

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

**FAITH** – The goal of our faith programs are to strengthen men and their families in the faith. Faith in Action Family Programs are designed to draw Brothers closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way — whether through helping the future shepherds of the mother Church, quiet contemplation in a spiritual reflection program, or honoring Mary, Mother of God. These programs strive to arm us for the spiritual battle that we and families face daily.

**FAMILY** - Programs within this category are developed for families, by families. Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be quite a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith when there is such limited exposure. Our family programs are an evolution and response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. We must make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and to each other. Father McGivney's vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength, as holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. Put plainly, the majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs help us to live this call.

**COMMUNITY** – As Knights, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families or in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. Conducting community focused programs positively

shape our community by addressing the needs of its citizens.

**LIFE** - The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II, 1995).

The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Our Council stands ready to assist any pregnant woman in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, empower those with special needs to realize their full potential, and bring attention to the injustices of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about

- Our Order
- Our Council
- Our Activities
- Our Insurance Program
- Joining our Brotherhood

Please reach out to our Grand Knight, whose number can be found in the Parish Bulletin or send us an e-mail at

[mothersetoncouncil6922@gmail.com](mailto:mothersetoncouncil6922@gmail.com)

**May God Bless You and Keep You Safe**

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord**

**Vivat Jesus!**



**KNIGHTS  
OF  
COLUMBUS**



**MOTHER SETON COUNCIL 6922**

**ST. PAUL PARISH**



## OUR COUNCIL'S HISTORY

Mother Seton Council #6922 was established at St. Paul Parish in 1977 with the approval and assistance of Father John Hannon under the leadership of our first Grand Knight William White. This was only twelve short years after the first mass was celebrated at our current location on Florin Road. Father Hannon recognized the need for a Council in an effort to focus on the greater inclusion of the laity in parish governance and liturgical preparation. This effort was a result of the Second Vatican Council's reemphasis on the church members as "the people of God" in the operations of church and parish organizations as well as the unfortunate reality of the increasing shortage of priests and religious who had formally guided many of these organizations.

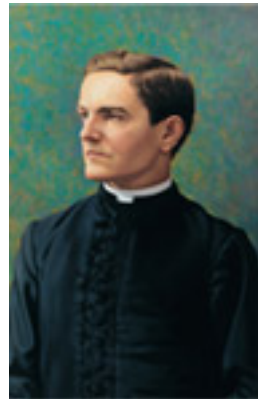
Since our inception, we have had 37 Grand Knights who have had the honor of leading a multitude of fine Catholic gentlemen in service to our church and community. Our Council, currently composed of approximately 150 members is one of almost 16,000 councils comprised of 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic,

Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR ORDER

Our Order was established in 1882, thanks to the efforts of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican. Father McGivney founded the Knights to meet the practical needs in his community, during a time marked by hostility toward Catholic immigrants and dangerous working conditions in factories that left many families fatherless. He gathered a group of men and proposed the establishment of a lay organization, the goal of which would be to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.

As a symbol that allegiance to our country does not conflict with allegiance to our faith, the organization's members took as their patron, Christopher Columbus – recognized as a Catholic and celebrated discoverer of America.



**Father Michael J. McGivney**  
**Founder of the Knights of Columbus**



## OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

**CHARITY** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Our members show love for their neighbors by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**UNITY** – None of us is as good as all of us. Our members all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.

**FRATERNITY** – The venerable Michael J. McGivney founded our Order, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

**PATRIOTISM** – Our members, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country and believe in standing up for both.