



## Faithful Navigator

Dear Sir Knights,

I hope and pray that God has protected you and your families and that you enjoyed the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ and had a very Blessed Christmas.

Well! We have weathered a very challenging year in 2020 and look forward to a better 2021. We still will be restricted and challenged for at least the first half of this new year but expect that through our ongoing prayers and Gods plan that we will come out stronger and better. We must continue praying to our Blessed Michael J. McGivney asking for his support and guidance while believing that, *with God*, we will persevere.

Our Last scheduled meeting on December 3 fell short of meeting a quorum of 10. This was a bit disappointing and got me to thinking. Our last formal meeting was back on October 1, as we had the memorial mass in November. Well, it's time to make some changes as our meetings are not working as they should and after reviewing the past year and all the challenges faced and are still facing, I invite and encourage each of you to join me at our first Virtual meeting on January 7, 2021. We will continue with reciting the Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by a new and short business meeting.

Just a few weeks ago I attended a virtual Funeral for a Brother Knight and obtained a copy of his obituary. It was amazing to learn so many things that he and his family were involved in, the skills that he had and the many accomplishments realized. I am willing to bet that we could all learn so much from each other and help us to become better Sir Knights and a better Assembly. So why wait until someone writes an obituary about us.

At our January meeting I would like to begin this process by opening the floor to each of you so that you can begin that journey. Here is a couple of questions to consider for that next meeting: *"Tell us about yourself and your family" or "Why did I become a Knight?"*.

For our February 4 meeting *I have invited a guest speaker* that will attend and discuss some of his experiences in dealing with the challenges of our time.

We will be *continuing our 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Rosary on Sunday, January 31*. We will meet and pray the rosary at St. Anthony's in Hughson after the 8:30 am mass at Mary's Garden. It sure would be nice to have more of you join in as this is an important step as we evolve.

I personally look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our virtual meetings and welcome your ideas and support. I am proud of all of you and the support that you have shown me. Remember that when we band together, we become a greater force for the good. Let's "MAKE IT HAPPEN".

May you and your Families have a very Happy New Year. May God Protect, Guide, and keep you and your families safe and healthy.

As our State Deputy states: **"Be BOLD! Be proud of WHO are and What you are"**. Blessed Fr. McGivney pray for us and our families and please guide us on our journey here in this world.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Lou Gervais your FN*

## Dear Brother Knights, A very Happy New Year.

May this new year come as a blessing to all of you and your families. The birth of the new year is also a birth of hope. Let us celebrate hope as one family of Knights. We leave behind 2020 with all its challenges. That was an unforgettable year. It caused pain, it wounded us deeply. Globally it emerged as an arrogant enemy against human survival. Life and livelihoods are threatened. Starvation is a reality to nearly 122 million people in the world. It was an existential disruption. But 2020 is not the story of human submission, it is the story of human resilience. As the doors of 2020 were closing, the scientists have won a strategic battle against our enemy. The vaccine came with an astonishing speed. Hope is in the horizon. Covid also will end.

My prayer and wish that this New Year 2021 bring you peace, joy, love, unity and progress to all of us. Progress in your own vocation, in your own profession, progress also particularly in spirituality, progress in holiness and progress in going towards the Lord.

It is very appropriate to begin the New Year 2021 on the Solemnity of the Mary the Holy Mother of God, which reminds us to rely on the powerful intercession of our heavenly Mother. Mary is called the Mother of God for the simple fact that her Son is God. We can speak so much about our Mother Mary, her humility, her gratitude, her pondering everything in silence, her virtues of love, service, her obedience to the will of God and above all her total faith and trust in God and her attitude of openness to God accepting everything that came from the hand of the Lord. You and I are her children, so children have to be like their mother imitating her qualities, Mother Mary taught us to say "Yes" perhaps we also have to gradually learn to say yes in our life to God. We need to say yes to all that come from God.

As Pope Francis said on the New Year day that we need to entrust ourselves, our anxieties, our torments to our Mother who can do everything for us. Mary watches over us with Maternal tenderness just as she watches over her son Baby Jesus. This New Year is given as a gift to us by God, we must spend it for our human and spiritual growth, we have to put an end to hatred and division and take care of each other and creation, we have to build up relationships and not to destroy. We have to grow in the "culture of love and care for one another" as a path to peace. Mary our Mother pray for us to obtain that perfect peace from God which our world needs right now.

I would like to end this small article with a priestly blessing from the Book of Numbers as my prayer for you and your families: The Lord Bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you Peace! Amen.

Blessed Father Michael McGivney – Pray for us.

*Fr. Raju Gudimalla, Faithful Friar*

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**Sir Knights Corner**

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- Maintaining and reporting the birthdays of all Sir Knights for that specific month.
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**Reminder of our Virtual Meeting**  
**1/07**

***Rosary starts at 6:30pm***

**Dues Reminder**

**Check your mail in the coming week for your Dues Statement for 2021**

***Make sure that you make the check out to “Msgr. Gruber Assembly 3340”***

**Happy Birthday to our Sir Knights celebrating in January**

Les Brenner	01-09	Scott Kahl	01-23
Kevin Chiesa	01-09	Joe Arias	01-25
William Ruiz	01-12	Julius Ballestero	01-29
Juan Larios	01-21		