

Catholic Men Called to Heroic Friendship and Evangelization

By Columbia staff

Addressing more than 800 men gathered at St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville, Maryland, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly challenged them to be men of virtuous friendship and Christian witness.

“Not all friends are created equal,” the supreme knight told attendees of the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Maryland Conference on March 14. “What we all need — everyone in this room — are the right kinds of friends.”

He explained how Catholic teaching builds on Aristotle’s dictum that the highest form of friendship is based on virtue.

“Our faith teaches us that the reason we need friends is because they help us build the most important friendship of all,” said the supreme knight, pointing to the example of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, who was canonized last year.

Supreme Knight Kelly concluded by calling those present to deepen their faith and bring the Gospel to others, proposing *Cor*, the Knights’ parish-based faith formation initiative open to all men, as a valuable opportunity to do so.



Minutes of the May Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on May 12, by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Advocate and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from April were approved as written.

Membership Report

One application was received and one Form 100 was given to an interested candidate.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner. A letter written by Father Ryan was read requiring the council to discontinue offering hard alcohol at all parish events.

A letter from the City of Jackson was read inviting the Council to participate in the July 4 parade at 8AM for set up, 9AM parade. The parade will be on July 3, and they will be celebrating the nation’s 250th year.

Chaplain’s Report –

No report

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$18,256.83

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May Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Financial Secretary Report****Income –**

Dinner - \$79

Bills –

Brother Strazzo - \$1290.80 rib dinner food and supplies

Brother Simpson - \$126.15 Hospitality Sunday donuts

Erica DeBenedet - \$148.20 rib dinner decorations

Brother Hoover - \$138.53 Kitchen supplies

SKD youth group - \$484 Rib dinner tips

Communications

None

Programs Director Report

Donut Sunday is hosted by the council on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. The recitation of the rosary is scheduled for the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15. The council shall host the next rosary, which will be the last one until fall. A verbal report was given on the success of the Rib dinner. The approximate net income is \$3845.00. Sunday May 17 is the family potluck hosted by Mark and Nancy Koenig. The K OF C event calendar for 2026 - 2027 was presented to Father and other groups this month. Two High School students were awarded a scholarship of \$1000. Michael Rooney and Brianna Hodson were the recipients.

Unfinished Business

Hannah and Mia DeBenedet submitted a letter of request to pray for and consider a financial contribution to aid a group of six students plus themselves to attend a mission trip to Peru. A \$500 donation was approved to help send eight students to Peru on a mission trip.

New Business

A Budget presentation was provided and there was a motion and second. After a 30 day review period

the budget can be approved at the next meeting in June. There was a call for nominations of officers for the next Columbian year. Nominations are now closed and the slate of officers shall be voted on during the June meeting. Help is needed on Memorial Day, May 25 at Pioneer cemetery. Set up of flags at 7AM and removal of flags at 4PM is the schedule. There was a M/S/A to pay the bills.

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings. Join the Forth Degree Assembly on Memorial Day at St. Pat's cemetery in Jackson for mass at 10AM and a flag ceremony.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris provided a brief report. A Rosary and Funeral for past DD Pete Chavez will be help at St. Pats on Friday May 16 at 11AM.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Past District Deputy Pete Chavez and District Marshall Don Snow. Pray also for Rich Curran and family, Cheryl Hoover, Jim and Joyce Magee, Kay Placido, Tim Moniz, Jacob Schmidt, Jenny Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, and Fr. Arlon.

Lecturer Report

There was a presentation on Catholicism.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

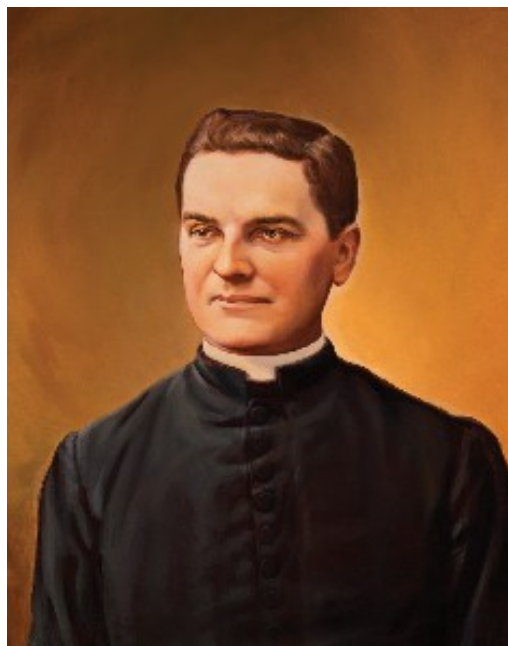
Knight's Gathering at the Koenig Home





More Photos from the Koenig Home





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.



WGK Matt Waverly awarding one of this year's scholarship winners, Brianna Hodgson. Her proud mother Carrie is to the left.

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June Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 7: Knight's Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.

Tuesday, June 2 Knight's Prayers of the Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel at 5:15 PM.

Wednesday, June 3: Planning Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

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

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