

## A Pastor to All

Blessed Michael McGivney's relic travels through south Texas during a five-day pilgrimage

By Columbia staff

Thousands of people had the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, as it traveled almost 600 miles across five dioceses in southern Texas Sept. 3-7.

Beginning in the Diocese of Victoria, the relic was accompanied by Father Mark Salas, former associate state chaplain, and escorted by Knights on motorcycles through the dioceses of Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo and San Antonio. At each parish the pilgrimage visited, a Fourth Degree honor guard ushered the bone-fragment relic into the church, where parishioners and other visitors gathered for Mass, a rosary and intercessory prayer to Father McGivney. Local K of C councils also held exemplification ceremonies at each stop, welcoming new Knights into the Order.

State Deputy Ron Alonzo, who accompanied the relic to four of the five tour stops, said the tour was organized by the Texas State Council in collaboration with the Supreme Council to introduce more people to Blessed Michael McGivney and encourage them to ask for his heavenly help.

"We want our members to have the opportunity to venerate our Founder, but also there is the hope that somewhere along this trip might be that next miracle [to advance Father McGivney's cause for canonization], so we can share our Founder as a saint with the universal Church," explained Alonzo.

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## *Minutes of the September Business Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 10, 2024 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Chancellor, Treasurer, Inside Guard, Trustee One Year and Trustee Three Year were excused from being present at the meeting. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from August were approved.

## **Membership Report**

The Membership Director followed up on several Form 100's from potential candidates.

The scheduled First Degree Exemplification at SKD after the 6 PM Mass prior to the September 10 meeting was postponed until October 8. If the candidate is available the Exemplification will be held after the 6 PM mass.

## **Grand Knight Report**

The Grand Knight thanked the cook for the great dinner.

The July/August Columbian magazine has an article on COR. *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. There was discussion on *Cor*.

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**September Meeting Minutes****Continued from page 1:****Chaplain's Report**

No report.

**Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$ 9,277.65.

**Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$80 dinner .

Bills - \$159.83 Hospitality Sunday food and supplies – Brother Waverly , \$198.50 Supreme – Per Capita, \$671.59 Parish picnic food and supplies - Brother Strazzo.

**Communications**

No communications

**Programs Director Report**

Wine and cheese first Saturday after the 5PM Mass. First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. More participation is needed for these prayerful settings. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Wheel Chair support weekend – Brother DeBenedet will speak with Father to set up a weekend. Parish Picnic August 25 – Recap More clean up help would have been great. Tri tip dinner – tickets can be picked up from Brother Ragusano. Raffle items are always welcome. A 50/50 raffle will be instituted with 50% donated to the pregnancy center. Clergy Appreciation October 6, 4:00PM -7:00PM at Brother Koenig's Sutter Creek home. RSVP to Mark.

**Unfinished Business**

Veterans Day parade in Jackson – Brother Phil will carry the K of C banner. All Brothers and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

**New Business**

There was M/S/A to pay the bills

**Advocate Report**

Brother Koenig to send information to all Members about Live Scan training requirements. A verbal update was provided.

**Chancellor Report**

No report

**Insurance Agent Report**

No Report

**Vocations Report**

No report

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

No Report

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris shared information about the COR program and he will be attending a Chapter meeting in Weed.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pam Edwards, Gary Anderson, Larry Malone, Arni Simoni, Mike Strazzo, Jack Quinn, Gary Morris and Gill Carboy. Pray also for, Nancy Joyner, Jane Ragusano, Jim Gaffney, Richard Hogate, Facundo Campoy, Sr. Kathleen O'dwer, Vicky Route, Gina Frias, Deacon Jaime, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

**Lecturer Report**

Information on the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC was presented.

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders.

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The Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints approved a miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession — the [healing of baby Mikey Schachle in utero](#) — in May 2020, opening the way to his [beatification](#) Oct. 31, 2020. In order for Father McGivney to be canonized, a second miracle attributed to his intercession must be approved.

The Knights provided a large prayer box at each stop, where devotees left thousands of prayer intentions that were later placed on the Father McGivney's tomb at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. State Deputy Alonzo estimates that somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 people visited the relic over the five-day period.

"There were people waiting for us at every stop, and once we started veneration, the lines of people were constant," Alonzo said. "Many that attended did not know about Blessed Michael McGivney, but they learned about him by being present. And for the Knights, the entire experience was very special."

Father Salas, chaplain of Our Lady of the Assumption Council 12697 in El Paso, said the relic pilgrimage reflected Father McGivney's work as a compassionate, accessible parish priest.

"When you make an appointment with a priest, you take as much time as you need — sometimes it's 10 seconds, sometimes half an hour. There were always people during the veneration, but every person got as much time as they needed with Father McGivney," said Father Salas. "If Father McGivney were still around today, he would be happy to go to South Texas, to all these five dioceses and say Mass with them, anoint them, bless them, laugh or cry with them. And that's exactly what he did, because

the saints are not dead in the eyes of God. He'll always be with us, and the tour showed us that Father McGivney's love still continues."

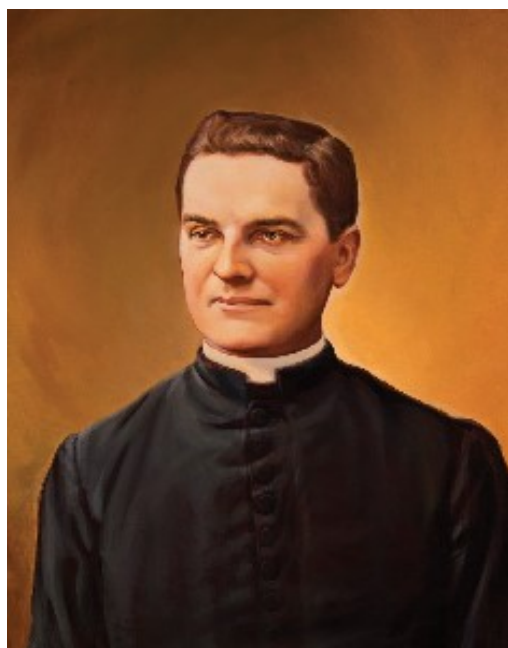
"There isn't a person who cannot come to Father McGivney as a parish priest and ask for a blessing for whatever is going on that day," Father Salas added. "He's a daily prayer saint."

Indeed, people of all ages, from small children to the very elderly, came to venerate the relic of Father McGivney.

During the first stop at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Port Lavaca, "One of the sisters from the school took her second-grade class to venerate and pray with Father McGivney," recalled Father Salas. "It was very moving to see their tiny hands embrace the reliquary."



Men in San Juan, Texas, join the Knights of Columbus at an exemplification ceremony in the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle on Sept. 5. The ceremony took place in the presence of a first-class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney, which was brought to the basilica as part of the relic tour that traveled through southern Texas. (Photo by Kaylee Greenlee Beal)



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**

**Phil Gonzales October 8**

**Steve Frias November 12**

**George Hoover December 10**

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# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

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

Hospitality Donuts every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1<sup>st</sup> weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## October Calendar of Events

*Tuesday, October 1: Knights KVGC Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel at 5:30 PM.*

*Wednesday, October 2: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:30 PM.*

*Saturday, October 6: Clergy Appreciation Potluck Dinner at Koenig's House at 4:00 PM.*

*Tuesday, October 8: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.*

*Sunday, October 13: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.*

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