

ASSEMBLY NEWS



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FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 2254
THE PATRIOTIC ARM OF THE ORDER



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Sir Knights and Brothers All

It was a pretty busy time getting ready for the Classic Country Dinner Dance and Silent Auction, but it paid off successfully. We had a lot of help and we had a tremendous great time by all. Many compliments of the process and the food.

Now it is time to start anew with the Lenten season among us. To me, it is like the Spring weather that comes in March every year. All the cold winter leaving us, and new life forms in the flowers, yards, fresh air. It is time to refresh your life within being with the Lord.

Spend more time with the Lord and open yourself up to him.

A few quotes from Saints on Lent

Saint Quotes on Lent

Let the wise words of [the saints](#) guide you through Lent. Each of them lived lives of devotion and sacrifice. What can we learn from their quotes? Perhaps the act of giving something up can also teach us about the act of giving something back.

- "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." —*Saint Catherine of Siena*
- "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving." —*Saint Augustine of Hippo*
- "My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience." —*Saint Therese of Lisieux*
- "Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give." —*Saint Francis of Assisi*

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INSURANCE AGENT REPORT

Worthy Sirs,

Please find below, my updated News Release for the Councils and Assemblies

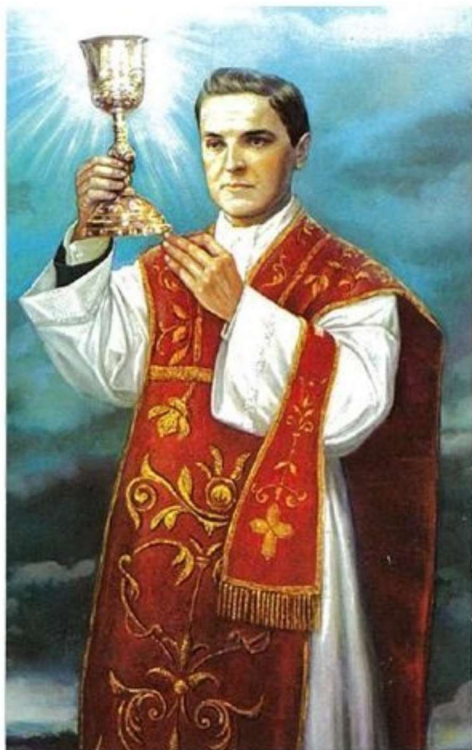
Brothers Knights,

I encourage you to take some time during this Lenten season and resolve this year to deny climbing inflation and volatile markets from impacting your financial future!

As said previously in prior releases, Call me today to sit down over a cup of coffee to discuss ways the Knights of Columbus can help you offset market losses, taxes, and inflation.



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
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

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DISTRICT MASTER's REPORT

- Continue to pray for all our service personnel and our priests.
- Next Exemplification:
- 2023 - April 15 in Raleigh and one in Asheville in August

JP

Faithful Navigator's report continued from Page 1.

We are looking for new fundraisers.

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!

Faithfully,
SK Markus Bailey, FN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2023

- March 7 – **Council Planning Meeting** – 6:30pm Meeting
- March 11 – **State Free Throw** – Fairchild Community center- 10am-3pm
- March 11-12 – **Council Membership Drive** - Blessed Sacrament Church
- March 14 – **Council Meeting** – 6:30pm Social, 7:30pm Meeting
- March 18 – **Stuff A Truck** – 10am-12pm – Church parking lot
- March 24 – **Lenten Fish Fry** (Blessed Sacrament Church- St. Francis Rm)
- March 28 -- **Assembly Social** (Kimber's in Gibsonville)
- March 30 -- **Applications Due for 4th Degree Exemplification** required to be in District Master's hands
- April 15 -- **4th degree Exemplification** – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC
- June 22 – **Assembly Officer Installation of Officer/Dinner**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations!!

SIR KNIGHTS of the MONTH

January 2023	SK Mark Furphy	This Sir Knight has taken on the role/duties of the Worthy Grand Knight for the rest of the Fraternal year while maintaining current roles in the Assembly officer ranks and other various functions.
February 2023	SK Nick Mazzuca	This Sir Knight dedicated his time this year with communications to the council's widows, brother's in our Good of the Order, and assisting with cooking in Council and Assembly events

Event pictures

 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
Monsignor Francis K O'Brian
Assembly 2254

Presents their
Annual Dinner and Dance Fund Raiser
February 3rd, 2023

Dinner  Dance  Silent Auction 

DJ: Joe Baker

Friday, February 3rd, 2023
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
at Blessed Sacrament Church
Tickets are \$25 at the door
menu
Pot Roast and Chicken Pot Pie
Desserts
Beer and Wine available for purchase



MUSIC by Joe Don Baker



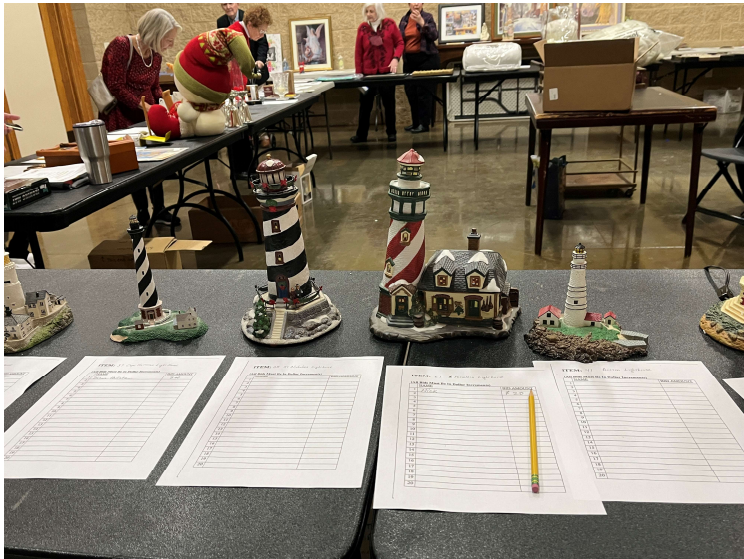


Some hanging out with the DJ playing trivia games, eating, and even some dancing....

Some winning prizes (even if temporary)



Some Silent Auction items



Upcoming Events (Council and Assembly)



Fish Fry

Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus
Council #3498

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

Friday
March 3rd and March 24th, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM




Menu
Baked or Fried Fish,
Cole Slaw, and all the Fixins,
Dessert



Prices
Adults: \$12, children under 12: \$5

Take Out is Available
Please Come and Dine with Us

BLOOD DRIVE




THE BLOOD[®] CONNECTION
Your Community Blood Center

Knights of Columbus #3498 are hosting a blood drive at
Blessed Sacrament Church
1620 Hanford Rd
Graham, NC 27253

Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To sign up please visit
https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedule/drive_schedule/201194
or email KOC3498BloodDriveInfo@gmail.com




ALL BLOOD DONORS WILL RECEIVE A \$20 E-GIFT CARD



“ Last year I had lots of bags of blood being put into me and it saved my life and now ***I want people to donate blood so they can possibly save another child's life like mine.*** **”**

Rhys, Real blood recipient treated in SC

The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. to donate. Screen your vitals are required to have written consent to donate blood. Before your donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. 100 Screen ID Card (picture) of photo ID required to donate. All cards and other documents are non-transferable.



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