

ASSEMBLY NEWS



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FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2254
THE PATRIOTIC ARM OF THE ORDER



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Tom Ernest

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Joe Baummer, PFN

John Farrell, PFN

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Sir Knights and Brothers All,

It is a blessing to serve you as the Faithful Navigator.

It was a wonderful and blessed time to get that relaxation during the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years) to spend with family and friends, but most of all having the time to reflect on the birth of Jesus. The parades are over and Christmas parties are behind us. It was also a blessing to get the Columbiettes and Knights back together again for this great event. The Chili Cook-Off was successful again also .

PRAYER for TROOPS and VETERANS

Lord God, Almighty Father,

Creator of mankind and author of peace,

As we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,

we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

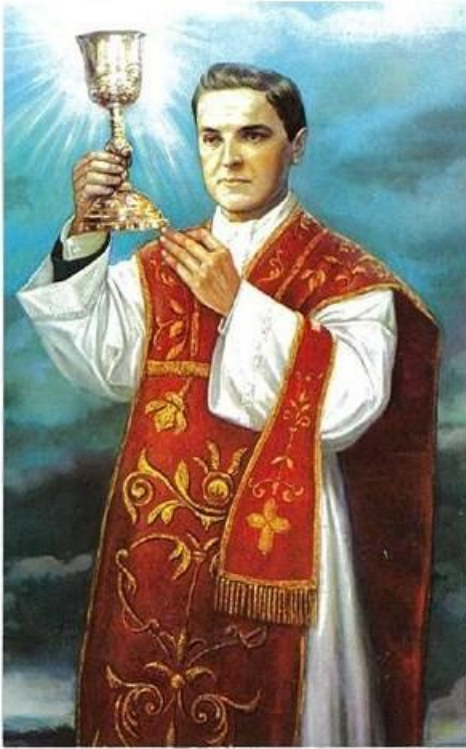
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Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney:



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD 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, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild

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DISTRICT MASTER's REPORT

District Master



JP Horvat

Exemplification: New Bern, 20 JAN 2024. It will be at the Church and gym. NOT at the Knights of Columbus hall.____

Faithful Navigator's report continued from Page 1.

We have the Silent Auction /Dinner Dance coming up in a few weeks. The committee meeting was held a couple weeks ago and we have most of it ready to go but will need some helpful hands to make it successful. Especially a setup crew and take down crew. Remember "Many hands make light work".

As said previously, I am in full confidence that the Sir Knights in this Assembly will ALWAYS step up to the task.

"We Got This". These veterans need our support! Thank You All Sir Knights for all you do in Christ!

Let's continue to remember those veterans that have fallen, and those that are still with us and are in need of our support

On the new regalia,

- I am continuing to push for more Sir Knights in obtaining the new regalia since we need more additions to the Honor Guard.
- If you have not done so, Please think about doing this. I have budgeted for monies to help reimburse some of the purchase for the new regalia.
- I can only reimburse \$200 for one more for this fiscal year- So far three have turned in receipts and reimbursed.

We are never in short of need for new Honor Guard members for funeral masses, parades and other commitments. To me, this is an honor to march with my Brother Sir Knights in respect to Veterans and/or in support of our fallen Sir Knights.

I am taking orders for Assembly badges and shirts put in an order of shirts

- Please send request into me (email – juanvdez_mab@hotmail.com) if you need an Assembly badge and/or Assembly shirt(s) for the next order. Please identify how many and size

We are continuing to look for new fundraisers.

- I am looking at Wrist bands – (brought up by SK Anthony Thompson, PFN) to purchase and sell I showed some examples in the November meeting and I believe most opinions identified that we should do this fundraiser. There are different tiles displaying Veteran services, First Responders, etc. Click on the link to check them out.

<https://wriststory.com/collections/all>

Faithfully,
SK Markus Bailey, FN

SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations!!

SIR KNIGHTS of the MONTH

November 2023	SK Tom Ernest	This Sir Knight coordinated the Color Guard and Honor Guard for the parades
December 2023	SK Bill Ballard	This Sir Knight coordinated the annual Wreaths Across America website and participation for the Assembly and Council

Upcoming Events in January '24- June '24

- Jan 2 '2024 **Council Planning meeting** 6:30pm
- Jan 7-8 **Mid Year Mtg-** Raleigh
- Jan 7 **Breakfast w/ The Knights – All Masses**
- Jan 8 **Food Pantry Distribution**
- Jan 9 **Council Monthly meeting – 7:30 pm**
- Jan 13 **Council Free Throw event-** BSS Middle School -1pm
- Jan 14 **Blood Drive – 9am-3pm** St Francis Rm
- Jan 20 **4th degree Exemplification – New Bern, NC**
- Jan 20 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Jan 23 **Assembly meeting -** St. Francis rm -7:30 pm
- Jan 28 **Corporate Communion/Rosary-** Blessed Sacrament Church
- Feb 2 **Silent Auction/Dinner Dance fundraiser-** St. Francis rm/San Damiano rm/Gathering area
- Feb 17 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Feb 27 **Assembly meeting -** St. Francis rm - 7:30 pm
- Mar 16 **State Free Throw – Fairchild Community Center**
- Mar 16 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Mar 26 **Social/Assembly outing, location TBD**
- Apr 13 **District Meeting –** St. Francis rm – 9am-3pm
- Apr 20 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Apr 23 **Assembly meeting -** St. Francis rm -7:30 pm
- May 5 **Breakfast w/ The Knights – All Masses**
- May 17 **Spaghetti Dinner Assembly Fundraiser-** St. Francis rm
- May 18 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- May 21 **Assembly meeting -** St. Francis rm -7:30 pm
- June 15 **Stuff A Truck – 10am-12pm** Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- June 26 **Assembly Officer Installation -** Blessed Sacrament Church -6pm
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Events Held in November, December '23



Veteran's Day events

Parade in Graham 'NC 11/11/2023



Veterans's Book display/presentation 5pm Mass/thru Sunday morning Mass's



Burlington Christmas Parade 11/18/23



Christmas Party pictures ' Dec 1, 2023 (Columbiettes and Knights)



Chili Cook-Off 12/8/2023

Setup and Judging

Assembly 2254 - Monsignor Francis K O'Brien

CHILI COOK-OFF



****All proceeds to be used for future programs benefiting Veterans****
Date: Friday, December 8th, 2023
Place: St. Francis Rm, Blessed Sacrament

All You Can EAT
(\$10 -Adults, \$5 -Child (Under 10Yrs), Free -Toddlers (Under 5yrs))

Times: Judging ~ 5:30pm **(By Veterans)**
Sales ~ 6pm-8pm

\$15 entry fee due by Friday, December 1st, 2023.
* Multiple entries per person accepted.
o Two entry's or more - \$10.00 each
* See any Fourth Degree Knight to submit entry form & fee(s).

1ST PLACE = \$60 GIFT CARD.
(AND BRAGGING RIGHTS OF COURSE)

2ND PLACE = \$25 GIFT CARD

3RD PLACE = \$15 GIFT CARD

Name			
Phone			
With Beans	YES / NO	(Circle One)	
Heat Index	MILD / MED / SPICY	(Circle One)	



Chili Cook-Off Winners

(1st Paul Spire) (2nd- Pat Love) (3rd – Nick Mazucca)




Wreaths Across America 12/16/23



This is What's it all about



Upcoming in January '24



Breakfast and Brunch with the Knights

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3498

Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
St. Francis Room
1620 Hanford Rd., Graham, NC 27253

When: Sunday, January 7, 2024 : 9:00AM - 2:30PM

Menu:

- Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit Cocktail, Juice and Coffee.
- Tamales, and Burritos* (*Available after 10:30 AM)

Prices:

- Adult - \$10
- Child - \$5 (under 12)
- Family - \$20




Blood Drive




January 14th, 2024 9:00am-2:00pm

To sign up online
https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code
Our sponsor code is : 2BSC

Upcoming in February '24




4th Degree Knights of Columbus Monsignor Francis K O'Brian Assembly 2254 Presents their Annual Dinner and Dance Fund Raiser



Dinner Dance Silent Auction

Friday February 2, 2024
at Blessed Sacrament Church
6pm - 10pm
\$20 per person purchased before Jan 28th
(\$25 at the door)

MUSIC by Joe Don Baker



Menu
Pot Roast and Chicken Pot Pie
Desserts
(Beer and Wine available for purchase)



Silent Auction

All monies raised go to support for veterans and their families here in central part of North Carolina

The **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree** is looking for items to be auctioned off at our Country Dance night (February 2nd, 2024 6pm-10pm)

We are looking for donations of new or "like new" items that you could donate for this cause.

If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact
Markus Bailey at 336-263-8834 (baumedz_mah@hotmail.com)
Mark Murphy at 336-512-8442 (fmurphy2@gmail.com)

SILENT AUCTION

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