



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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August 2022 Newsletter

Blessed Father McGivney Feast Day Major Degree, Mass, and Celebration

Council 6165 will be hosting a major degree exemplification on **Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 pm, at Immaculate Conception Church**, followed by Mass, and finishing with a reception in the garden level. All councils in the area are invited to help us celebrate our founder's feast day and our order's mission. Come support the men who will make the commitment, or contact Dave Bodinet at dbodinet@gmail.com or Matt Sainz at financialsecretarykc6165@gmail.com if you or someone you know would like to become a full Knight of Columbus.

2022 Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive

The 2022 Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive will be September 16th and 17th. 100% of our net collections go to help those with intellectual disabilities, with 10% going to the State Council to support Special Olympics, and 90% coming back to help The Monroe Council for the Handicapped. [Click here](#) or go to our website to sign up for a shift or two.

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be on Sunday, September 11th, 2022 from 8am until 1pm. Tell your friends and bring your family. Come give the gift of life.

2022 Knights of Columbus Car Show

The 2022 Knights of Columbus Car Show will be on October 1st, rain or shine. Come see the great cars and listen to good music, while enjoying a variety of food and drinks. It costs nothing to walk the show, \$15.00 to display your car, \$20.00 if you want your entry judged by the Give Back Pack. [Click here](#) to register your vehicle(s) or [click here](#) to sign up to work the show.

Our Next Council Meeting:

In lieu of the Father McGivney Mass and celebration on Thursday, August 10th, we will not have a council meeting in August. Our next council meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th, and 7:00pm.

Thanks!!!

Continuous Years of Service as a Knight

Richard F Sambo	63
Michael L Kish	54
Eugene C Gilbreth	53
Eugene R Toenjes	53
Lawrence R Toenjes	53
Larry G Greenfield	48
Brian S Sminchak	35
Jason P Tucker	25
Raymond O Farley	25
Kevin L Bragg	13
William J Feldker	13
Michael E Schaefer	13
Michael P Stark	13
Anthony J Traxler	13
Mr Paul M Smith	7



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If you know someone who is interested in becoming a knight, please have them contact David Bodinet at dbodinet@gmail.com (618) 910-4885 or contact Jim VonDerHaar at gk@kofc6165.org or at (314) 494-8874. Our order is open to any practical catholic male, 18 years old or older.



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Michael J. McGivney was born on August 12th, 1852 to Irish immigrants and grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut. He was the eldest of 13 children, 6 of whom died in childhood. He entered seminary in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, at the age of 16 and then transferred to Our Lady of Angels Seminary near Niagara Falls, NY. He had to leave seminary to help care for his mother and his siblings after his father died in June of 1873. He eventually returned to seminary, and in 1877, Father McGivney was ordained a priest. While serving as associate pastor of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT, Father McGivney helped make the Church and parish life an integral part of the lives of the men of the parish. He was intimately familiar with the struggles of Irish immigrants, who made up a large number of parishioners of St. Mary's. Motivated by the plight of a widowed parishioner and her child, and inspired by the circumstances surrounding his own family after the death of his father, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. It started with two dozen men gathered in the basement of St. Mary's, dedicated to caring for the widows and orphans of their Catholic

brethren. The focus of their fraternal group was charity and unity, caring for each other and keeping their Catholic faith the cornerstone of the group. Father McGivney died on August 14th, 1890, at the age of 38. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest charity organizations, with two million members, and donating almost \$200 million and 77 million man-hours to charity. The Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Father McGivney was opened in 1997, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree of heroic virtue in 2008, declaring him "Venerable," and on October 31, 2020, he was beatified at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT.