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### Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. As Knights we have an opportunity to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did. We are happy to share resources to support brother Knights in this pursuit. Consider utilizing these resources throughout the Year of St. Joseph and especially in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



## Fraternal Operations

### Council Operations and Programming During Lent and Holy Week

As many areas are allowing a higher capacity in churches, consider working with your pastor to revamp in-person council operations and programming at your parish, while still providing [virtual options](#). Ask Father how your council can help during this season of Lent and Holy Week. Suggest running a [Good Friday Family Promotion](#), or hosting a [Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour](#) or [Consecration to St. Joseph](#).



## Officers Planning Meeting

All successful meetings begin with preparation. One of the best ways to prepare for a successful council meeting is to hold an Officers planning meeting. Click on this link for a short video of the [Officers Planning Meeting](#). If you cannot gather in person, these meetings can be held virtually.



## Is your council on track to earn Star Council?

With only four months left of the fraternal year, make sure your council is on track for earning Star Council. Use the [Star Council Checklist](#) to set your council up for success.

## Webcasts

### What is your ideal time to view webcasts?

Let us know by [taking this survey](#).

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### Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center: "The Niagara Years"

**Wed., March 10, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. EST**

In this fifth biographical presentation on Blessed Michael McGivney's life, Niagara University faculty members Kevin di Camillo and Vincentian Father Aidan Rooney examine his time at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary where he would have been introduced to Saint Vincent's "preferential option for the poor" a decade before founding his own order centered on charity.

[Register Now!](#)



### Fraternal Training Webinar: TBD

**Thurs., March 18, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. EST**

Description TBD.

[Register Now!](#)

Visit [kofc.org/webinar](http://kofc.org/webinar) to view past Fraternal Training Webinars.

### Watch KnightCast On-Demand

Did you or a brother Knight miss the first episode of the new member exclusive KnightCast series last week? Watch it now on-demand! [Sign-up here](#) with your membership number to receive the link to watch!



## Membership Growth

### Congratulations to the New Year - New Knight Winners!

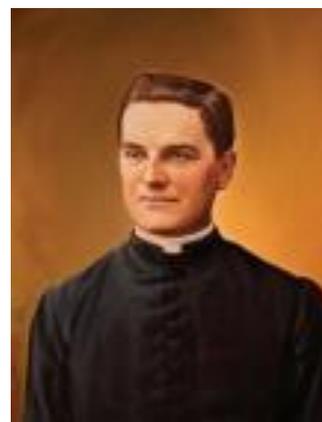
Congratulations to all the [Knights who were the top recruiters in their jurisdiction](#)! Keep up the good work and invite friends and family to become better husbands, better fathers and better Catholics.



*New Year –  
New Knight*

### Honor Our Founder and Invite a Man to Join the Order

Founder's Day is March 29! Honor our newly beatified founder by sharing the [story of his life and legacy](#) with those around you. This is a great opportunity to welcome online members to council participation.



### Conduct Local Virtual or In-Person Exemplifications

Hold a local or [in-person or virtual exemplification](#) to celebrate Founder's Day and personally welcome new members into the Order. The Supreme Council continues to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity [on-demand](#).

### Free Online Membership

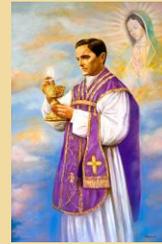
In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, men can join as online members for free at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**.

[Additional resources to celebrate our Founder can be found here.](#)

## Evangelization and Faith Formation

### **NEW Program Option: Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour**

For the remainder of the 2020-21 fraternal year, this prayer program can be used as a substitute for the Pilgrim Icon program in the Faith category of *Faith in Action*. **This prayer hour** is centered on the Rosary, with reflections based on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney and the writings of recent popes. **This is a great program to use this Lenten season and to celebrate Founders Day on March 29!**



### **Form Due Date Extension**

**Free Throw Winner Score Sheets** are now due by May 7 to the Supreme Council. Extending the due date of jurisdictional winners will allow more councils to participate in the program. Our hopes are that once the weather improves, more will be able to hold the competitions outdoors.

### **Community: Coats for Kids**

Winter is not over! Councils across North America can still purchase new winter coats to ensure that children in the community have the necessary clothing to keep them warm. For Coats for Kids information, visit [kofc.org/coats](http://kofc.org/coats).



### **Life: Upcoming Respect Life Opportunities**

K of C Day of the Unborn Child: Pray for the defense of life, donate items to women in need, or plant yard-signs on the annual Mar. 25 Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Visit [kofc.org/novenaforlife](http://kofc.org/novenaforlife), [kofc.org/support](http://kofc.org/support), or [KnightsGear.com](http://KnightsGear.com) for resources.

Canada's National March for Life: Visit [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca) and learn how your council can get involved in this year's series of virtual events from May 9-14.

For more information about this month's highlighted programs [click here](#).

## **District Deputy Corner**

- In honor of Founder's Day, March 29, coordinate a district wide **Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity** during the month of March. If possible, hold the event in person and invite attendees to bring donations for a local pro-life center, food bank or homeless shelter.

- Conduct a quarterly district meeting to ensure your councils close the fraternal year strong. Review [Star Council](#) progress, [council election procedures](#), and have council leaders share best practices.

## Council Officer Corner

### Grand Knight

- Elect the delegates that will represent your council at your State Convention. Consult the [Leadership Resources](#) book for more information.
- Appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend officers for the next fraternal year. Have the committee look beyond the usual volunteers to find a good mix of candidates representing fresh ideas and sound council practices.
- All program participation reporting is now available online through the [Fraternal Program Report Form](#) (#10784). Any council member with an email associated with their member ID may submit the form on behalf of the council.
- Acknowledge the hard work and perseverance of the brothers in your council by completing the [State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form](#) (#STSP) and submitting it to your state council for award consideration.
- Plan a spring food and/or blood drive by following the easy steps in the [Leave No Neighbor Behind guidebook](#).

Thank you for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions during your term, please email [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org)

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