

Knightly Newsletter

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St. Mary's of the Annunciation Catholic Church, Oakdale, CA

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Dear Brother Knights,

It is no secret that our country is severely divided and headed down the wrong road due to corruption, disregard for human life, and a practical denial of God in our lives. As Catholic Christians, we can and must do all in our power to change the direction our country is headed and we do that by repenting our own sinfulness and returning to living and practicing our faith.

To help us make this change, let us turn to St. Michael who is the servant of God for fighting the devil and all evil. The following is a short history lesson on the Prayer to St. Michael.

Pope Leo XIII wrote the Saint Michael prayer, printed below, in 1884, after supposedly seeing a frightening vision: evil spirits, trying to fulfill Satan's boast to destroy our Lord's Church within a century, were engaging in fierce attacks against it.

Although the Pontiff also saw St. Michael casting Satan (also known as the devil) and his demons back into Hell in his vision, he was so horrified by what he had seen he felt compelled to help defend our faith in this struggle.

In the Saint Michael Prayer he throws down the gauntlet to "the father of lies" as Jesus calls the devil in John's Gospel (8:44), by enlisting the help of a very special Archangel:

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Brothers,

In this month we gather to give thanks. As we prepare for this Thanksgiving holiday let's continue to pray for one another. That we may not be divided by any political issues because we're all brothers and sisters in Christ. This pandemic is still very strong and we may not be able to gather like we have done in the past. May God comfort us, guide us, and keep our community safe and healthy. Lend a helping hand to those in need and may we have a blessed month. Blessing to all of you.

Grand Knight Rogelio Royce Flores III

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 1 All Saints Day

Nov 2 All Souls Day

Nov 3 Election Day

Nov 5 Memorial Mass to honor deceased Sir Knights. St. Anthony's Hughson 6pm

Nov 10 Council Meeting (On-site & Zoom), 7pm

Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Nov 15 Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ, Sun 11-2pm

Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day

**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly
Host,
by the Divine Power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam throughout the world seeking
the ruin of souls.**

Fr. Dick Morse, OSFS

KNIGHTS CORNER

This month, we are getting to know our Grand Knight, Royce Flores. I was visiting with him on the night of our live rosary, and asking him about his faith, family and our council. Here's what he had to say...

Who inspired me to come to church? Who guided me with so much love? It was my loving grandmother Mila Flores. She would ask me to go to mass with her every week. I never refused that request, and for that I am grateful. I loved going to mass and now I love it so much more. Growing up in Oakdale has been a joy. I feel truly grateful and blessed to now raise my own family here. I married my amazing wife 17 years ago and I can say that I took my faith more serious. We have three beautiful kids, who are also starting to walk with faith.

I started my walk with the Knights of Columbus about eight years ago. I feel so honored to be a part of this brotherhood. I have learned so much and I pray that I continue to learn, grow and serve my church and brothers and sisters. I thank God every day for everything he has giving me. "With God all things are possible"

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Eugene Klundt 4th	John Vieira 15th
John Aguilar 5th	Ralph Goeken 17th
Alois Duesterhaus 15th	Joseph Carrillo 27th

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

How well do you know your faith? Do you ever get questions like these:

"Why do you Catholics worship statues? And why do you worship Mary? Why do you call your priests 'Father'? and Purgatory? Where's that in the bible?"

Some claims about what we believe are just plain false. Some are beliefs that we've been taught by the apostles and the Christian church for 2000 years, and which have been dropped in the protestant traditions. In Catholicism, *we have the fullness of truth!* How well prepared are you to give an answer and defend your faith?

If you're a little weak, check out FORMED. Our parish offers a subscription to this online resource. To register, go to formed.org/signup, select your parish (St. Mary's Oakdale CA). This will open up lots of videos, audios, articles, bible studies, etc. to strengthen your faith formation.

Please pray for those on our prayer list: Lou Gervais' wife Lois, Past Grand Knight Kim Contreras' wife Lori, Richard De Antonio, Bruce Lilly, and Viriato Santos.

EDITOR'S NOTE

For additions, deletions, or corrections to the prayer list, contact your Chancellor, Danny Costello at (209) 840-0677 or dancmsw@icloud.com, or for this newsletter, contact Joe Lilly at (209) 559-1409 or joe@jmlilly.com



District Deputy Report November 2020

Worthy Brothers,

We have reached a new milestone and made history once again as our founder, Fr. McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020. We were given the opportunity by Supreme to participate in a special Novena that started on October 22 before the Beatification of Father McGivney that hopefully you took advantage of. At the last annual report our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson announced the creation of a new pilgrimage destination named for the Order's founder that will be known as the "Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center". This new center will be located where the current Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Connecticut. Father McGivney served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia". Father McGivney's remains are interred at St. Mary's in New Haven.

Do not forget to vote. Check out the details on our Chapter Homepage: <https://kofcchap6ca.org/>

The COVID-19 is now in its eighth month and the flu season is begun. The CA fires are finally under control and have left an aftermath of much destruction. The air quality is finally improving giving us the opportunity to engage in outdoor activities once again. We are finally graduated to the "Red" zone, but it is more than likely that we will once again go back up to the "Purple Zone" as everything around is beginning to climb back up. We need to continue praying for the full containment of the COVID-19 virus and the successful development, release, and distribution of a vaccine to fully protect us.

For the month of November, as we continue on our path with our focus on: "[NOVEMBER HELPING HANDS](#)". Put your faith into action and help those less fortunate in your community! In the model of Knights of Columbus founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, councils will lead efforts to assist those most in need. Guidelines for this program are broad and can include forming partnerships with local aid organizations.

We are still at a point in time where we must focus on "**What we can Do**". The programs that our Supreme and State Councils have identified promote doing just that "**remotely**."

Be Bold! Be proud of who you are and what you are!

May God Bless, Protect, and Guide you and your families in maintaining your Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Health. Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Pray for us. May you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe and healthy.

Lou Gervais, District Deputy 53 (DD-53)

P.S. Don't forget the reference our website often for the most current info with all the resources needed for each of your councils and members.

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