

Knights News

May, 2012



Greetings Brother Knights,

May is Mary's month. Some might ask, "Why May?" Perhaps the answer is that, in many places, May is the month for spring's return of flowers. As the flowers return we honor Mary whom we call the "Mystical Rose."

A poem entitled "Mary's May" by Elywn Rhyl states,

"May is
Our Lady's
month
with all
its lovely
days.
May is
sweet
and heavenly
just like
Our Lady's ways."



May is also a busy month for our council with two major degrees being held in our district, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Crop walks at both St. Joseph's and Christ The Redeemer and our hosting of the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Icon will be on display at St. Joe's the weekend of May 5th before and after the masses. Be sure to check the calendar for times and location of these events. The calendar can also be found on our website at www.kofclakeorion.com.

I think we were all made aware of the latest erosion of our freedom of religion by the President and the Department of Health and Human Services when they announced that all Catholic institutions include in their insurance coverage procedures that would violate our conscience and the teaching of the Catholic Church. We need to rally not only our current knights, but to encourage many good men to join us. This is why I am asking each of my brother knights to ask a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Knights of Columbus cause that was started by Fr. McGivney more than 130 years ago.

God Bless,
Ken Norris GK

General Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month 7:30 p.m.
Rosary starts at 7:00 p.m.

Building Corp Meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month 7:30 p.m.

Officers Meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month 8:30 p.m.

Holy Days:

May 17: Holy Day of Ascension

Degree Dates:

May 3: 1st Degree White Lake Council
May 10: 1st Degree Clarkston Council

Important Dates

May 3: National Day of Prayer
May 4-7: Council Host to Our Lady of Guadalupe
May 13: Mother's Day
May 28: Memorial Day

FR. THOMAS R. CAREY COUNCIL 4764

Knights of Columbus

Council

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the intentions of all that have asked for our prayers.

Remember especially the brother knights and family members listed:

AJ Saint Dennis

Paul Mahoney

Roland Zilka

Henry Haase

Lou Brockman

Ed Bauroth

Keith Gretkierwicz

Abezaro Jimenez

Our Priest and Religious

Our Men and Women in Service

IN MEMORIAM

We remember loved ones in our council who have entered eternal life:

Pat Havel

Jeanette Dehn

As we continue the new year in our council, please help in keeping up to date our prayers and condolence requests. Prayer is a wonderful way to keep our brothers, sisters and youth in Christ connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Church. Liz Dehn who had bypass surgery on Saturday March 24 is resting and recuperating at St. Joseph Hospital. Also, continue to pray for all the students and families of Lake Orion and Oxford School Districts that are experiencing these trying and difficult times. Continue your daily thoughts and prayers as we try to overcome these tragic events. Remember, always to pray for our Nations leaders. If you aware of anyone that is sick or in distress, please contact Jim Roback at (248) 884-3480 or jimroback@comcast.net.



Vivat Jesus,
Jim Roback, Chancellor

PRAYER

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
he that hears My word,
and believes in Him that sent Me,
hath everlasting life,
and shall not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon

Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council #4764 will host the Michigan Knights of Columbus traveling Icon Our Lady of Guadalupe on May 5 & 6, 2012.

Fr. Stephen Pullis of St Joseph's Catholic Church has given his approval for display of the Icon in the gathering area during weekend masses. Members of our council will be allowed to handout Rosary Rings & Knights of Columbus cards on how to say the Rosary. Knight volunteers are needed to attend each mass to pass out the Rosary Rings.

A Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held Saturday, May 5 at our Knights of Columbus Hall on Orion Road with authentic Mexican Music & food. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus and LCLAA local charities and scholarships.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A LETTER FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE...

Dear Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus! As always, it is a great blessing for me to join you for the Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus Convention on Mackinac Island. As you know, the 2012 Convention comes at a critical time in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.

On a number of fronts, the news has been extremely challenging for Catholics over the past year. And during difficult times, it is easy to lose sight of the critical truth that Jesus Christ is the Lord not only of our lives but of all human history. Yet our faith tells us that God in his Providence is guiding the course of events towards a victory of his design, and he is calling us *to take an active part* in shaping this victory. Among the many important works to which God calls us, I would like to invite you to consider two that are particularly urgent and timely.

First, we are all aware of a great struggle in which we Catholics and other people of faith are engaged: the struggle for religious liberty. That such a foundational liberty could face such an aggressive challenge in the “land of the free” is nearly unbelievable, and yet we need not only to recognize what is happening to our country but to stand up against this challenge with all of our strength. As you know, the now-infamous mandate of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is currently on its way to forcing churches, religious organizations, and individual employers to make an unthinkable choice: either to violate our consciences or to face devastating, government-imposed consequences.

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently wrote in an article for the *National Review*, “Many religious believers...now foresee a future in which the rights of religious conscience are no longer welcomed in the public square and instead are being relegated to the tiniest of ghettos.” It would be an immeasurable loss to our great nation if this dark future comes to pass, as religion is forced to the margins of society. I invite all of you who are my brother Knights to do all that you can to take action on behalf of the cause of religious freedom. I recommend making regular use of the web sites of the Knights of Columbus, your home dioceses, the Michigan Catholic Conference, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, so that you can become better informed about the struggle for religious liberty and learn concrete ways Catholics and other concerned citizens can take action.

The second good work I would like to highlight in this letter is our need to recruit more men for the priesthood. While this need many seem largely unrelated to the threat to our religious liberty, in fact I believe that having more priestly heralds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be of inestimable value in building the kind of culture here in the United States in which religious liberty would never be called into question in the first place.

Another way of putting the matter is to say the neither the decline in priestly vocations nor the recent attacks on religious liberty have happened in isolation from a culture which has increasingly turned against faith in God and against institutional religion, particularly the Catholic Church. As it has been with the disease, however, so it can be with the cure: the more we can do to increase the number of men willing to say “yes” to God’s call the priesthood, the more the saving Gospel will be proclaimed in a culture starving for this Good News, even

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

ARCHDIOCESE LETTER CONTINUED...

among those who don't recognize their hunger. And the more the Gospel is proclaimed, the better our society will become, because the truth of Jesus Christ is not meant only for Sunday, only to be heard inside our churches, but is the deepest truth about every human life and serves to build up and to ennoble every culture.

Of course, the Knights of Columbus have long been on the front lines of encouraging priestly vocations, and for that I am most grateful. Even so, I encourage you to redouble your efforts, and to think of creative new ways to help men hear God's call and say a wholehearted "yes" in response, working whenever appropriate with your diocesan vocation directors and pastors so as to achieve the best possible results in this absolutely vital work. Please also pray, begging Our Lord that his Sacred Heart will be moved to empower our efforts and inspire the hearts of the men we invite to consider a vocation to the holy priesthood.

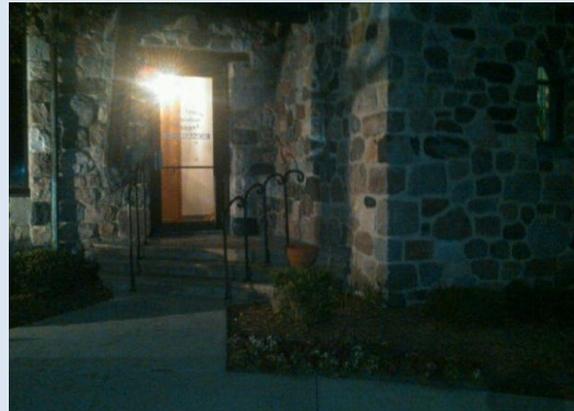
Finally, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and the members of your families. Entrusting all of you to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

On Mondays, our council has volunteered to cover the hour from 11:00 p.m. to midnight at the St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel. The Most Holy Sacrament when exposed must never be left unattended – even for a brief space of time. The hourly captain for the 11th hour is one of our own, Don Chuey. If you are interested in volunteering for this hour, being a sub, or even interested in the Knights covering another hour, please reach out to Ron Harper at programdirector4764@gmail.com. To volunteer for the chapel on your own, the phone numbers to the chapel captains can be found posted on the wall right outside the chapel.

The intentions of those who ask for prayers during "Changing Lives Together" are currently in the chapel.



MAY SCHEDULE

Date	Volunteer
May 7	Ron Harper
May 14	Joe Fugitt
May 21	Tony Gorsick
May 28	Don Chadwick

If you find yourself on the schedule, but unable to attend, *please* contact one of the substitutes directly with as much notice as possible: Ron Harper: (248) 881-4735.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Officers:

Grand Knight:
Ken Norris

Chaplain:
Fr. Mike Green

Deputy Grand Knight:
Ron Harper

Chancellor:
Jim Roback

Financial Secretary:
Ken Simpson

Treasurer:
Bob Deachin

Recorder:
Dick Britton

Advocate:
Mike Havel

Warden:
Joe Csokas

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Kevin Scott
Lorenzo Rivera

Outside Guard:
Frank Dewdney

One Year Trustee:
Tony Gorsick

Two Year Trustee:
Dale Dessell

Three Year Trustee:
Lee Uhl

Insurance Representative:
Douglas Schultz
Office 248-835-1380
Douglas.Schultz@KofC.org

Knight of the Month - Ron Hines. Ron is a very valuable staple to our council community. As the rental manager he can be found at the hall at any hour of any day. Sometimes he'll come to the hall only to have the renter cancel or post pone their meetings. Ron continues to work patiently with our clients and delivers on all he promises them. Then there is Ron Hines the volunteer...bingo nights, St. Pat's party, golf league president, building corp. and more. Thank you, Ron.

Family of the Month – Bill and Mary Lou Johns. Bill and Mary Lou are appreciated by our council for the month of May. Their selfless volunteering even beyond this month is worth recognizing. When thinking about Bill consider a word “optimistic”. During the MI Drive Bill politely declines to carry the makeshift coffee containers for collecting funds out in our community. He substitutes this small pail for two five gallon buckets. They are bright orange too so you really can't miss him. Thank you Bill for your efforts and optimism and thank you more Mary Lou for supporting and lending us Bill on many occasions.

Carey Colleens Deliver Easter Food Baskets - Thank you to Elaine Hines, Jane Deachin, Irene Roback, Ann Sulisz, Pat & Mark Lauer, Madeline Pawloski, and Kathy & Ken Simpson for assembling Easter Food Baskets purchased or donated by the Carey Colleens. Baskets were assembled Tuesday, April 4, 2012 after Bingo and fresh items were added Wednesday morning. The baskets were then delivered to seniors signed up thru Oxford/Orion Fish at Heritage Senior Apartments.

4th Degree Assembly Flag Retirement - The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly #0477 will hold a US flag retirement ceremony on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Clarkston K of C Hall on Maybee Road. All used or damaged US Flags will be respectfully retired & burned by the 4th Degree Honor Guard. The ceremony will be followed by a lite lunch. All damaged flags can be left at the Lake Orion K of C Hall on Orion Road for delivery to Clarkston for retirement.

Looking Ahead - PGK Appreciation Dinner! Please plan on joining us for dinner Friday, June 22, 2012 where we will recognize our passed Grand Knights. We will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by a wonderful meal at 7:00 p.m. The evening will prove to be full of fun and fellowship. For our after dinner enjoyment, we've invited a DJ to fill the hall with fun sounds while we dance the night away. Dinner will be provided by the council but feel free to donate that evening toward continued improvements on our facility. This dinner event will replace our normally scheduled Tuesday evening dinner night in June.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

In Service to One, In Service to All

Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council 4764 Knights, serving the Church and Community, has recently made the following donations.

- * Down Syndrome Guild of S/E Michigan
- * MI State Council Charities (Take 5)
- * MI State Council Charities (Sacred Heart Seminary Fund)
- * Lake Orion Lacrosse Team and Banner
- * Lake Orion Youth Baseball League
- * CWS/Crop Walk Christ The Redeemer
- * CWS/Crop Walk St. Joseph
- * Oxford Problem Pregnancy Center
- * Troops Overseas Tootsie Roll Treats
- * Nova
- * Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Center

If you would like to have a say in how we help our community and Church, please attend the General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

K of C Council Officer Nominations/ Elections

It is that time of year for annual election of Council Officers for the 2012-2013 year.

Any member in good standing that has been a member for (1) year and has attained 3rd Degree status can serve as an officer.

Members that are only 1st or 2nd Degree status can serve as a program chairman by appointment of the Grand Knight.

The Nominating Committee will announce a slate of candidates at the May 2012 General Meeting with elections held at June 2012 General Meeting. Nominations for each office will also be open for each officer position during elections at the June General Meeting. General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested in running for office, or nominating a candidate, please contact GK Ken Norris (248) 343-225 or Nominating Committee Chairman Ken Simpson (248) 736-1122.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2012 Charity Car Show: Save the date for the 3rd annual charity car show at our council, July 14, 2012. The planning meeting will be held May 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the club room at the hall. This meeting should only last 30-45 minutes. If you plan to join the event committee or even volunteer for July 14th tasks, please come to this meeting. We look forward to a few changes in this year's event including a cruise through downtown Lake Orion and the raffle of a 4 burner Kenmore gas grill. See you May 2nd.



Dragon on the Lake: All ages will delight as the parks and streets of Downtown Lake Orion come alive during the Orion Art Centers 3rd annual Dragon on the Lake Festival on August 24-26 from 11am-6pm each day. The event celebrates art, music, performances both on and off the lake and the return of Dragon Boat racing on Peltons Point on Lake Orion. The Festival kicks off on Friday at dusk when Lake Orion comes alive as a fire breathing dragon leads the boat parade of lights. An afterglow will take place at the Lake Orion Boat Club. Go to lolainfo.org for details.

Banquet Facility Rental: The Lake Orion Knights of Columbus hall is a beautiful facility located in Lake Orion, Michigan. For many years, people have created beautiful memories in this facility. The hall is perfect for private parties, weddings, showers, corporate events, family reunions, graduation parties and community programs. We offer a full kitchen with professional stoves, ovens and refrigeration. Our hall is proud of our affordable rates for Friday, Saturday and Sunday activities. We can provide seven banquet room set-ups ranging from 166 to 350 person parties while utilizing our dance floor. Call the Rental Manager today to find out about our beautiful facility at 248-884-1386.

Lake Orion K of C held a successful Mentally Impaired/Tootsie Roll Drive

The Lake Orion Fr. Thomas R. Carey Knights of Columbus council would like to thank the people of Lake Orion/Oxford and surrounding communities for generously donating to our recent March 31 thru April 2, 2012 MI/Tootsie Roll Drive. Our financial target was achieved! We send out our thanks to local townships, villages and businesses that gave permission for Knights members, families and friends to collect funds for the Mentally Impaired Citizens. Local organizations including Scamp, Nova, Oakland Special Olympics, Section XIII Special Olympics and Team SEPTA will share in these funds, as well as, statewide service organizations helping the Mentally Impaired. Nine boxes of Tootsie Rolls were donated to Knights of Columbus member, Benedict Soave for use in packages that his entire family sends to members of the US Military serving our country around the world.

Crop Walk - Christ the Redeemer is joining St. Joseph Catholic Church and other local churches in celebrating 30 years supporting Church World Service (CWS). The churches are looking for walkers, runners, strollers and supporters to help us continue successful walks. Church World Service works with partners such as Catholic Relief Services and other agencies to promote their causes and help those who are in need. Your donation to the Lake Orion/Oxford CROP Walk is distributed worldwide as well as in our own community with 20% of our proceeds going to FISH and Love INC. The walk takes place on May 6, 2012 with a 6 mile or 2 mile option. Join us for a beautiful spring walk for a great cause! We look forward to seeing our old friends and new walkers!

CTR Contact: Terry Sundt (248) 391-0703 or John Jarvis (248-814-0762)

SJS Contact: Sherry Brandon via email sbrandon@stjosephlakeorion.org.

Fun Day Golf Outing: Save the date for the Fun Day Golf Outing at Mulberry Hills Golf Club. Tee times will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012. As in past years, we will play 18 holes of a Best Ball Scramble. Bring your friends and families for this fun day. The cost for the event will be \$60 per golfer. This will include a hot dog, chips and beverage at the turn as well as a steak dinner, prizes and fellowship following the round at our hall. Please reserve your foursome by June 28, 2012 by contacting Mike Wade at (248) 420-4815.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Komen buckles, will continue funding abortion giant Planned Parenthood

In less than a week, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure buckled under political pressure from pro-abortion people to continue funding Planned Parenthood, the number one abortion provider and promoter in the United States.

Background: At the end of January, news broke that Komen revised its grant criteria which would have eliminated Planned Parenthood from being eligible for funding. Pro-life people celebrated the announcement. For years, many who oppose the destruction of abortion voiced opposition regarding the connection between the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood.

Current Situation: Succumbing to pressure from the mainstream media and Planned Parenthood, Susan G. Komen for the Cure announced Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates will remain eligible for grant funding. Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said, "It may be time for the Susan G. Komen Foundation to rethink their pink ribbons. The pink color should be replaced with black to represent death and destruction of abortion and Komen's connection to Planned Parenthood".

Be Informed: If you do not want donations for fighting cancer to go to organizations that perform abortion, check out who you support. For more information on Komen's ties to Planned Parenthood, visit Right to Life of Michigan at www.rtl.org.

Annual Mass for Life

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Mass for Life sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry at 11 a.m. on Ascension Sunday, May 20th at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Msgr. Michael LeFevre will be the main celebrant. Following the Mass, there will be a brief program intended primarily for those family members who have experienced the pain of abortion in their lives. Come and experience God's message of healing and hope for you! Blessed John Paul II's Evangelium Vitae illustrates the Church's compassionate teaching regarding those who have suffered the pain of abortion:

- 1.) The Church understands the many factors which have influenced the decision to have an abortion,
- 2.) The Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
- 3.) Your wounded heart can emerge as an eloquent defender of everyone's right to life.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

As a council, it is our responsibility and privilege to support activities the youth are involved in. These teens are the young men who will eventually become our council. If you would like more information on how the Knights of Columbus in Lake Orion can better support our youth, please contact Ron Harper at the following email: programdirector4764@gmail.com or call (248) 881-4735.

St. Joseph	Christ the Redeemer
May 6 – CROP Walk	May 1 – Coffee House 7-9 p.m. in Disciple
May 6 – Meeting 6-8pm in the Youth Room	May 6 – CROP Walk
May 13 – No meeting; Mother’s Day	May 8 – Coffee House 7-9 p.m. in Disciple
May 20 – Senior Send Off, 6-8pm in the Marian Hall	May 13 – Blessing of New Drivers 11 a.m. mass
May 27 – No meeting, Memorial Day weekend	May 15 – Coffee House 7-9 p.m. in Disciple
	May 29 – Coffee House, End of Year BBQ

TECHNOLOGY

The new website www.kofclakeorion.com has been functional for the last 4 months and traffic to the site continues to increase. You will find a calendar of events including meeting schedules, information on upcoming events at the hall, BINGO updates and many photos from recent functions to share with friends and family. The Council has been able to save on our monthly print and postage expenses by e-mailing the newsletter to Brother Knights that have confirmed a valid e-mail address with the Council. Still getting this newsletter in the mail and have access to an e-mail address? Please contact Ron Harper at programdirector4764@gmail.com and help us to lower our monthly expenses even further.

Additionally, we have launched a Knights of Columbus Lake Orion MI Facebook page, Twitter and LinkedIn. If you have any or all of these then come “like” us, “follow” us or “connect” with us on these new social media sites. If you are not on any of these social media sites and have any interest in checking it out, please contact Ron Harper at programdirector4764@gmail.com for assistance.



www.facebook.com search “Knights of Columbus Lake Orion MI” then click “like” button to receive posts – sign up is free just need an active e-mail address.



www.twitter.com search “KofC Lake Orion” then click “follow” button to receive “tweets” – sign up is free just need an active e-mail address.



www.linkedin.com search “K of C Lake Orion” then click “connect” button to link to your account – sign up is free just need an active e-mail address.

MAY 2012 CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Bingo 1 Building Corp 7:30p.m. Officers Mgt 8:30p.m.	2	3 1 st Degree White Lake 7:30 p.m. Bingo	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
6	7 Golf League Adoration Chapel 11p.m.	Bingo 8 Rosary 7p.m. General Meeting 7:30p.m.	9	10 1 st Degree Clarkston 7:30 p.m. Bingo	11	12
13	14 Golf League Adoration Chapel 11p.m.	Bingo 15	16	17 Holy Day Of Ascension Bingo	18	19
20	21 Golf League Adoration Chapel 11p.m.	Bingo 22 Dinner Night 6:30p.m.	23	24 Bingo	25	26
27	28 No Golf League Adoration Chapel 11p.m.	29	30	31		

To rent the hall or club room contact Ron Hines at (248) 884-1386
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SAVE THE DATE!
July 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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3rd Annual Charity Auto Show

Benefiting Knights Charitable Causes

Including:



**Special
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1400 Orion Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362

50-50, Prizes
and More!

- **Car Entry - \$12.00**
Includes Two Hot Dogs &
Two Bags of Chips

Rockin' the
Oldies

All Entrants Receive a Dash Plaque!

Awards Presented at 2:30 p.m.



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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Model: _____ Make: _____ Year: _____

Make Checks payable to: Lake Orion Knights of Columbus
Send registration form and checks to: P.O. Box 266, Lake Orion, MI 48361



Knights of Columbus Fun Day Golf Outing

Open to Family and Friends



Saturday, July 21st – 10:00 am

Mulberry Hills Golf Club

3530 Noble Road, Oxford, MI 48370

Best Ball Scramble - \$60 per golfer

18 holes w/cart



Hot dog, chips and beer/pop at turn
Steak Dinner after round at K of C Hall
Prizes at Dinner
Fun with fellow Knights

**Reservations & Payment by June 28th – please
contact**

Mike Wade

313-234-5058 (work)

248-420-4815 (cell)

Check us out on line – www.kofclakeorion.com



**Banquet Hall
Rental Info:**

**Ron Hines
248-884-1386**

Upcoming Events:

**Dragon on the Lake 8/26-
28**

**Family Picnic – August TBD
Vegas Night – Fall 2012**

BINGO

**Tuesday – 10:30am
Thursday – 6:30pm
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Who We Are

On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. They were called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney. These men formed a fraternal society that has become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. One of the ideals of Fr. McGivney was to provide financial assistance to the widows and orphans of it's members. This original idea grew into an organization of Catholic men dedicated to promoting the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and Patriotism. Today faith, family, and fraternity is the foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. From that first group of Catholic men we have grown to nearly 1.6 million members in 11,000 councils, in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas. and Saipan.