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Knights of Columbus Offers Veneration of Major Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

By Columbia staff

June 23, 2026

New Haven, Connecticut — The Knights of Columbus have announced a veneration schedule for major relics of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a cloistered, contemplative nun known as the Apostle of the Sacred Heart. St. Margaret Mary's relics traveled to the United States under the custody of the Knights of Columbus for the U.S. Catholic bishops' June 11 consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The day following the consecration was the Catholic observance of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Thousands of faithful venerated the relics at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, and later at Orlando's St. James Cathedral.

Enclosed in an ornate reliquary, the first-class relics will be [available for public veneration at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center](#) at 1 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, from Wednesday, June 24 through Saturday, June 27. The McGivney Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission and parking.

During the week of Independence Day, the relics will visit two cities significant to America's 250th anniversary. First, they will visit the nation's capital, where they will be available for veneration Monday, June 29, through Wednesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and from Thursday, July 2 through Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC.

On July 5 and 6, the relics will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (commonly known as the Baltimore Basilica), 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD, the nation's first Catholic cathedral. Public veneration will begin on Sunday, July 5, beginning with a 10:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop William Lori, and continuing until 7 p.m. On Monday, July 6, the relics will be available for veneration from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore Basilica.

Minutes of the June Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on June 9, by Deputy Grand Knight Elect Bob Strazzo. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Grand Knight, 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 May were approved as written.

Membership Report

One Form 100 was given to an interested candidate.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner. Brother Koenig and his wife Nancy were thanked for hosting the family potluck at their home in May.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$15,186.53

Financial Secretary Report

Income –

Dinner - \$15

Bills –

Brother Simpson - \$138.55 Hospitality
Sunday donuts

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June Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****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 scheduled for the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15, is on hold until fall. Brother Renzelman was thanked for organizing the hosts this year. Brother Ragusano was thanked for preparing for and recording the prayers. Jackson 4th of July Parade is scheduled for the 3rd. OLOP requested a gift to be raffled off at the International Food Fair on June 27. The Council will provide soda bread for the event. A newly formed ministry – Band of Brothers to begin soon. Community service opportunity on June 13 to help clear weeds at the Stornetta residence. Volunteers shall meet at SKD at 7:30. Community service opportunity to clear weeds at the lower parking lot behind SKD

Unfinished Business

The 2026/2027 Budget was M/S/A. The slate of officers for the next Columbian year were M/S/A. Grand Knight Bob Strazzo, Deputy G.K. Phill Gonzalez, Chancellor Steve DeBenedet, Warden Jacob Schmidt, Treasurer Steve Bell, Recorder Dave Sanders, Advocate Mark Koenig, Inside Guard George Hoover, Outside Guard Patrick Stanish – Trustees Three Year Matt Waverly, Two Year Stan Renzelman, One Year Jack Magee

New Business

Steve Bell the appointed treasurer for Columbian year 2026/2027 shall be added to the El Dorado Savings bank Account. There was a M/S/A to pay the bills.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report on Vocations

It was reported that parishioners Jake LaBar and Natalie Mora have discerned to enter religious life.

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. Brother Maher is retiring again, and Good Day Sacramento will be covering the ceremony. Exposition of the Eucharist will be in lone on Friday June 12.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris provided a brief report and congratulated the new officers that will serve next year.

Good of the Order

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

Lecturer Report

There was a presentation on AI.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Worthy Treasurer Strazzo closed the meeting at 7:56.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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Events Calendar 2026-2027

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2026 until June 2027

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2026 until June 2027. Dinner at 6:00

Installation Mass (at SKD) and Picnic (installation and picnic at St Patrick's Hall), SKD 10 AM August 16, 2026, St Patrick's Hall at 12 PM

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sept 20, 2026, 4-7 PM Location TBD

Fall Dinner, Oktoberfest at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) Oct 3rd, 20262026

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 16, 17, & 18, 2026

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 8, 2026 (2nd Sunday)

Advent Party SKD, 5 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 4th, 2026

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 6, 2027

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) April 17th, 2027

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 8 PM May 16, 2026 (3rd Sunday)

Hospitality Donuts every 1st Sunday at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of month with 4 Sundays (August, November, January, May)

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



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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July Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 1: Planning Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Thursday, July 2: Weed-eating behind the parish center at 7:00 AM.

Friday, July 3: Independence Day Parade at Jackson Elementary at 8:00 AM.

Sunday, July 5: Knight's Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.

Tuesday, July 14: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

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