

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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General Meetings held the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of every month

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**On the cover:** Venerable Father  
Michael J McGivney

**Grand Knight's Message**



Worthy Brothers,

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of our brother Knight Carlo Del Vecchio. The fitting celebration of Carlo's life was enhanced by K of C participation at the individual, council, and district level. Deacon Tom's vigil and Father Fred's funeral mass were superb, and a fitting celebration of Carlo's life. Both Father and Deacon are brother Knights. The color guards presence was most impressive, and certainly appreciated. The presentation of the bible was another nice offering to the family. Equally important were your personal condolences that were offered to the family. There's no getting around it - losing a parent, spouse, or loved one is a sad moment. I sincerely hope our presence was able to offer Carlo's wife, children, and loved ones some solace during this time of sadness. Our order, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity

Rest peacefully Carlo.

Vivat Jesus

*Dave*

**Volunteer Opportunities**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: - 1 Peter 4:10*

One of the purposes of the Knights of Columbus is to assist people directly and indirectly. This is done through volunteerism. **We NEED your help** with following so please offer to perform one or more of the following tasks in the coming month or answer positively if called upon. Our success depends on you.

<p><i>Coffee &amp; Donuts Breakfast – November 2 &amp; 16</i> Set up, Service, Clean up All Masses</p>	<p><i>Carmel Fest November 16</i> Clean-up and General Help 3:30 PM</p>
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## Let Us Give Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches it is an appropriate time for us to take a few moments and thank God for those around us and with what we have been blessed through His goodness and grace.



*This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve on another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.*

*O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills And the never-resting winds, For trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

## Prayer Requests

*Please add these persons to your daily prayer list*

Frank Arpino  
 +Josephine Skerenack  
 Rozetta Barette  
 Judie Bull  
 Andrea Campbell  
 +Michael Cardello  
 Costanza Family  
 +Rodd Langhamer  
 Eileen Lissner  
 Rose McDermitt  
 Antoninette Menna  
 Vincent Petersen  
 Carol Gula  
 SK Larry Kocen  
 Dick Moore  
 Barbara Soucy  
 Mathew Petersen  
 + Carlo Delvecchio  
 Mat Koehl  
 Dick Lusk  
 Bill Sinnerweber

Mrs Theodore Bauer  
 Michele Broyard  
 Ed Dackal  
 Allocca Family  
 +Melissa Albin  
 BK James Hancock  
 Pat Ryan  
 Bill & Millie McWha  
 Suzanne Miller  
 Libertad Rios  
 Andre Fontaine  
 Anita Cruz  
 Lianne & Aaron Haviland  
 Sandy Nieskes  
 George Burfriend Jr  
 Karen Walling  
 Dianne Russo  
 Don Cunningham  
 Ruth K.  
 Jeannie Michetti  
 The Spagnolas

Myrtle Dietsel  
 Karen Goldstein  
 Mary Ann Downey  
 Ray Bassler  
 Bill Gasteen  
 Larry Veno  
 Hetlinger Family  
 Jim & Pam Hopkins  
 Claire Preville  
 George Grant  
 Sam Pagano  
 Cliff Howard  
 BK Bill Kella  
 Annie Hayes  
 Dennis O'Callaghan  
 Fr Mark Szanyi  
 Cathy Sants  
 Kathleen King  
 BK Carl & Mary Kotzin  
 Joe Rossi  
 James Touhy

+Ted Dinko  
 SK Bob Foley  
 Pat Savranskian  
 +Marie Wienszcak



Sandy Godlewsky  
 Tom Pegg  
 Isabelle West  
 Sara Wieigos  
 Patricia Strezlecki  
 Faye LeClaire  
 The Sieroucks  
 Anyone needing Prayer

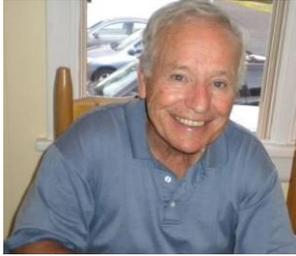
## Pre-Meeting Rosary



Brothers are invited to attend a corporate rosary beginning at 6:30 PM. Prayer is a "we" thing. "Our Father, who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread," etc. Jesus prayed that we may be one, and one of the ways we can "practice" this and actually DO this is to pray together and actually pray in unison the same prayers. This is an opportunity for you to avail yourselves of that experience.

## **Ave Atque Vale, Brother Carlo Delvecchio** **June 11, 1933 - October 21, 2014**

Brother Carlo was born on June 11, 1933 to Philomena Colapietro and Giuseppe DelVecchio in Rutigliano, Italy. After serving some time in an Italian seminary, he came to the United States at the age of 21 on a student visa, attended Hofstra University, and studied engineering.



Shortly thereafter, he met his wife, Lorraine DeChiaro and married in 1957. He settled in Commack to raise his family. He became president of Strathmore Concrete Corp. in Coram NY, and was responsible for many large building projects.

He retired in 1992 and moved from his Remsenburg, NY home, to share his time between Nokomis, Florida and Westhampton Beach, NY. During his lifetime, Carlo touched many people; from providing jobs and a sense of belonging to new American citizens, by reaching out to others in need through his Church, many can recall his influence in their lives.

He loved his church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and his ties with the Knights of Columbus.

An active member of the Westhampton Beach Yacht Squadron, and later the Mission Valley Country Club, he took the time to notice the small wonders of life and always went out of his way to make even the smallest of acquaintances feel special. He will be remembered for his twinkling eyes, his warm, generous heart, his love of nature, and his inspiring presence.

Carlo was predeceased by his grandson Anthony and is survived by his wife Lorraine, his children, David, Suzanne, Alphonse and Paul, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



## **Father Michael McGivney**

### **A Brief Biography of the Founder of the Knights of Columbus**

*October, by tradition, is “Founders Month” when members of the Knights of Columbus are asked to remember the dedication and hard work of our founder, the young, energetic and compassionate Connecticut priest. –Ed.*

Michael J. McGivney was born to Irish immigrants, Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney on Aug. 12, 1852. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Conn. brass mill. Michael McGivney attended the local Waterbury district school, but left at the age of thirteen to work in the spoon making department of one of the brass mills.



At the age of sixteen Michael McGivney entered Séminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, in 1868. He continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls, NY[2] (1871–1872) and at the Jesuit's St. Mary's College in Montreal, but had to leave the seminary and return home to help finish raising his siblings, due to the death of his father in June 1873. He later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland and was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, by Archbishop James Gibbons at the Baltimore Cathedral of the Assumption.

Father McGivney worked closely with the young people of St. Mary's parish, holding catechism classes and organizing a total abstinence society to fight alcoholism. In 1881 he began to explore, with various laymen, the idea of a Catholic fraternal benefit society. In an era when parish clubs and fraternal societies had wide popular appeal, the young priest felt there should be some way to strengthen religious faith and at the same time provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner.

#### **The Founding of the Knights of Columbus**

He discussed this concept with Bishop Lawrence McMahon of Hartford, and received his approval. He traveled to Boston to talk with the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, and traveled to Brooklyn to consult the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He met with other priests of the diocese. Wherever he could, he sought information that would help the Catholic laymen to organize themselves into a benefit society.

William Geary, one of the Order's charter members, said that at the first council meeting in 1882, he was "acclaimed as founder by 24 men with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving, recognizing that without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel and advice they would have failed."

Father McGivney had originally suggested Sons of Columbus as a name for the Order. This would bind Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the New World's discoverer. However, the word "knights" replaced "sons" because key members of the organizing group who were Irish-born Civil War veterans felt it would help to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty.

The first public references to the Order came on February 8, 1882. Both the *New Haven Morning Journal* and the *New Haven Courier* reported that the Knights of Columbus had held an initial meeting the night before.

On March 29th, the Connecticut legislature granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus, formally establishing it as a legal corporation. The Order's principles in 1882 were "unity" and "charity." The concepts of "fraternity" and "patriotism" were added later. Each of these ideals played a major role in ceremonials from the beginning. The Columbus-linked themes, says historian Christopher J. Kauffman, "reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity."

By May 1883, Council 2 had been instituted in Meriden, Connecticut and Bishop McMahon, so impressed with the organization, became a member of Council 11 in 1884, and served as its council chaplain. By the end of 1885, there were 31 councils in Connecticut.





In November 1884, he was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn., a factory town 10 miles from his hometown. Heavily in debt, the parish served working-class parishioners with few resources beyond their faith. With prayerful acceptance, Father McGivney put his seven years at St. Mary's behind him and traveled to Thomaston.

In six subsequent years at St. Thomas, Father McGivney built the same close ties of devotion and charitable concern at his new church that he had developed in New Haven. He continued, as well, to serve as supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, personally involved in helping the Order to extend its membership into Rhode Island.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia on the eve of the Assumption in 1890, when he was thirty-eight years old.

To mark their 100th anniversary in 1982, the Knights of Columbus brought the remains of Father McGivney from Waterbury back to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he founded the Order. There he now rests in a setting in which daily Mass is offered for deceased Knights and prayers are said for his canonization.

**Cause for Sainthood**

In 1996, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford opened an investigation into Father McGivney's life, with a view towards formal recognition by the Church of his sainthood. Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP is the postulator of McGivney's cause, as well as director of the Fr. McGivney Guild. The guild now has 150,000 members.

The diocesan investigation was closed in 2000, and the case was passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Vatican City. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Fr. McGivney, thus declaring him "Venerable. A miracle attributed to the intercession of McGivney is under investigation by the Vatican.



**First Year Knight?  
Earn the Shining Armor Award**

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the "Shining Armor Award" is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

**To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must do the following during their first year of membership:**



- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

To help members keep track of their progress toward attaining the award, special qualification cards are available from the Grand Knight. As an achievement is accomplished, the Grand Knight will sign off on it. Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.

# CARMEL FEST

*Blessing and Grand Opening of Mount Carmel Hall*

**Sunday, November 16, 2014  
3:30 PM**



*Followed by Catered Barbecue from Gold Rush Barbecue*

*featuring*

**Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and Corn Bread**



Tickets Available After All Weekend Masses

**\$10 per person (\$5 for children under 10)**

*(Cash or checks payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel)*

**Soft drinks provided; BYOB**



**November 19, 2014  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hall  
(New Building)  
6:30 PM**

**Teams of 2-8**

**\$5/person**

**Advance Reservation Suggested but  
Drop-Ins welcome**

Contact [editor.koc15821@gmail.com](mailto:editor.koc15821@gmail.com) for more information and to reserve your place

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## Happy Birthday!

**Ronald Balaze**  
(November 6)

**Edward Stofko**  
(November 6)

**George Smith**  
(November 6)

**Darwin Reeck**  
(November 8)

**Frank O'Donnell**  
(November 14)

**David Tschanz**  
(November 21)





# Council 15821 Calendar of Events October 2014



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30 <i>Corp. Communion</i> 9 AM			1			1 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>
2 <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> All Masses	3	4	5 <i>Board Meeting</i> 6:30 PM	6 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM	7	8
9	10		12	13	14	15
16 <i>Carmel Fest</i> 3:30 PM	17	18	19 <i>Trivia Night</i> 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 		28	29

## Should you become a Knight of Columbus?

Unless you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, the Knights of Columbus is not the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. For more information contact the Council 15821 Membership chairman or any Knight.

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