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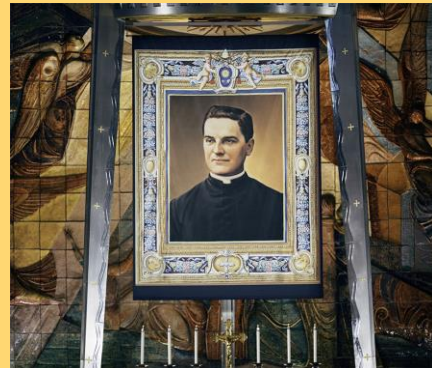
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Celebrating Blessed Michael McGivney's First Feast Day

The new [Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center](#) recently reopened to the public. To celebrate Father McGivney's feast day, they held a number of in person and online events! Daniel Schachle spoke from the pilgrimage center on Aug. 13 about the miraculous healing of his son Mikey McGivney Schacle. The miracle was attributed to Father McGivney's intercession and led to his Beatification last year. [Click here to watch!](#)



Important Links

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Fraternal Operations

[Semiannual Council Audit](#) (#1295) Due Aug. 15

Watch this [training video](#) on how to complete and submit this form for your council, if you have not already done so.

COVID Recovery Program (CRP)

As regulations and changes to protocol regarding COVID-19 continue to evolve, be sure you are reaching out to your chaplain frequently in order to help the parish and community adjust as much as possible. Review the [guidelines for CRP here](#).

July 1, 2021 - Supreme Assessments Waived

The Board of Directors has waived all July 1, 2021, Supreme Council assessments. As we all continue to fight the ramifications of the pandemic, this action will free up resources for council COVID recovery efforts.

Trainings & Webinars

Faith in Action & Your Council

August 26, 2021 | 8:00 PM EDT

All councils are called to serve their communities and evangelize the Gospel through their programs and events. This webinar will review the Faith in Action program model, share available resources, and discuss ways for your council to be highly successful. Please register and join us for this important session.

[Register Now!](#)

Fraternal 'How To' Video Library

There are many short tutorial videos at kofc.org/training that walk fraternal leaders through essential Knights of Columbus tools and procedures.



Evangelization and Faith Formation

ANNOUNCEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

This year the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest prompt is

“Describe some everyday obstacles to living a life of authentic faith, and how to overcome them, while providing examples from your own life.”

[Click here](#) for more information about this program.

Important Updates:

- All [Supplies Online](#) and [Knights Gear](#) purchases require real time payment using a debit/credit card. Consult the [Officers Desk Reference](#) for guidance.
- [Family of the Month](#) submissions will **ONLY** be accepted through online submissions made through the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784) beginning this fraternal year.

PLANNING AHEAD

Early and proactive planning is key to a successful year. Consider important dates (mentioned above) and key seasons to ensure you're prepared ahead of time for events and programs.



- Click [here](#) for all necessary Program Resources to aid your planning.
- Use these tools and tips alongside your [Fraternal Planner](#).
- Don't forget to [Work with your Pastor](#) to plan events with your parish.

Programs to begin planning now!

- Faith: [Holy Hour](#) and Pilgrim Icon. Be sure to assign an Icon Chairman.
- Family: [Family of the Month](#), [Family Prayer Night](#) and [Food for Families](#).
- Community: [Disaster Preparedness](#), [Coats for Kids](#), [Global Wheelchair Mission](#) and [Catholic Citizenship Essay](#).
- Life: [Mass for People with Special Needs](#) and [Novena for Life](#).

For important dates, action items and resources, visit our Overview and Highlights page [here](#).

Membership Growth

District Deputies – Are You On-Track?

- The goal for the first quarter of the fraternal year (July 1 – September 30) is 30% or more of your annual district intake goal. Sign in to [Officers Online](#) to check your progress.
- Your state council has a goal of one [Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity](#) per district per quarter.

Our Agents Are Our Partners

Many of our top [field agents](#) were recently asked about their recruitment success. Here are some of their replies:

- “Recruiting new members has been a **fun challenge**. It is especially refreshing to meet new families at local parishes. At my parish, the way I begin recruiting is by **introducing myself** to other parishioners and simply asking them about the Knights of Columbus.”
- “Remember that our call to help Catholic families is a huge responsibility. Recruiting is very important to **carry on Father McGivney’s vision**. There are so many parishioners at our local parishes that would love to work with us. They just **want to be asked** and informed.”
- “Recruiting is a great way to **evangelize and learn** more about what other Catholic families are doing to live out their faith. Through this process, I have learned and have also helped to teach others more about both their faith and their finances.”

Click here to find your [field agent](#).

Free Online Membership with Promo Code “MCGIVNEY2020”

Invite men to join the Order online at kofc.org/joinus and use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 for one year of free membership. Once they join online, invite them to council programs and events and ask them to join your council.

District Deputy Corner

- Ensure your councils submit the [Semi-Annual Council Audit \(#1295\)](#) due August 15. These audits are necessary to maintain the bonding on council treasurers and financial secretaries. Share this [short tutorial](#) on how to successfully complete and submit this form.
- The [Installation of Council Officers](#) should be completed as soon as practical and as close as possible to the start of the new fraternal year. The [virtual installation](#) script can be used when in-person events are not allowed or practical.
- If any of the councils in your district are suspended please work with your state officers on a corrective action plan. If you need additional support, we're here to help. Email councilreactivation@kofc.org.

Council Officer Corner

Grand Knight

- All [fraternal webinars](#) are available on-demand. The slides and resources are available for download. These presentations from the Fraternal Operations, Growth, and Programs teams provide valuable information every fraternal leader should know.
- Familiarize yourself with [Leadership Resources \(#5093\)](#) and [Guidelines for Council Meetings \(#10318\)](#).
- Review the [Public Relations and Publicity Guide \(#2235\)](#) to promote the good works of your council and attract new members which can expand the capacity of your council to do good works.
- Did you know the Knights of Columbus has an [Instagram](#) page? Be sure to like and share content on your council pages. [Click here](#) for more information about using social media to promote the Knights of Columbus.

Financial Secretary

- Check your council's supply inventory. Printed material over two years old should be discarded and replaced. If needed, [order](#) Membership Documents (#100), Membership Cards (#4817), Candidate Kits (#531), etc.

REMINDER: Council Chargebacks No Longer Accepted

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

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