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In the Founder's Footsteps

A new house of priestly formation opens where Blessed Michael McGivney completed his studies

By Columbia Staff

In June 1873, Michael J. McGivney returned home to Waterbury, Connecticut, following the sudden death of his father. His seminary studies at Collège Sainte-Marie in Montréal were abruptly cut short, and he could not afford to continue. Later that summer, however, Bishop Francis McFarland of Hartford secured funding for 21-year-old McGivney to resume his education at St. Mary's Seminary in downtown Baltimore. For the next four years, until his ordination in 1877, McGivney's spiritual life and intellectual and pastoral formation were nourished by daily prayer and Mass in the seminary's Chapel of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where he also served as sacristan.

Some 150 years later, in the same historic chapel, a new house of priestly formation named in honor of this humble Connecticut priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus was formally dedicated Jan. 23 by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Propaedeutic House of Formation, located adjacent to the chapel, serves first-year seminarians in a new propaedeutic, or preparatory, stage of formation required in all Catholic seminaries.

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Minutes of the March Business Meeting

Prior the meeting an Exemplification was held for four candidates. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM on March, 2025 by Deputy Grand Knight Gonzalez. Guest Field Agent Aguilar was present at the meeting.

The Grand Knight, Chancellor, Inside Guard and Trustee Three Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from February were read aloud and approved.

Membership Report

Four new Members were congratulated for becoming Knights tonight. Patrick Stanish, Brian Bulger, Richard Perry and Alfanzo Valincia. One candidate is in the discernment process. The meeting was suspended to hear a presentation about the upcoming Pro Life event at the State Capitol on Monday March 31.

Grand Knight Report

The men's gathering on March 19 in celebration of St Joseph at St. Patrick's church was well attended.

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

The Chaplain gave brief talk on 'Where two or more are gathered in his name Jesus is in our midst. He encouraged us to lift up our crosses this lent, and reminded us that the Lord desires us to serve one another.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$10,212.31

Financial Secretary Report**Income –**

Dinner - \$40.00

Fish purchase - \$119.00

Cash reimbursement - \$27.00

Bills –

\$145.85 – Brother Simpson, Hospitality Sunday

\$88.80 – Brother Strazzo,

\$621.25 – State Per Capita

Communications

N/A

Programs Director Report

On the first Tuesday night of the month at 5:30 there is the recitation of the Rosary. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Doug Ferreira plans to fill in as Co-chair when needed. April 11 – 6PM Stations, Lent soup supper - soups needed. March 30 is the 5th Sunday – Rosary prior to the 10AM Mass. Please come pray. March 30 is the 5th Sunday – Donuts will be provided after the 10AM Mass, help needed to set and clean up. May 17 – Rib Dinner, raffle prizes needed. Oktoberfest in early planning stage.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. An idea was presented for entertainment at the Oktoberfest

Advocate Report

Safe Environment - is in progress, several members need to complete the process.

Chancellor Report

No report.

Insurance Agent Report

Agent Aguilar gave a brief presentation and welcomed the new Brothers into the Order.

Vocations Report

No report.

Fourth Degree Assembly

A brief presentation was provided on the Fourth Degree. The next Fourth Degree shall be on April 26 in Elk Grove at Good Shepherd church.

District Deputy Report

No report.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Facundo Campoy and Jim Gaffney. Pray also for Bob and Susan Dominic, Kaitlin Martin, Lorraine Simas, Pete Willover, Cheryl Hoover, Nancy and Dennis Shortino, Mike Hoover, Bob Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

No report.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

DGK Gonzalez closed the meeting at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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“How appropriate that this house was named for Blessed Michael McGivney,” Archbishop Lori said in his remarks, “because in the pro-paedeutic year we are helping seminarians ... to develop a life of prayer, to develop their humanity, to develop their own unique version of God’s individual likeness.”

Among those present at the dedication ceremony were Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly; Sulpician Provincial Superior Father Daniel Moore; Sulpician Father Shawn Gould, director of the McGivney House; Oblate Father James Yeakel, house coordinator; and the seven seminarians living at the house.

In his remarks, Supreme Knight Kelly observed that Father McGivney fulfilled his priestly duties daily with humility and simplicity.

“He always sought to work for the good of his people,” the supreme knight said. “I think he is the perfect model for young men discerning [a priestly vocation], and for young men who have committed to the seminary.”

Father McGivney’s presence can be felt throughout the grounds, according to Father Gould.

“To have him interceding for us is a great blessing,” said Father Gould, as he and the seven seminarians are learning the idiosyncrasies of the newly renovated building they now call home. “It is a beautiful thing to have this first stage of formation on the site of the original seminary.”

St. Mary’s Seminary was founded in 1791 by

the Society of St. Sulpice — a French community of diocesan priests dedicated to priestly formation — at the invitation of Bishop John Carroll, the first bishop of Baltimore, the United States’ first diocese. The first class consisted of only five seminarians, but by the time Michael McGivney arrived 82 years later, the nation’s first seminary had formed and ordained hundreds of priests.

Father McGivney was grateful for the outstanding formation he received at St. Mary’s, in particular from Sulpician Father Alphonse Magnien, with whom he maintained a warm correspondence.

In a letter to Father Magnien on Oct. 21, 1878, written during his first year as a priest at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut, he concludes: “Wishing you and the dear fathers of St. Mary’s all manner of blessings, I remain as ever a fond and loving son of my Alma Mater.”

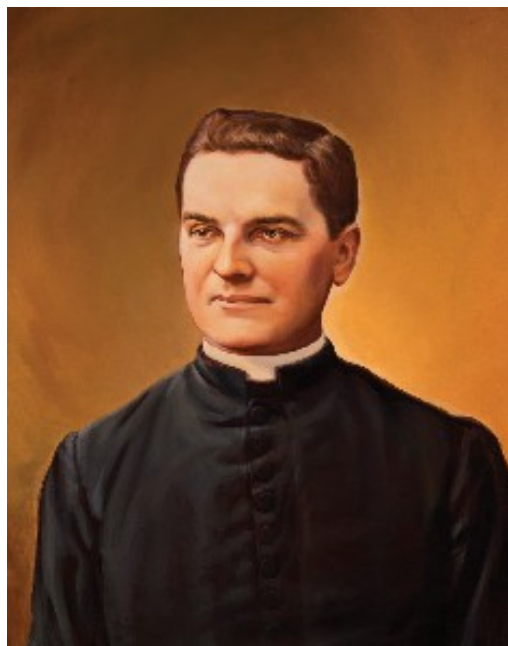
By 1929, the seminary had expanded to include its current Roland Park campus 5 miles north; in 1974, the seminary was consolidated and renamed St. Mary’s Seminary & University. The old seminary building on Paca Street was demolished, but its chapel, dedicated in 1808 by then-Archbishop Carroll, remains on the historic site, as does the original Mother Seton House, where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton started her first boarding school for girls in 1809.

A former convent on the historic site that was once used as a retreat center was completely renovated and expanded to create the McGivney House, which consists of 12 individual rooms for seminarians, two suites for the director and coordinator, open spaces and an adoration chapel. The project took two years to complete.

New Member of Our Patriotic Degree



Congratulations Andrew



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

Stan Renzelman April 8

Shawn Simpson May 13

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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 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

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

April Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 2: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

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

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

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