

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 is a blessing to serve you as the Faithful Navigator.

We are well into our "Coats for Veterans" program. Thank you for your continuous support/donations.

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!

We are starting to ramp up into the holiday season. Let's take time to remember those veterans that have fallen, and those that are still with us and are in need of our support. Please take time to spend with your family this holiday season and say a prayer for those that cannot.

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.

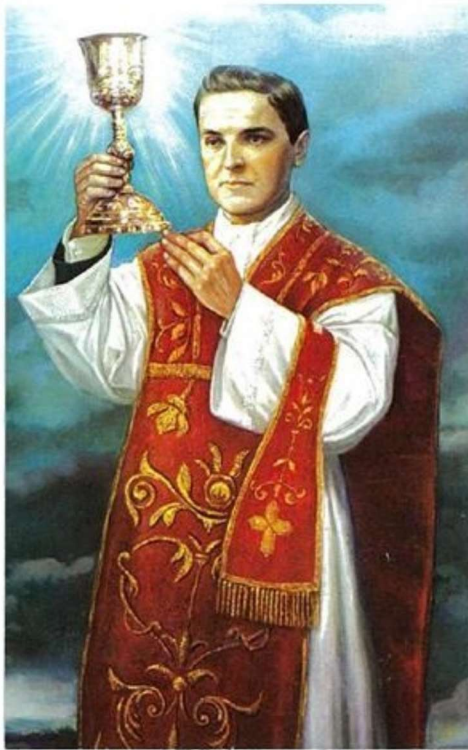
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Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney:



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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www.fathermcgivney.org

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FRATERNAL ADVISOR REPORT

The council had a Fraternal Benefit Night recently on Tuesday, October 9th, 2023.

I would like to give a sincere “Thank You” to Brother Joseph Owens for the detail and great presentation he gave to us. Below is some information he has passed over to me. If you would like to talk to him about Fraternal Benefits, below is his information.

“Investing in line with your faith” What is socially responsible investing? What does Catholic investing mean?

Attached to this email is a whitepaper published by Dr John Grabowski (Moral Theologian and Advisor to Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors and Professor at the Catholic University of America) which discusses what socially responsible investing looks like in the modern century.

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DISTRICT MASTER's REPORT

From the Golden Plume – August 2023 Edition

District Master



JP Horvat

From September's Golden Plume

Our new Vice Supreme Master starting 1 SEP 23 is: SK Dan Barton from South Carolina. Dan is a Past State Deputy from South Carolina and Former Master there as well. Dan also helped us out, when I could not get an Exemplar for the Wilmington exemplification. He also showed up as a guest at our Asheville Exemplification.

North Carolina has forty-two (42) new Sir Knights including one more priest. (They must know something.) Thank you to all Sir Knights from Assembly 781. You all did a fantastic job.

Continue to pray for all our service personnel, our priests and Bishop Jugis. Also, Tom Dupree is finally out of the hospital and rehab. Keep him in your prayers, too. I'm sure that Elaine has her hand full!

Sir Knights—a call to action—Please support the various occasions throughout the state by wearing your regalia. These include the Marches for Life in our great state (and the national one if you can go); our State Convention; color guards and honor guards at both cathedrals, Special Olympic functions, and I'm sure that I missed more than a few. The more we have participating, the more people see us doing good, the more likely they will join us. Thank you.

It has been three years, but I have finally found a great organization that will take our old capes. They are called "Angel's Unaware". They will take the silk lining from our old capes to create linings and garments for children's funerals. The address to send to is: Jeffrey Crouch, 6

Leacroft Drive, Greenville, SC 29615-2234. He will get them to these gifted ladies. Also, you do not have to take the capes apart. Most of these ladies are wives of Knights. They know what they are doing.

From October's Golden Plume

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.

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 have put in an order of shirts for Assembly brothers, and am waiting for them to come in.

I have received the badges that I ordered last month and will be giving them out in November meeting.

SK Jackson Benes
SK Gene Scarpato
SK Matt Dobson
SK Tommy Robards
SK Richard Dry
SK Jeff Benes
SK Darren Hinkle
SK Rich Landers

- Payment for badge's and shirts will be expected to be paid by whom ordered.
If this is your first badge with your current title, then the Assembly will pay for it.
- Please send request into me (email identified below) 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 – has different tiles displaying Veteran services, 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

July 2023	SK Ken Cheek	This Sir Knight continues to take on many activities of helping with painting at the school, requirements of being the Worthy Scribe, and being available to help keep maintenance of Knights of Columbus projects.
August 2023	SK Tommy Robards	This Sir Knight donated all the new flags that will be used in the Blessed Sacrament School's new campus (Davis St.)
September 2023	SK Paul Spire	This Sir Knight has dedicated support of fallen heroes/Veterans programs
October 2023	SK Mark Furphy	This Sir Knight setup serving for 2X lunches after funeral repasts

Upcoming Events in November/December '2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2023

- October -Nov 11 **COATS for Veterans** collection in Church gathering space
- Nov 6 **Food Pantry Distribution**
- Nov 7 **Council Planning** meeting – 6:30pm
- Nov 11 **Veterans Day events observed**
 - **Parade-** Graham. 10:00 Am Start
 - **5pm Mass- Display of Veteran's Memorial book- with Honor Guard**
 - **Reading of Deceased Knights names**
- Nov 12 **Adopt A Veteran** event – Premier viewing of Veteran's film – Honor of Lee Greenwood
 - – 2pm HighPoint Regal Theatre
Put on by '95.1 'The Maverick' – SK Joe Don Baker - DJ
- Nov 14 **Council meeting** - 7:30 pm
- Nov 18 **Stuff A Truck** – 10am-12pm Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Nov 18 **Burlington Holiday parade** – 10:00 Am start
- Nov 19 **Blood Drive** – 9am-3pm St Francis Rm
- Nov 26 **Corporate Communion/Rosary-** Blessed Sacrament Church
- Nov 28 **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm
- Dec 1 **KofC/Columbiettes Potluck Christmas party**
- Dec 2 **Graham Christmas Parade** - 10:00 Am start
- Dec 4 **Food Pantry Distribution**
- Dec 5 **Council Planning** meeting – 6:30pm
- Dec 8 **Chili Cook-Off** – St. Francis rm – 2pm-9pm
- Dec 10 **Pancake Breakfast-** All Masses
- Dec 12 **Council meeting** - 7:30 pm
- Dec 16 **Wreaths Across America-** Forestdale Cemetery, Greensboro
- Dec 16 **Stuff A Truck** – 10am-12pm Outside Grounds- Blessed Sacrament
- Dec 26 ~~Social/Assembly outing, location TBD~~ **No Assembly meeting**
- Dec 30 **Corporate Communion/Rosary-** Blessed Sacrament Church
- Jan 20 '2024 **4th degree Exemplification** – New Bern, NC
- Jan 23 **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm
- Feb 2 **Silent Auction/Dinner Dance fundraiser**
- Feb 27 **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm
- Mar 26 **Social/Assembly outing, location TBD**
- Apr 13 **District Meeting** – St. Francis rm – 9am-3pm
- Apr 23 **Assembly meeting** 7:30 pm
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Blood Drive



To Sign up online:

Sunday, November 19 | 9 AM to 2 PM

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/201210

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 - \$50 GIFT CARD.
(AND BRAGGING RIGHTS OF COURSE)

2ND PLACE - \$25 GIFT CARD

3RD PLACE - \$15 GIFT CARD

Name			
Phone			
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Heat Index	MILD / MED / SPICY	(Circle One)	



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 336-263-3831 (luanvdez_mab@hotmail.com).
Mark Furphy at 336-512-8442 (furph22@gmail.com)

SILENT AUCTION

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Sir Knights of the Month Awards – 2nd half 2022-23 Fiscal Year

SK Mark Furphy (Jan 2023)



SK Jack Murray (March 2023)



SK Keith Barker (May 2023)



SK Pat Love (May 2023)



SK Ken Cheek (June 2023)

