

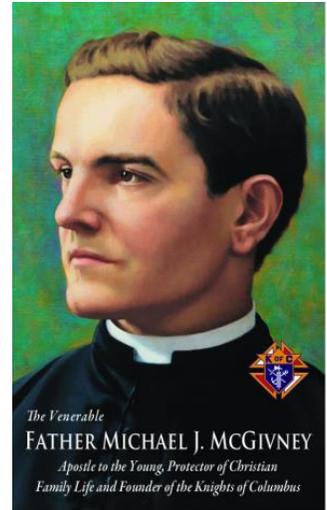


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SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII COUNCIL 1837 – Knights of Columbus



February 2026



Our Founder
Father Michael J. McGivney

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights

Your Council 1837 just received two awards for the 2024-25 fraternal year. They are the **Columbian Award** and the **Founders' Award**. The awards will be presented at our council meeting Thursday February 12.

The **Columbian Award** recognizes a council for the completion of 16 programs. Four each in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Examples of these programs include events like the Baby Bottle Drive, The Sacred Heart Icon, The Memorial Service for deceased Knights, and the 3rd Sunday donut get-togethers after Mass. For this Fraternal year the Council is well on the way to completing the sixteen required programs.

The **Founders' Award** recognizes council for promoting Knights of Columbus insurance and other fraternal benefits. To earn this award the council must hold two Fraternal Benefit events: in our case 14 or more members in attendance. For this Fraternal year the Council held one event with 8 members in attendance. We need to hold one more event with at least 6 different members attending. Achieving this award is attainable.

There is a third award presented to councils. The Father McGivney Award. This award recognizes a council for meeting or exceeding the annual membership quota; in our case 9

new members. This is an area our council as well as other councils in our district have struggled with the last few years. I am planning a membership drive in April possibly the 18th & 19th. In the mean time if you know someone who is not a Knight talk with them and suggest that they should become a Knight.

Being a Knight of Columbus is not about receiving awards. When a council does receive an award it indicates the council is active and achieving the Vision of Fr. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus

Dan Tess
Grand Knight

Spiritual Advisor

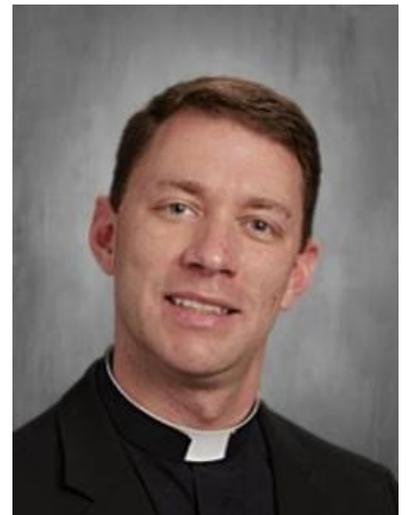


Brothers,

In just about a week, we begin the sacred season of Lent. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the hallmarks of this season and direct our hearts back to the Lord. It is a time of introspection with a serious examination of the conscience and intentional conversion. It's not only removing the bad from our lives, but also the good things that, when disordered, keep us from growing closer to the Lord and even cause the spiritual life to grow cold. A soul inflamed with the grace of God; however, is in a position to know the Lord in a deeper way. It is the refiner's fire we hear in the psalms. In the fire of God, our soul is purified and cleansed with the idols, distractions, and sins burned to ash and dust. Only then, are our souls on fire with the love of God –on fire, but not consumed.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. William Arnold



UPCOMING EVENTS

- There was no January Meeting due to Illness and Cold
- Return all remaining Baby Bottles to the Pregnancy Support Center
- General Meeting – **Feb 12th**
- 4th Degree Benvenuto's Fundraiser – **Feb 17th 11AM-9PM**
- Dues due for the 2026 Calendar Year.
- Collecting Cans for Lent in the Narthex Through the Lenten Season
- Officer's Meeting – **March 5th**
- General Meeting – **March 12th**
- Membership Drive – **April 18th and 19th**
- Wisconsin KOC Statewide Raffle Tickets due – **April 24th, 2026** to Jim Maulthauf. Easiest if you bring to the meetings.
- State Convention – **May 15-17**
- Holy Hill Ushering – **September 20th 10AM and 12PM** Services
 - I am Early But wanted to Get the Save the date out there

Three Vacant Positions In Our Council

Our council is in a tough place currently with three vacant positions open, yet to be filled. If you or another Brother Knight are interested in any of these positions please reach out to our Grand Knight, Dan Tess, as I am sure he would love to fill any and all of these positions. If there are any questions on these positions as well please feel free to reach out.

Deputy Grand Knight – OPEN

Chancellor – OPEN

Recorder – Arden Howey Temporarily Covering unless someone would like to fill this role

Baby Bottle Fund Raiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County

Thank you to all who helped hand out and collect Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy support center fundraiser. Once we get final tally's we will share that information with the group. But as for outstanding Baby Bottles if anyone is still looking to return theirs, they can do so by taking directly to the Pregnancy Support Center during their business hours.

Thank you all again for a successful Baby Bottle Drive. \$9,222.00 has been collected thus far and we are expecting some more to trickle in. We will update our final numbers when we know. Thanks again to Mark Barrette for helping organize and the Kalinosky family for always storing and helping get the bottles filled for the season.

Dues Statements & Raffle Tickets

The dues statements and raffle tickets will be available for you to pick up at each meeting if they have not been passed out locally yet. We are not able to mail raffle tickets so if you have not picked yours up yet please do. Or consider delivery to a Knight you know or live near.

Please remember to bring your dues as soon as possible as this makes Brian Laufenberg's life a lot easier.

The raffle tickets are due by **April 24th, 2026** to Jim Maulthauf. Easiest if you bring to the meetings.

Thanks.

4th Degree Fat Tuesday at Benvenuto's

All please help support our 4th degree by choosing to dine in or take out at Benvenuto's in Beaver Dam on 2/17/26. You must mention the Knights of Columbus or bring in this flyer to have the proceeds go toward this fundraiser.

Thanks

Coming Tuesday

("Fat Tuesday")

February 17th

A delicious way to support the
Knights of Columbus, Assembly 1206



**831 Park Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916**



Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1206 are partnering up for a dining day on the above date from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

You must mention the Knights of Columbus or bring an ad in with you for Benvenuto's to then donate 20% of your purchase to Assembly 1206. This offer applies to dine-in, carry-out, and/or delivery.

See You There!!

Knight and Family of the Month

All please help me in congratulating our Knight of the month and Family of the month. These are people that we see out in the community as well as the parish contributing to the Catholic faith. That being said the GK and Officers are the ones nominating and voting on these winners. Please, if you have any nominations, get them to an Officer or your GK Dan Tess prior to the officer's meetings. We want to make sure we are spreading the wealth to those we may not be thinking of. Just remember to keep this in the back of your head as you see others contributing day to day so we can keep recognizing those people.

Again a huge congrats to those for the February Knight and Family of the Month.

Knight of the Month Jack Hankes

Family of the Month Todd and Emily McCarthy

**February Birthdays
&
KOC Service Time**

Name		Age	KC Years
JON	GOETZ	67	43
DAVID	KALSCHEUR	78	28
JOHN	LEITING	62	28
THOMAS	LYNCH	82	46
DANIEL	NELSON	75	11
MARK	ROEDL	66	39
DENNIS	SCHNEIDER	79	46
ROLAND	VOELKER	71	34

**The Good of the Order
January Meeting
(No Meeting)**

Large Pot (no winner)	Small Pot

Departed Brothers and Families

**Harry Manning
Passed away 1 day before his 91st
Birthday. Please Pray for him and
his Family**

Please keep our departed brothers and their families in your prayers.

If you know or hear of a Brother Knight who passes away, please contact Jared Stofflet so that he may include it in our monthly cable. 920-382-3349 or stoffjar000@gmail.com