

Building 'A Culture of Invitation'

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encourages state deputies to grow the Order through personal invitation and faith formation

By Cecilia Engbert

Knights of Columbus jurisdiction leaders from around the world met in New Haven, Connecticut, for the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies June 5-9.

More than 70 state deputies from the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Guam, Poland, Ukraine, France and the Republic of Korea participated in daily Masses, fraternal events and workshops looking ahead to the next fraternal year. Many deputies also met with their state chaplains, more than 40 of whom were also in New Haven for a State Chaplains Meeting June 5-8.

Newly elected state deputies were officially installed June 7, the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in St. Mary's Church, at the conclusion of a Mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori encouraged state deputies and chaplains to recall that "reality is greater than ideas," echoing a phrase often used by Pope Francis.

"As a state deputy, be a witness to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," he said. "Be a witness to the love of God that has been made flesh, to the love of God that is not an idea but a reality."

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Minutes of the June Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on June 11, 2024 by Grand Knight Machovec. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Chancellor, Inside Guard, Trustee There Year and Trustee Two Year were excused from being present at the meeting. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from May were approved as amended. The budget was presented, there was motion of approval, and it was seconded and was tabled for a 30 day review and comment period.

Membership Report

There are two transfers in process. Two candidates are scheduled to attend a Degree Exemplification on June 18.

Grand Knight Report

The Council was awarded a banner for membership in the past Columbian year.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplains message focused on Father's Day and how St. Joseph can be a powerful model for us to follow in our marriages and as fathers. Be a protector of your family. Listen to and heed God's voice. Offer ourselves back to Jesus. Bring the Holy Spirit into the life of Marriage.

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June Meeting Minutes
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Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$ 11,114.44

Financial Secretary Report

Income – \$36 dinner, Bills - \$208.46, Hospitality Sunday—Brother Shawn, \$140.46, Family potluck supplies—Brother Koenig \$182, Post office box – annual fee, US Post Office

Communications

A thank you card from Daniel DeLena was received and read aloud for the scholarship award.

Programs Director Report

Exemplification is scheduled for June 18 after the 6PM Mass. Two candidates are planning to attend. Wine and cheese first Saturday after the 5PM Mass. Join in on July 6. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. Postponed until September. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Family potluck on May 24 was a nice event. Wheel Chair support weekend – Brother DeBenedet will speak with Father to set up a weekend. Family fishing day – July 6, Caples Lake shall be the destination. Lunch shall be provided. Contact Brother Waverly if interested in attending. Meet at the EID day use picnic area.

Unfinished Business

A presentation of officers for the next Columbian year was read aloud. The slate was approved.

Grand Knight	Matt Waverly
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Jaime Garcia
Deputy Grand Knight	Phil Gonzalez
Chancellor	Steve DeBenedet
Warden	Jacob Schmidt
Treasurer	Bob Strazzo
Recorder	David Sanders
Advocate	Mark Koenig
Inside Guard	Mark Watt
Outside Guard	Charlie Esola

Trustees

Three Year	Stephan Frias
Two Year	Justim Machovec
One Year	Jack Magee
Financial Secretary	Tim Burr
Dist deputy	Steven Morros
Field Agent	David Moeller

After comment and discussion an amended budget was M/S/A budget was shown.

New Business

There was M/S/A to pay the bills

Fourth Degree Assembly

The Fourth Degree team was at St. Pat’s cemetery in Jackson at 10AM on Memorial Day to celebrate mass and place flags. SK Maher shall be the next Faithful Navigator or the Fourth Degree.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris shared that July 12 in Visalia will be the State Convention. Reports and a check for the 365 club need to be submitted.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Edmonds and Ryan, cousin of Lisa Trassare. Pray also for, Vicky Route, Gina Frias, Pam Edwards, Larry Malone, Deacon Jaime, Martha Quinn, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

There was a prayer and slide presentation on Father’s Day.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

DGK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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Later that day, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflected in his keynote remarks on the importance of devotion to the Sacred Heart among K of C leaders.

“Every Knight, and especially the leaders of the Order, need to have the ‘heart of a father’ — a heart shaped by the love of God our Father,” he said. “If we get this right, everything we do as leaders will bear fruit.”

The supreme knight urged Knights to develop a “culture of invitation” within their councils, a culture modeled by Blessed Michael McGivney.

“When Father McGivney called that fateful meeting in St. Mary’s basement, he asked Catholic men to join him. More than 80 responded. Why?” Supreme Knight Kelly asked. “Because Father McGivney invited them to be part of something greater than themselves. ... From the very beginning, Father McGivney created a culture for the Knights — a culture of invitation, in which Catholic men ask other Catholic men to join them in a great work.”

With 2.1 million members spanning 13 countries, the Order continues to grow, Supreme Knight Kelly said, noting that more than 81,000 men became Knights this fraternal year. But the supreme knight challenged leaders to reach higher.

“Millions of Catholic men have yet to receive an invitation,” he said. “We do great work with 2 million men but think of what we would do with 3 or 4 million.”

A recent study by the Center for Applied Re-

search in the Apostolate shows that in the United States alone, close to 7 million Catholic men are open to joining a Catholic men’s organization such as the Knights. “But they haven’t joined, for a simple reason: They have never been invited,” the supreme knight said.

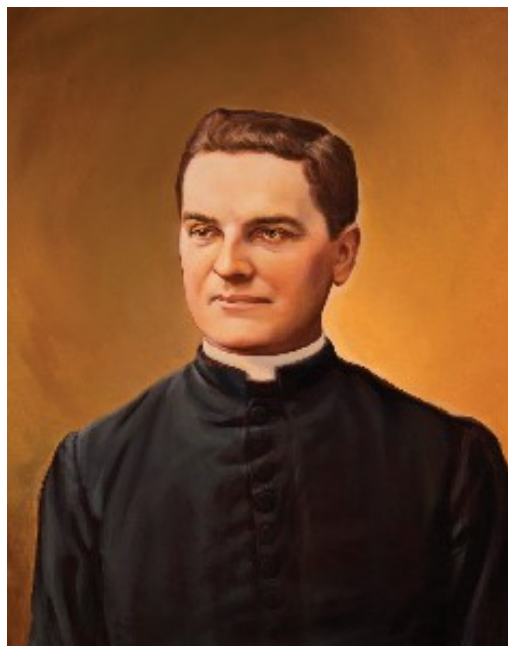
The supreme knight particularly encouraged leaders to extend invitations to Hispanic men, noting that in the U.S., about half of Catholics between 18 and 29 are Hispanic.

“Hispanic Catholics are not just important to the Church’s future. They are central to the Church *today*,” Supreme Knight Kelly said. “We have an opportunity and, I’d say, even an obligation to reach out to them.”

The supreme knight stressed the importance of faith formation, and particularly *Cor*, an Order-wide initiative that launched in 2023 to help men grow in prayer, formation and fraternity.

“Every council should be doing *Cor*,” Supreme Knight Kelly said. “Based on what we’ve already seen, *Cor* has the potential to become a major contributor to the Order’s growth. And it’s especially appealing to young men who are looking to lead lives of meaning and draw closer to Christ.”

Over the past year, more than 600 councils participated in *Cor*, and more than 4,000 expressed interest in the initiative. Resources for *Cor* include the *Men of the Word* Bible study; *Into the Breach*, a study guide and video series based on the 2015 apostolic exhortation of the same name by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix; and a follow-up video series titled *Into the Breach: Mission of the Family*.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dinner Hosts

George Faist July 9

TBD Aug 13

Joe Trassare Sept 10

The Officers of Council 1849

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Welcome Brothers Stan and Keith



Knights of Columbus Council 1849

Events Calendar 2024—2025

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2024 until June 2025

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6th, 2024

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 18, 2024 (3rd Sunday)

Fall Dinner, Tri-tip at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) September 28, 2024

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6th, 2024, 4-7 PM Koenigs House

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 10, 2024 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6th, 2024

Winter Dinner, (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 8, 2025 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3rd Sunday)

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) May 17th, 2025 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays (March, June, August, & November)

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 at SKD – St Maximillian Kolbe Room

July Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 2: Planning Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, July 9: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, July 14: Knights Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10:00 AM Mass.

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