

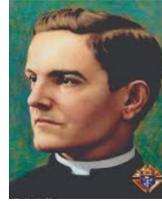


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Blessed Michael McGivney
Feast Day, Aug 13
See below for details.

BUSINESS MEETING, August 7, 7:30PM ♦ ALL MEETINGS @7:30PM IN PERSON ONLY!

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 *From the Desk of the Grand Knight*

August 2025

Dear Brothers:

I am sorry to relay the message that our current Chaplain, Fr Phong has resigned. I personally want to thank Fr Phong for everything that he has done for the betterment of our Council. A search for a new Chaplain is ongoing.

Our next business meeting is Thursday August 7th and our business meeting in will be September 11th.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Vivat Jesus,
James Woodruff
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus



2025 Football Sweeps Fundraiser

Sweeps tickets are now available. The tickets will be out on the bar until early October. Please take some and try to sell or purchase them. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and gives you a chance to win 25 weekly cash prizes ranging from \$30 to \$400 that total \$3,000. If you do not regularly attend to our meetings then contact Adam Ungaro at 215-284-1997 or adamungaro57@gmail.com for tickets.

Feast Day for Our Founder

The Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, is celebrated on August 13th.

This day is designated for the liturgical calendar of the Archdioceses of Hartford, where he served as a priest and was beatified, [according to the Knights of Columbus](#).

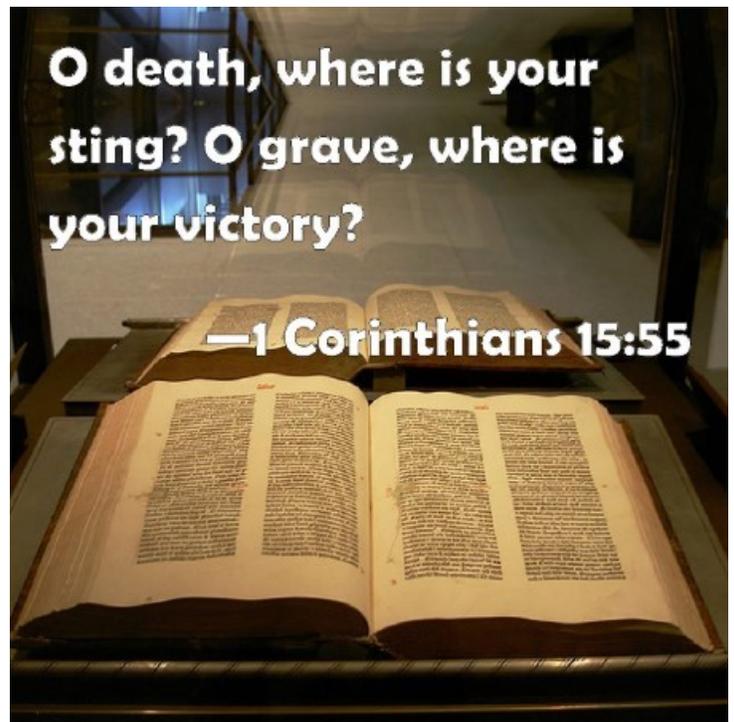
It's also widely observed by the [Knights of Columbus](#) and the wider Catholic community.

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For Ritanne

This month's reflection is more personal than usual, but in the spirit of vulnerability and hope, I felt compelled to share it.

"Death could never have been defeated except by the death of the Savior. For unless he had felt dread, human nature could not have felt free from dread. Unless he experienced grief, there could never have been any deliverance from grief. Unless he had been troubled and alarmed, no escape from these feelings could have been found. Every one of the emotions which assault human nature can be found in Christ ... so that they might be thoroughly subdued by the power of the Word dwelling in the flesh, thereby changing the nature of man for the better." St. Cyril of Alexandria (+444).



I hadn't planned to write the Lecturer's message today. Truthfully, I had neither desire nor energy to do so. My heart is heavy: my sister Ritanne (not Rita Anne) passed last Sunday morning, and my brother Pat—my best friend—died six months ago, on my birthday. Ritanne and Pat were Irish twins, born the same year just 11 months apart. They left this world the same year, 2025, only six months apart.

Yes, we are all advanced in age. Death should be expected. But it never gets easier. They were my brother and sister at every stage of life—and losing them still stings. I love them dearly.

Of the eight children Mom brought into this world, the first three and the last three have now gone on. "Everything comes in threes," they say. That leaves the two middle children: Clare and myself.

I believe my siblings now rest in peace in Christ Jesus. Whether in Purgatory or Heaven, I trust they are in God's hands—reunited with each other and Mom, Dad, Jaycee, Father Larry, Marion, and Catherine. And I seek joy over grief, as Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 15: "...we shall all be changed in an instant, as quickly as the blinking of an eye. Death is destroyed; victory is complete!

Where, Death, is your victory? Where, Death, is your sting?" (continued)

And Wisdom, Chapter 3, offers this assurance:

*“They seemed, in the eyes of the foolish, to be dead, and their passing away was thought an affliction... **but they are in peace.**”*

I imagine them now in the new Jerusalem: a place beyond imagining, filled with beauty, secret chords never heard before, and Love never experienced. I don't mean to be morbid. Maybe I've already crossed that line—but I hope not. I know God's mercy endures forever, and His love knows no bounds. We are saved through His Life, Passion, and Death. So today, I offer my grief to Christ and bind it—this one small sliver of sorrow—to His Cross.

Thank you, Jesus, for your loving presence and consolation.

Vivat Jesus!
Will Schmitt, PGK, Lecturer



Happy Birthday to all Knights born in August!

Emilio F Agresti
John F. Carroll
Antonio Di Sandro
Richard K Girkin
William D Kuhar

Rev. Robert F Lucas
Alexander D Rigney
Stanley P Rimdzius
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If we missed your birthday, we apologize. Please send an email to the editors at council5036@gmail.com.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES

Also, please pray for an end to war everywhere. Please pray for victims of gun violence and the wildfires. Please pray for government officials, for a commitment to peace.

Please call or email Jim Woodruff with the names of all ill Brother Knights and Ladies.

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