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Getting to Know a Brother Knight

**Jim Burkhardt - Grand Knight
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How and why did you to join the Knights of Columbus?

In 1993, my wife and I moved to Fremont, Nebraska where I was hired to work as a police officer. In 1994, a friend of ours Paul Carlson was a member St. Patrick's K of C Council 2261 in Fremont and he encouraged me to join. I wanted to get involved to serve our church and to get to know others.

Tell me about your work and family?

In 1976, I enrolled at Kearney State College (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney) to become an elementary physical education teacher. In my junior year, I began working full-time as a corrections officer in a county jail. This fueled my interest in a law enforcement career. In 1981, I graduated with a major in criminal justice. For ten years I worked as a patrol deputy, patrolman, corporal and detective in Nebraska. In 1987, I began a career as a federal agent-criminal investigator and worked for the U. S. government until 2014 when I retired. In 1978, I met my wife, Lisa in college. On June 30, 1979 we were married in the church where Lisa attended as a child, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Platte, Nebraska. We currently have three children and three grandchildren.



In 2019, my wife and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. The whole family rented cabins at Farragut State Park near Athol, Idaho to commemorate the event. Pictured from left is: Jim, (wife) Lisa, (son-in-law) Jacob, (daughter) Jamie, (grandchildren) Hailey, Connor, Annie, (son) Ben, (daughter-in-law) Michelle, (son) Matt. Our daughter-in-law, Michelle designed and made the custom tee shirts.

What do you like to do for fun?

Two years ago, our Knights council sponsored an outdoor sports group. Every Friday year-round our group hikes, bikes, kayaks or snowshoes at various locations in northern Idaho, eastern Washington and western Montana. In the summer, I enjoy gardening. In 2018, we purchased a new Harley trike and we travel on the motorcycle extensively throughout the Inland Northwest. I also enjoy refinishing antique furniture and turkey hunting.

Miracle Approved! Father McGivney to be Beatified!

KC Knightline Special, 5-29-20

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27, 2020) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.



The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

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

By Andrew Butler (3-28-19)

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FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY IS A TIMELESS WITNESS TO THE FAITH

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn. 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](#).

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.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

His cause for canonization is open, and he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008. You can help promote devotion to this Servant of God — [click here to join the Father McGivney Guild](#).

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 (from [Columbia magazine](#)):

- 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.

Baby healed through Father McGivney's prayers

By Christine Rousselle

Washington, D.C. (CNA) - Catholics have a whole host of saints to choose from in times of trouble or anguish. But when the Schachle family of Dickson, Tenn., needed a saint – and a miracle – they went a different route.

When Michelle Schachle found out that her 13th child not only had Down syndrome, but fetal hydrops – an uncommon, typically fatal condition where fluid builds up around the vital organs of an unborn child – she and her husband appealed to Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, for help.

The unborn Schachle was given no hope; the combination of fetal hydrops and Down syndrome meant that he had no chance of survival.

"The doctor that ran the neonatal high risk clinic at Vanderbilt University told us that she had been doing this for 30 years and she had never seen a child survive the diagnosis," the baby's father said. Michelle had already had one stillborn child and was overcome with fear that it would happen again.

Asking Father McGivney for his intercession was a no-brainer for the Schachle family. Daniel works for the Knights of Columbus and had previously been Grand Knight of his local council. The Schachles even dubbed their homeschool the "Father McGivney

Academy."

"We've worn out his prayer card over the years," said Daniel. "We knew that (Father McGivney) looked out over our family, and we looked to him a lot and asked him to pray for us," he said, noting that Father McGivney had answered prayers "many times" for their family.

When they prayed for their unborn baby, Father McGivney came through again in a big way. With hundreds of people praying for McGivney's intervention for her child, and following a quick pilgrimage to Fatima with the Knights of Columbus, Michelle's next ultrasound showed no sign of fetal hydrops.

Learning her son would likely survive his birth sent Michelle into "a lot of shock" and that the rest of that day was a blur, her husband said. One thing Michelle clearly remembers, however, is being asked by her doctor what she would name her baby. Until that day she and her husband had planned to name the baby Benedict. But when she heard that her child had been healed, Michelle knew he had to be named Michael, in honor of McGivney.

On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis confirmed what the Schachles already knew: they had witnessed a miracle. After extensive medical examination, the unexplained healing of Michael was decreed a miracle that arose through the intercession of Father

McGivney.

As a result of that miracle, McGivney will be beatified, and referred to as Blessed Michael McGivney.

During the investigation into Michael's healing from fetal hydrops, the Schachles were repeatedly asked why they did not pray for Michael's healing from Down syndrome as well. They explained that they viewed a child with Down syndrome as a "blessing" to their family, and that they were only concerned about him being born alive.

Michelle delivered her son in an emergency cesarean section after just 31 weeks gestation. Michael weighed only 3 pounds 4 ounces, and spent the first 10 weeks and one day of his life in the hospital.

Michael was born on May 15, 2015. They call him Mikey. Today, he is a happy and active 5-year-old. He has no conditions related to his prematurity or fetal hydrops, and, by his family's account, he's thriving.



Michael Schachle was healed through the prayers of Blessed Michael McGivney. (CNA photo)

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Peaceful Protest – Pocatello

On Saturday, June 6th 600 to 800 protestors descended on Caldwell Park in Pocatello to voice their opinion on the justice / injustice for "Black Lives Matter". This march with guest presentations was instigated following the aftermath of the recent George Floyd murder in Minneapolis. Thanks to Sir Knights Jim Price (Bishop Gorman Assembly Faithful Navigator) and Tom Reding for attending on behalf of the Pocatello/Chubbuck Knights of Columbus. Hopefully there were other KC's in the crowd but their identities were unknown but thanks to you as well for showing your support for the obvious reform needed in our country.





Knights of Columbus
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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY HIGHLIGHT Kerry Hennessy - District 1

My fellow Knights of Columbus, are you tired of the Covid-19 virus? I know that I am! I find myself feeling less anxious about this virus that has claimed over 120,000 lives in the United States alone. This virus has caused an amazing amount of sorrow, hardship and grief. When the pandemic hit full stride, I witnessed our governments were at a loss of calculable next steps that the people of this nation had to perform to be safe. So, we were told to 'STAY HOME', which most people did. The economy suffered tremendously, mental wellness was a strain (still is for me), and we are hopefully recovering from just these two conditions.

As the governments allowed more freedom of movement back into society while still practicing social distancing, life seemed to get back to somewhat of a normal lifestyle. This was a big relief to me, being able to go to the store with a little more frequency and the feeling that the Governor was not watching over my shoulder to make sure that I was being safe in my travels.

This relief I have noticed, is being practiced by the majority of the population. So much that we are seeing a spike in new cases again. Are you letting this new freedom cloud your judgment of being safe with social distancing, hygiene and not meeting in groups? This freedom and relaxed safety policy has taken me by surprise as I am doing what everyone is doing, acting like the virus is gone.

As a District Deputy, I met with a Council last week to discuss year end duties. We were 'distancing', wearing masks and not touching our faces! Today I find out one of the attendees recently was exposed to a person that was confirmed to have Covid-19. This news burst my safety bubble in that I wondered how I could have let my guard down and put myself in this situation.

Long story short, the person at the meeting has not tested positive, he possibly was exposed the day after our meeting.

So please, do not put yourselves in a situation that might expose you and if you do find yourself in a group situation, 'distance, hygiene and face mask'. We need to continue to practice safety until Covid-19 has a vaccine!

BE SAFE! DISTANCE! HYGIENE! MASKS! MASKS! MASKS!

Faternally Yours.

St Pius X, Council 11623 - Coeur d'Alene

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Our parish and council are finally starting to see activities open up after the long lockdown from the corona virus. Most of us are now enjoying the opportunity to attend mass again and now there will be a council meeting scheduled for June 10th at 7 pm at the parish center. Our plan is to still award a scholarship to a graduating senior from our parish. I know we have at least one application for the Father LaChance senior scholarship. Our council will elect a new slate of officers for the 2020/21 fraternal year at our upcoming meeting. Please try to attend this meeting if you can. The Knights have been requested to help usher for the weekend masses for at least the next few weeks. There is need for 3 Knights at each mass to help in seating parishioners in designated pews and designated portions of these pews along with directing parishioners to communion and helping cleaning the pews after mass. Please help if you can and consider wearing your vests. Our commitment for helping usher has been very limited and we could really use more help. Our council is in the running for another star council award for this fraternal year. We now have the two new members to reach our recruitment requirement: Dennis Edelbrock and Darryl Burnett. If you have a fellow parishioner who has expressed interest in joining the Knights, please ask them to join. Our council is planning an exemplification ceremony in the next couple weeks. If you are first degree Knight, this is a great opportunity to become a third degree Knight. Your wife and families are encouraged to attend the new exemplification ceremony. Please consider becoming a third degree Knight. I am looking forward to seeing all of my brother Knights at our upcoming council meeting. My prayer is that everyone stays healthy and May God Bless.

Tom Tintinger



Getting to Know a Brother Knight

How and why did you to join the Knights of Columbus?

Dave Molitor - Newsletter Editor
(July 2015 to now)

Even though I am a cradle Catholic and grew up in Boise going to St. Mary's grade school and Bishop Kelly high school I don't recall ever having heard of the Knights of Columbus. I attended Oregon State University from 1971-75 graduating with a BS in Business with a minor in Psychology. I then worked for Standard Insurance out of Portland, OR and was moved to Oakland, CA. Found out fast big city life was not for me so I moved back to Idaho and hooked up with Blue Shield of Idaho in Lewiston and soon after transferred to Pocatello. Mary Kay and I got married in September 1978 and will soon celebrate our 42nd anniversary. We have been parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish since the day we got here. I still had no idea who or what the KC's were all about. It did not take long before Al Rosa (Idaho Knight of the Year in 1987) put his talons into me and eventually convinced me to join Pocatello Council 892 in 1984. I was knighted into the Bishop Gorman Assembly in 1987. Since then I have held every Chair in the Council and have been the Assembly Comptroller since July 2004. So it took some time but the KC's have been in my blood now for 36 years. I recently became an Honorary member.



Grandkids L to R: (1) Easton; (2) Gwyneth; (3) Camryn; (4) Graham; (5) Noelle; and (6) Tenley.

Tell me about your work and family?

As mentioned I worked for Blue Shield until 1981; started my radio career with KSEI/KMGI in Pocatello in the fall of 1981 and that lasted until 2004 when I decided I needed a change. I became the Idaho State University golf coach from the fall of 2004 to spring 2009. In the fall of that year I resurrected my radio career at KISU Public Radio and have been there to this day. Mary Kay and I have two sons Jeffrey (39) and Anthony (36). Jeff and Taryn have four children (#'s 1, 3, 4 and 6 in the photo) and they live in Post Falls. Anthony and Allison have two kids (#'s 2 and 5) and they hang their hats in Meridian.

What do you like to do for fun?

Mary Kay and I have very similar tastes in amusement. We both like Hallmark heater; and partake in attending ISU Volleyball and Basketball games. Our downtime typically turns to doing crossword puzzles and reading. We had not done a jigsaw puzzle for decades until the COVID-19 outbreak brought us back to that avocation. Lucky Mary Kay's niece and sister in Boise have been sending us a number of puzzles. We try to hit the road as often as possible to visit the kids and grandkids but the virus has curtailed that this. Mary Kay likes to get with some of her friends to do crafts for the CCW Fall Festival and I have been known to play golf!

THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Fraternal New Year and Happy Independence Day! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue to work and figure out ways to move forward in our new world of social distancing. We are going through a lot of change as we continue to figure out ways to serve our families, our faith, and our communities with our good work as members of the Knights of Columbus.

I am writing this note in the midst of my second Father's Day without my Dad here on earth. To say I miss him is an understatement. All I can say is I was glad to take 3 or 4 vacations a year to go back to North Dakota and visit with him while he was still alive. I am pretty sure he looked as forward to my trips back as I did going, which brings up the primary topic we should be addressing with our brother Knights during these trying times. The Knights of Columbus Leave No Neighbor Behind program is encouraging us to reach out to our brother Knights along with stressing the need to donate blood and helping the food pantries. Now that nursing homes are opening up can you spare some time to try to visit a brother Knight or a neighbor? Can we take the time to at least call some of the Knights in our councils to see how they are doing?

Vivat Jesus.

