Since this includes the timeframe where we normally conduct the Shake the Can Drive, this will of course have a significant impact on our charitable contributions for this year. I am hopeful as activities resume we can make much of this up, but we will need everyone's help when that time comes. During this time we will continue to provide you a monthly update via a our newsletter, though like this one it may be abbreviated. If you would like more frequent updates, please watch the Council's Facebook page, or if you have provided us an email address, you should be receiving periodic emails from us. If you do not receive the emails (check your spam mail folder) send an email to me at KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com and I will add you to our email list.

The one program we are continuing with at this time is the Council Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications are available to be downloaded from our website at KofC1345.org. The due date remains unchanged, and all applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. However given the situation of many schools being closed or working at reduced staffing, in lieu of an official transcript, we will accept either an unofficial transcript, or a copy of the final Junior year Report Card (for College Applicants) or Final 7th Grade Report Card (for HS Applicants). Good luck to all those who apply.

My family and I wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter,
Vivat Jesus,

Kenneth Armellino

Grand Knight

Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families, and Friends,

Sometimes gifts don't look like blessings to us, but they can be. So it is with this unwanted, unexpected and intimidating guest... maybe it's a curse, maybe a blessing.

The world has grown silent for a moment, the industrial giant is quiet, all people are equal again, both great and small, trembling with the same fear before the unknown...

The entire Christian world is praying together for the same thing. Families are finally coming to know one another, to become familiar, to socialize and pray out loud, and suddenly there is plenty of time. The virus even slows down time.

Where were we hurrying to? What are we doing with ourselves while our days have been counted just as the hairs on your head have?

God is detaching us from the securities of this world. In the great gift of silence given to us found in the Church or in our homes, we are now able to make sincere, honest and deep examination of conscience so we can clean what prevents us from hearing the Voice of God clearly. With sincerity we can ask God to tell us what He wants of us today, and subsequently to continue to do that every day. Spend as much time as possible with God at church or somewhere in your home or where you find the silence. He is all we need.

Stop, and listen to the silence. Let us return to our roots and pray to God. We can be so desperately afraid for our bodies but what about our souls, how are we preparing it? **(continued on page 2).**

Some gifts don't look like blessings to us, yet they are... Just open your eyes and look around. Above all never forget that God above is seeing everything and he is in control.

Trust always in Jesus the Good Shepherd- the savior of the world- The King who wears The ultimate Crown of glory!
Praise be Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Chaplain

From the News Desk

All activities at the Council have been suspended thru the end of April. We shall review for May & possibly June as needed to protect our members, friends & clients from the CO-VID 19 virus.

Volunteer Letter - if you received a volunteer letter, please reply and send the bottom form back even if you cannot help. Not getting your response keeps us in limbo. Let us know Yes or No.

The **NJ K of C Convention** in May has been cancelled.

Columbiette June Convention: as of now, no decision has yet been made. For the moment, it's still on.

Wash your Hands: we are constantly advised to wash our hands often for 20 seconds. If you recite the **Hail Mary** when you wash, it takes about 20 seconds. Try it, no guessing involved.

Sick & Wake Report – as of Mar. 25, 2020

Bold indicates new name or a change in condition.

To add a name, call **Bob DeWald at 201-384-2259.**

Members

-Bob Dondero, PGK	-John Graham
-Steven Petraglia	-Dave Benson, PGK
-Nick Albano	-Tom Formoso TBCC Pres.
-Dick Dorozynski	-Jim Whelan
-Jim Mc Entee	-Larry Rivera, PGK
-Brendan Thornton	-Matt Connell
-Bill Horn	-Bill Connington, PGK
-John P. Mc Hugh	-Antonio Fundaro
-Dan Taylor	-Arthur Flynn
-Tony O'Hare	-James Verdino
-Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA	

Relatives & Friends

-Billy Whelan, son of Jim Whelan
-Catherine Kelly, wife of Late Jim Kelly, Sr.
-Donna & Rocky, Sister & Granddaughter of Dr Geoffrey Sadock
-Fr. Pat Donohue, Priest at St. Mary's Church
-Fr. Ray Filipiski, priest at St. John's Church
-Greg, husband of Columbiette Barbara McEllen.
-Joan Winant, Columbiette, Past President
-Jonathan Jacobi, Jr., grandson of the late PGK F. Messina;
-Kristi, granddaughter of Frank Uvenio;
-Lauren Hurley, niece of James Hurley;
-Linda Ilowite, daughter of Tony Tulli
-Lorraine Marsigliano, wife of the late Jack Marsigliano
-Marge English, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria Melendez, wife of Juan Melendez.
-Mary Vostinar, mother of Kevin Vostinar;
-Peter Dondero, son of PGK Bob Dondero;
-Rose Lotteman, aunt of James McCarthy.
-Rose O'Shea, friend from St. Mary's Church;

-Sr. Ann Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Sr. Marie Andre Murray, sister of our late Fr. Murray;
-Maria & Stephanie, wife & niece of Jim Brooks;
-Teagan Davis, granddaughter of Columbiette Pat Barclay.
-Therese De Falco Holmes, daughter of Eli De Falco
-Vince Tavormina, State Deputy.
-Msgr. Richard Arnholds, Pastor, St. John's Church
-Liz Cadmus, mother of Makenzie, Columbiette charity.

Wakes

Members: **None**

Relatives/Friends: **SK John Wolf Jr (DJ Wolfie)**

Photo Gallery



Left: Chaplain Rev. Dermot Roache, SMA, during homily at Fr. Murray Memorial Mass. Right: Sister Ann Murray and nephew Michael at the reception for the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Prayer for our current crisis

Dear God, We need you! We need you now more than ever.

So many of us are afraid. We don't know what to think and who to believe.

We need you.

Each day increases our worry; worry for ourselves, our families, our friends and for our nation. In fact, dear God, we worry for people all over the world.

We need you. Blame and bickering abound. Calm voices of reason are hard to be found.

We need you. The unknown is what frightens us the most. For so many of us, we've been blessed to live in a place and a country where we have few if any fears. Now we are scared of what comes next.

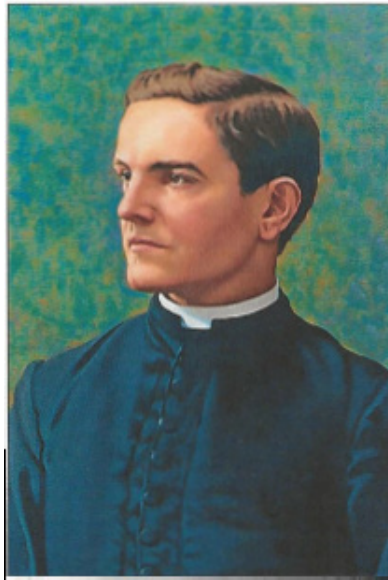
We need you. For too long we've lived lives buried on our phones. Or eyes stuck on TV from morning 'til eve. We've lost sight of your Word. And the peace that only you can bring.

We need you. Please bless our family and friends. Bless our neighbors – friend or foe. Guide our leaders at this time. Bring us together.

We need you. Take our hand and draw us near as we battle with our fear. Help us find ways to reconnect with our family and friends. Help us to look out for our neighbors and co-workers and students. Most importantly, help us reconnect with you.

Lord, we need you. Amen.

**BROTHER'S, HERE IS A LITTLE INFORMATION REMINDING US OF
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY AND THE IRISH ROOTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. ENJOY.**



AN /RISH-AMERICAN PRIEST ENVISIONED AN ORDER FOR ALL CATHOLIC MEN

St. Patrick's Day reminds us that Knights of Columbus founder Father Michael J. McGivney was the son of Irish immigrants and that he lived among and was inspired by his mostly Irish parishioners.

Every founding member of the Knights was of Irish ancestry and while the faith and culture of the Irish formed the group, it never limited their vision for who the Knights of Columbus would be and who they would serve. Father McGivney would later write that he wanted the K of C "to unite the men of our faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford [which at that time included all of Connecticut, Rhode Island and a portion of Massachusetts], that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members."

Why did Father McGivney choose Christopher Columbus as the Knights' patron? The choice would eventually prompt some to think the Knights was an Italian organization given that the explorer's reverence by Italian-Americans.

He chose Columbus because the explorer was a Catholic loved and respected by the wider American public which, at the time, was known for a general antipathy toward Catholics. Columbus would represent the idea that Catholics had a place in the new world.

Both the original K of C incorporators and historians point out that the Knights had an early Irish influence and flavor, but its identity quickly transcended identification with any one particular group.

This did not mean that the founders were not proud of their Irish roots. Father Michael McGivney loved the annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. In 1880, for example, he even directed the St. Patrick's Day play put on at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., where he served as parochial vicar.

One parishioner who, no doubt, took pride in his Irish heritage was Cornelius Driscoll. Born in Ireland's County Kerry, Ireland, Driscoll came to America as a young boy. And, although Catholics were largely unwelcome at American colleges, he earned both his bachelor's and law degrees at Yale -he was the only Catholic in his class. Eventually he would become the first Irish Catholic and first immigrant to be elected as mayor of New Haven.

Driscoll introduced Father McGivney to another Irish-Catholic, James T. Mullen. Mullen who had served in the Union army during the Civil War, later becoming a policeman and, finally, a business owner in New Haven. It was fitting that Driscoll and Mullen supported Father McGivney's dream to form a fraternal organization for Catholics and they were present for the first meeting of what would become the Knights of Columbus in the basement of St. Mary's Church. At a time when working conditions for Catholics were often dangerous, the organization would provide the opportunity for Catholic men to join together in faith and to help provide for widows and orphans. Poverty was another experience shared by almost all of the new arrivals from Ireland and their children. McGivney himself understood what it was like trying to make ends meet.

Father McGivney was born in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., the first son of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. Due to the potato famine, Patrick and Mary had immigrated to the United States from County Cavan, Ireland. Years later, they watched their son discern the priesthood -which also makes sense: Irish immigrant families of the mid-19th century wove a reverence for religious vocations into the fabric of their daily life.

After his ordination, young McGivney was assigned to St. Mary's Church in the shadow of Yale University and the surrounding AngloSaxon, Protestant world of New England, he served Irish immigrants whose church was otherwise regarded as a blemish upon the aristocratic community.

Anti-Catholic sentiment in New Haven didn't stop Father McGivney and his parishioners from celebrating their culture, whether it was through honoring St. Patrick or founding the Knights of Columbus.

Today, the Knights of Columbus has grown into the largest fraternal Catholic organization in the world, with nearly 2 million members in Ukraine, Canada, Poland, France, the Philippines, South Korea and more. Last year alone, Knights put their faith into action by donating \$185 million to charity and volunteering over 75 million hours. This Saint Patrick's Day, let us thank God for the foresight of Father McGivney, the humble Irish-American priest from Connecticut. Let us also seek the protection of the Holy Trinity in praying the Prayer of St. Patrick:

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold
And lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God
to give me speech, his heav'nly host to be my guard.
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort me and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in the hearts of all who love me,
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger,
I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.