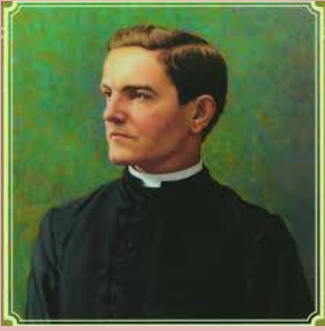


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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Thank You for a Productive Night of Service!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our **October Council Meeting** and especially to all the Brothers who joined us for the **Road Ditch Cleanup** beforehand! As the saying goes, **many hands made quick work of it**. We completed the service project efficiently before heading to our business meeting.

We owe a special thank you to our host, **John Mansfield**, for allowing us to use **The Ward House** and, of course, for the **great pizzas** he made for the group! Your hospitality is much appreciated.

Your commitment to both service and council business is what makes our Knights of Columbus effective in the community.

Important Guest Presentations & Updates

Our meeting featured two important updates:

- **Fourth Degree Exemplification:** Brother **Bob Carda** updated us on the recent **Exemplification Ceremony** that took place in Rochester, MN. We encourage our eligible Third Degree members to continue considering advancing to the Fourth Degree and becoming part of the visible, patriotic arm of our Order.

- **Knitted Together Charity:** We were privileged to host **Kim Kasl** from the local charity **Knitted Together**. Kim gave an insightful presentation about their mission and the successful fundraising event they held in October.

- To learn more about this fantastic local charity, please visit their website:
www.KnittedTogether.org

- You can also watch their informational video here:
Knitted Together ♥ A Beautiful Beginning in 2025

Looking Ahead: November Meeting

Please note our next council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 3rd**.

- **Next Meeting: Monday, November 3rd**
- **Location: The TC Building**

Vivat Jesus!

Matthew Petsinger

Grand Knight



Fathers McGivney

Part 3 (final part)

THE PREACHER: JOHN J. MCGIVNEY

The youngest of the McGivney siblings, John was born in Waterbury on Oct. 25, 1870. Like his older brothers, John's intelligence shone from an early age. In high school, he composed in Latin and tackled both Greek dramatists and Latin historians. But John trained his whole person — soul and mind, certainly, but body as well.

"A great admirer of manly sports," as one newspaper recalled, "in college [he] was always identified with athletics which he believes in putting on the highest plane."

Ordained in 1896, the young curate was "a powerful swimmer," and he once saved a man from drowning in Long Island Sound. According to one contemporary account, he grabbed the man by the shoulders and dragged him to shore. It's a good metaphor for Father John's lifetime of work as a fisher of men — saving souls as a preacher, pastor and chaplain of the Order.

Also hailed as "a brilliant orator" and "one of the best preachers in the diocese," he had not served parishes long before the bishop drafted him for a new, challenging evangelization endeavor — the Diocese of Hartford's missionary band.

From 1901-1905, Father John traveled statewide, preaching to Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Even after he was eventually assigned to a parish, Father John was like his older brothers in that he moved beyond the usual boundaries — serving on two library boards and the board of education. Every time a New Haven child or adult browsed the shelves of the New Haven Public Library, they entered a spread of knowledge and literature shaped in part by his judgment.

Connecticut Gov. Wilbur Cross served with Father John on the committee responsible for the library's book selection and said, "I was always impressed with his keen common sense and outspokenness."

Sister Dolores said her former pastor was spoken of warmly by all. Although she was quite young, her family benefited from Father John's ministry, with her father working closer with him as a principal — and her siblings benefitting from the education provided by the Sisters of Mercy, whom Father John secured for the parish school.

When his brother, Msgr. Patrick, died in 1928, both the

Knights and the bishop knew exactly who could fill the void as supreme chaplain and pastor of St. Charles: Father John.

As supreme chaplain for more than a decade, he guided the Order spiritually through the Great Depression. Pope Pius XI named him a monsignor in 1932; he died on March 16, 1939.

Supreme Knight Martin Carmody, whose tenure closely coincided with that of Father John, praised him as "lovable and generous, a man of charitable nature, and a priest endowed with qualities of mind and heart that endeared him to all who knew him. Sturdy of faith and strong of character, he labored unceasingly as a true priest of the living God."



Father Patrick J. McGivney (bottom row, center), national chaplain, is seated among incorporators and other early leaders of the Order during the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Cliff Haven, N.Y., in August 1901. Seated to his left is Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn; behind them is Pennsylvania State Deputy James A. Flaherty, who would succeed Hearn as supreme knight. (*Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives*)

ECHOES OF THE FIRST SEMINARY

The continuity of family played in the Order's favor, helping ensure that the Knights pursued their unique purpose.

Several family traits held in common by the McGivney brothers — love for the poor, courageous enterprise, and a joy for children — flourished on a grand scale in the Order's history.

Within the Diocese of Hartford, which then encompassed the entire state of Connecticut, the McGivneys made a difference.

"It was a matter of inspiration," Sister Dolores said. "They inspired other priests to think they could do the same thing, that they were capable of organizing not only their parishes, but beyond their parishes."

The Fathers McGivney — hardworking, compassionate and

eager for souls — could not always finish their great works.
But they could count on each other to carry on.
They passed the torch over the decades, fighting for the faith,
guiding the Knights, strengthening families and parishes. And
through the storms of life and death, they echoed the
salutation that young John McGivney, then in high school,
wrote at the end of his letters: “I still remain, your loving
brother.”

MAUREEN WALTHER is co-author, with her late husband,
Andrew Walther, of *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated
History* (2020).





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**A QUICK LOOK AHEAD
KC COUNCIL 2768
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025**



November 2025

Monday 3th – KC Meeting

December 2025

Monday 1th - KC Meeting

November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	KC Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7	8
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December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	KC Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5	6
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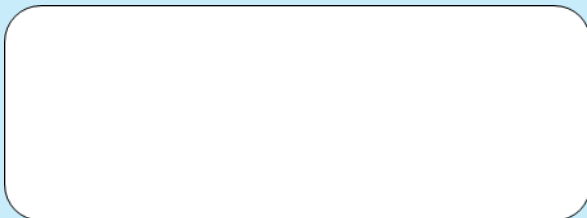
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