



April

Official Newsletter of St. Pius X Council 11101
Greensboro, NC

Special Points of Interest:

- April 1—Holy Thursday & PM Service
- April 2—Stations of the Cross 3 PM
- April 2—Passion of our Lord 7 PM
- April 3—Easter Vigil 8 PM
- April 4—Easter Sunday 9 & 11:30 AM services
- You **MUST** be registered for all services.

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Grand Knights Message



Worthy Brothers,

“What occupies your time?”

This is not only a valid question to ask ourselves in an effort to stay focused on the right things in life, but was the theme of last Saturday’s Charlotte Men’s Conference, which I attended along with 4 other members of our council. It was a day filled with motivational speakers, as well as Mass, reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I was struck early in the day when one of the first items on the agenda was the showing of the introductory video for the Knight’s “Into The Breach” series that we spent time in this past year as a council, and not only did I feel blessed to have had that resource available to all of us as Knights, but I was also convicted that I should go through that series again to recommit myself to the importance of standing for our principles.

The speakers all did a fine job with their presentations, which focused on our tendency to fall into bad habits and sinful behavior, into complacency and apathy, instead of boldly fulfilling our responsibilities as Catholic men to uphold and defend the values of God and of our Church. As Christians in the face of a world which seeks to distract us and drown out our faith in God alone, and the salvation bought for us at the price of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must remain ever vigilant and unfazed in our stand for the moral right and the sanctity of our families. First and foremost, we **MUST** carve out time in each day to devote ourselves and our families to prayer and the scriptures.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Jugis, and was immediately followed by the praying of the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and it was truly my honor to recite the Rosary to our Lady with roughly 150 other men, a very heartwarming experience. All-in-all an excellent day’s worth of conviction and grace

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Harvey

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District Deputy Report

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE K OF C

By Andrew Butler

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CN in 1882. Maybe you already knew that he envisioned a Catholic order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families.

But you probably didn't know these facts:

1. Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.



2. He was a heck of a baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including these MLB legends.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/mighty-mcgivney-at-bat.html>

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to Parish Priest, nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.

Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society; a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. They organized and participated in sports and theatrical productions. McGivney offered members a meeting space with books, magazines, newspapers and a piano. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, who — while drunk — shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Father McGivney visited him daily, and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

7. He was only 38 years old when he died.

And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut in the 19th century, when the Catholic population was growing, disease was common and the priests were overworked.

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8. He's on the path to sainthood.

His cause for canonization is moving quickly, and he was officially declared "Blessed" by the Holy See in 2020. You can help promote devotion to this Servant of God — click here to report favors and ask for prayers through the Father McGivney Guild.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/fmcgs/en/index.html>

9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died of tuberculosis, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of the disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings survived.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas:

- **Employment and finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
- **Substance abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
- **Family reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.
- **Return to the faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.



Friday April 23rd., 9:30 AM Until 6:30 PM
Due to still tight COVID protocols in place, we are asking donors to make an appointment. So we can manage the drive safely and efficiently.
Appointments can be made directly on the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org Or by contacting Mike Martin at mike.martin.wmi@gmail.com
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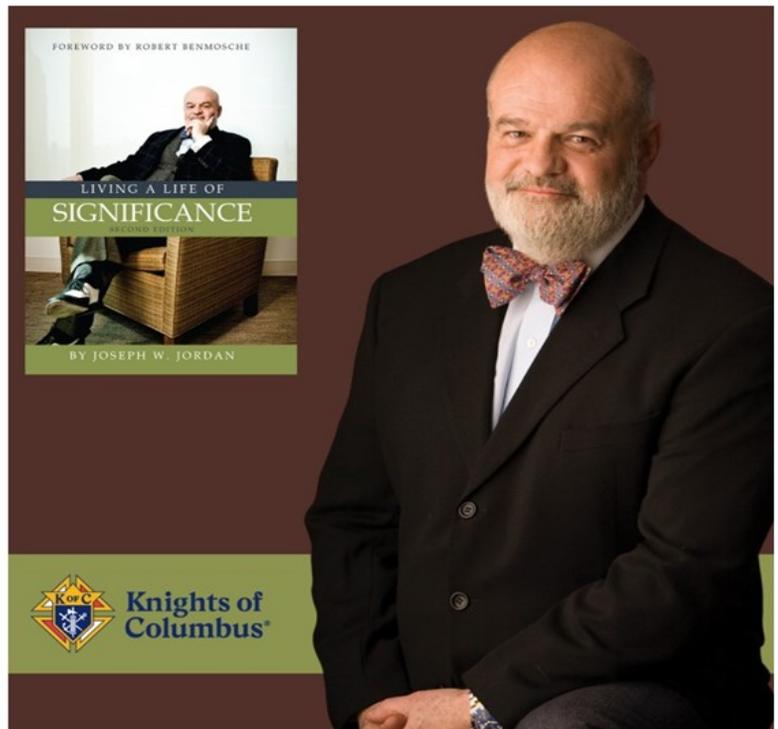
Stations of the Cross
4/2/2021
3:00 PM
Join your brother Knights and parish family
this Good Friday

State Wide Fraternal Benefits Night

**Joe Jordan presents:
“Building
Intergenerational
Wealth”**

**April 22, 2021
7 PM ET**

[Click here to register!](#)



Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss “Building Intergenerational Wealth,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly “Live a Significant Life.” Here are some of the topics Joe will cover:

- The importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan and a partner
- Why long-term care doesn’t have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. [Click here](#) to see Joe’s special message to the Knights. We look forward to Joe’s presentation on April 22 at 7 PM ET. [Click here](#) to register now!

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About Joe Jordan

Joe Jordan, inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert, is the author of the award-winning book *Living a Life of Significance*. His book is a call to action for financial professionals to think beyond just how much money they can make and to focus on the positive impact they have on others.

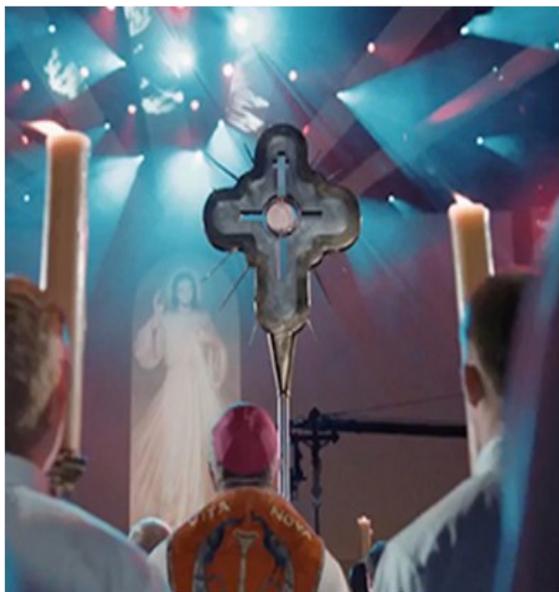
Joe has worked in financial planning and insurance for 46 years, and his book and presentations are designed to instill Christian values into the financial service business.

Joe is a Catholic, a Knight, and a member of Legatus, a Catholic CEO organization.

For three consecutive years, he has been honored by *Irish America* magazine as one of the "Top 50 Irish Americans on Wall Street."

He was inducted into the Fordham Football Hall of Fame and has played rugby for the New York Athletic Club for 30 years.

What is the Knights of Columbus ?



Fraternity of Faith

Joining the Knights of Columbus, you become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values—and on a shared desire to be the men of God has called you to be. Join your local council for even more support from Catholic men in your own neighborhood.

Opportunities for Charity

Knights give back to their communities and those in need around the world. Our charitable programs such as Coats for Kids, Food for Families, the Ultrasound Initiative and Christian Refugee Relief Fund answer Pope Francis call to serve those at the peripheries. Our partnership with the organizations like the Gary Sinise Foundation and Special Olympics, amplify our mission of service. Whether you volunteer with us or lend your financial support, you can trust that your work as a Knight is making the world a better place.

Ask a practical Catholic male over the age of 18 to join our organization to become a Better Catholic. Encourage them to join online and take the degree to become a full 3rd Degree Knight. Dues are free this year by using the code MCGIVENEY2020.

Family of the Month



April 2021 Grant & Christy Holmes

[Http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm](http://stpiusxcouncil11101.org/fom.htm)

Check our website for more information on the Family & Knight of the Month

Knight of the Month



April 2021 Vic Fama

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Business Meetings—
Second Thursday of the Month

Officers & Directors Meeting -
Monday before the Business
Meeting

All Meetings in the Simmons Par-
ish Center at 7:00 pm

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Brothers

Each month I am asked to submit a news article for your council newsletter and each month I spend a significant amount of time thinking of a way to move my fellow Knights to action and meet with me to develop a financial plan for **YOUR** future. I usually hear things like “I am all set” or “I have an advisor” or “I am too old” or “too unhealthy” for insurance; just to name the top few.

In a word “Perception”. You perceive yourself as being “all set” or “I already have an advisor” as though one person or one thought is the perfect plan. The truth is the perfect plan does not exist, it can’t, there are too many constantly changing variables that exist to prevent anyone from coming up with the “perfect plan” The truth is you need several different people/professionals in your life to make recommendations on what they think is the best course of action at that time. This is one of the enormous day to day challenges I face in trying to protect my fellow Catholics. The important point is to have a plan, forget the perfect plan, just have a plan.

This is why, when I meet with my brother Knights, I tend to focus on a holistic approach. That is something that most advisors really cannot say! So, I am not saying that I have all the answers just maybe my perception about how to manage all those constantly changing variables can fine tune your “all set” plan. If you don’t have a plan the good news is there is still time, you are not “too old” or “too unhealthy” for insurance. It’s not about insurance, it’s about having a plan!
Let’s sit down, have a cup of coffee, and get to know each other and discuss how I may be able to help you with your plan.

May God bless



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