



# Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter



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## COUNCILS IN COLLABORATION

### President's Message:

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and safe. I would like to begin by thanking our outgoing President Jim Killigrew for his endless dedication to the Knights of Columbus. I will continue his mission on promoting the Chicago Chapter and increasing our presence in the state.

As I'm writing this letter I can't help thinking of what these past 6 months have been like. It is trying times for each of us in our commitments to keep our families safe, our belief in mankind and our devotion to our church. We must stay strong and be committed to our faith in God and country.

In the coming months we will be communicating to each of you by Chapter Newsletter, Chapter Web Page (Chicago Archdiocese of the Knights of Columbus), e-mails to DD's and GK's, to spread the word of the Knights.. My commitment will be to help any DD or GK that needs assistance or guidance or just someone to talk to. I will be working closely with our State Offices and keeping you all informed on the developments at the time.

To say that we have embarked upon some rather unique times doesn't even come close to describe the daily realities. Subsequently, our activities will be affected, as will our ability to gather for meetings in comradery, fellowship and conducting the business at hand. This will have, at least in the short term, an impact on scheduling and larger group

meetings. We must all make a commitment to have it all work out and for us to move forward.

Again, I commit myself and the officers of the Chicago Chapter to be at your service. I will be looking forward to meeting many of you over the upcoming fraternal year.

Sincerely Yours in Christ

*Stan*

Stan Wiejak, President  
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### Past President's Message:

Dear Brother Knights and Friends,

So much has changed since I wrote my last article in mid-February. At that time the COVID-19 pandemic had not altered so many aspects of our daily lives. I hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and healthy. If you or a loved one has been afflicted by the coronavirus, I pray for a full recovery. If someone close to you has succumbed to the virus, I offer my condolences for your loss.

When we need strength during these times, we can rely on the virtues of faith, hope, and love. Faith sustains us through each day. Hope allows us to envision a better future. Love of our fellow man inspires us to perform our charitable works. Those works are needed more than ever during the pandemic.

The closing of parishes and suspension of meetings has caused all of us to find different ways to carry on the work of our Order. However, the councils and assemblies have overcome many obstacles and are now conducting many of their meetings and activities online.

A while ago I solicited information from the Grand Knights across the archdiocese regarding activities that they had held during the

pandemic. Here a summary of some of the responses that I received:

- Council 1030 Browson: The council conducted their 55<sup>th</sup> annual Essay Contest for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Andrew School using Google Meet.
- Council 8022 St. Mary of Vernon: The council has conducted prayer, gospel readings, intercessions, and the rosary daily at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. In addition, the council honored groups of Northshore University Healthcare front line workers performing COVID-19 testing at two (2) local locations with lunch from City Barbeque in Vernon Hills.
- Council 4977 Holy Ghost: The council conducted a bottled water drive for St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Over the course of four (4) days, the council collected donation of bottled water and cash totaling over \$13,000.00.
- Assembly 2330 Bishop Sheil: The assembly held a brief Memorial Day service at St. Michael Cemetery in Palatine. Social distancing guidelines were followed during the service.

These are just a few of the activities that you have conducted during the pandemic. Thank you for all your efforts. I also want to thank all of you that had made plans to conduct a March for Kids



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Campaign for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in your parishes. All though most of the planned activities were not held due to cancellation of Masses, I still appreciate all the effort that you put into planning the campaigns.

As parishes reopen, I encourage all the councils to assist their pastors with the reopening activities. People are needed to serve as greeters and ushers at the Masses. In addition, people will be needed to clean and sanitize areas in the churches.

On Saturday, May 16, we held the Chicago Archdiocesan Caucus to elect our delegates to the Supreme Convention. Congratulations to **John Muldoon** and **Stan Wiejak** who were elected as our delegates.

Our chapter election was held using Google Forms. When the ballots were tallied the following officers were elected for the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year:



## Newly Elected Officers Archdiocesan Chapter 2020-2021

*President: Stan Wiejak*

*Vice President: Alex Tennant*

*Secretary: Wayne Bukovic*

*Treasurer: Bob Bukowski*

*Warden David: Jenkins*

*Inside Guard: James Posch*

*Outside Guard: Peter Justen*

*Trustee: James Killigrew*

*Trustee: Scott Hawkins*

*Trustee: John Lough*

On a personal note, my term as your chapter president ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you in this

capacity for the past two years. I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me. I am sure you will all offer Stan and his team the same support.

God Bless,

*Jim*

Jim Killigrew

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## COVID TIMES

If you would have told me six months ago, I would be meeting, praying, and taking action as a Knight of Columbus with my brother Knights and community, all through the internet or over the telephone, I would have looked to see if you were serious, or even a little off your rocker. No way!

The Knights would not meet online or broadcast meetings, conventions, or activities through online video because that is not what we are about. Sure, our programs are for our Communities, serving those in need and leading by practicing our Faith, but virtual meetings are too unsecured, and anyone might slip in and sabotage or otherwise wreak havoc and we cannot let that happen! Also, how can we function? How do we carry out our good deeds without meeting in person to: plan, vote, and discuss?

But fast forward six months later, and hundreds of online meetings, I would have to reflect that the unthinkable is now the new norm and while it has taken many adaptations initiated through Supreme Council and adapted through many different ways by local councils, that we ARE able to continue to answer the call by Fr. McGivney. It's not easy and the processes and innovations to serve certainly are still evolving,

but as evidenced through reports of activities and programs, Knights have demonstrated they can still be effective at organizing good works, and continue to be a power to stand and fight the Evil that continues to threaten our Faith and Community as a whole.

We have learned how to "social distance" with simple spacing, and hand washing, and wearing masks to thwart germ spreading. Some of those masks reflect our unconquerable spirit decorated with KofC logos, or some other appropriate designation to show that while we will be masked, we are still stewards of our community or at least supportive of the local sports team. The mask may bind our mouths, but will not silence us.

Make lemonade from lemons, was never a more true statement! That is what we do as Knights of Columbus, but also it is important to remember to leave no Brother behind. Some are unable to get out for legitimate health concerns and they also may not be able to participate in a webinar or online meeting due to technological limitations, so it is important to reach out to them through phone or mail and let them know we have not forgotten them.

We as Councils need to continue to evolve and figure out how to keep Council and Community involved despite technical or infectivity barriers. Brother Knights praying the rosary while walking throughout their parish community, socially distancing outside, and also following a route to visit those who are home bound and disconnected, is one simple way to reach out to lost knights, strengthen our resolve, and pray for an end to the many crises we are facing today.



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There are many ways we can continue to be Knights of Columbus; don't give up!

Once we have resolved that we will continue to: evangelize, support our Priests, serve our families and community, strengthen our Faith; we WILL find a way to do so and the Devil will be quaking in his frustration.

Vivat Jesus

*John Lough*

State Program Director  
Chicago Chapter Trustee



On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream.



## What is the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby?

The Chicago Ducky Derby is a signature annual fundraiser benefiting 23,000 athletes and over 13,000 Young Athletes for Special Olympics Illinois! Usually, thousands of spectators watch 60,000 yellow rubber ducks splash into the Chicago River in downtown Chicago and race down the river towards the finish line in person. This year we will not be congregating at the drop site, but everyone can still watch all the fun on [www.chicagoduckyderby.com](http://www.chicagoduckyderby.com) beginning with our virtual Family Festival at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The first place winner of the race will win a 2020 Chevy Equinox!

## How do I adopt a Duck?

Adopt a duck for only \$5 online by [clicking here](#) or form a Ducky Derby Sales Team! Get more chances to win by purchasing a Quack Pack (6 ducks for \$25), Flock of Ducks (24 ducks for \$100), or Diamond Duck Pack (240 ducks for \$1,000)!

## What if my Duck wins?

The winner will receive one of many great prizes including a 2020 Chevy Equinox, \$2,500 cash, a VIP experience at the 2020 or 2021 BMO Harris Bank Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, Chicago Blackhawks tickets, and more!

## How do I get involved?

Sales teams are forming now. Put together a group of friends, colleagues, or family members to join the fun. Teams compete for bragging rights and great prizes. To form a Sales Team [click here](#). For more information on starting a team or to volunteer, contact Emily Merkle at [emerkle@soill.org](mailto:emerkle@soill.org) or 224-283-2308.

## Duck Ambassador Mike McLaughlin



Special Olympics Illinois athlete Mike McLaughlin of Elmhurst, IL serves as this year's Duck Ambassador. He has been competing in since 1982. A graduate of York High School, he is employed at Jewel-Osco and has won countless gold, silver, and bronze medals in bocce, basketball, volleyball, bowling, swimming, track and field, tennis, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.



## FAITH IN ACTION ROSARY PROGRAM

Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer.



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The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order.

This program encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish and offer attending families a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service's A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319). Encourage families to read this booklet and learn how their faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary at home together regularly.



**PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN TO END ABORTION**



*"You are called to stand up for life! To respect & defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real*

*help & encouragement to Mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."*

*Pope Saint John Paul II*

You are cordially invited to celebrate life with the **Fr. Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing** At their first and hopefully last **STAY HOME FUNDRAISER.**

The women who have chosen life need your help more than ever during these trying times. See the attached flyer to explaining how **YOU CAN HELP.**

*Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive*



**The 51st Annual Drive will be held: September 18-19-20, 2020**

**Start Planning Now!**

The ID Drive for Sept, 2020 is a go at this point. The direction is to plan such as you normally do (get permits, candy orders, etc.) The caveat is if the government or local municipalities do something to prohibit it.

Our best guess is that ALL collectors probably should have at least a mask on. No one can predict with any accuracy the path this will all take, so we do our BEST and adjust if necessary. Also, please be advised that the shelf life of the tootsie Rolls is 3 years, so if by chance something does happen, all is not lost if it is stored properly etc.

## **Attention Hillinger Assembly Members Meeting Location Change**

Our current meeting location at Our Lady of Ransom is being converted into an Adoration Chapel forcing us to find a new location for our meetings.

We have found a new location at St. Catherine Laboure in Glenview.

We will start meeting there when our new fraternal year begins in September. More information will be included in our mailing of our yearly schedule in late August.



## **Register to Join the Guild**

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July and August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, go to:

[www.frmcgivneyguild.org](http://www.frmcgivneyguild.org)

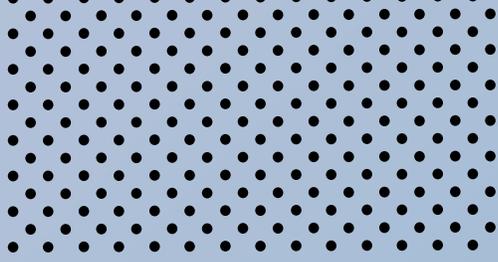
## **Archdiocesan Chapter**

All Knights of Columbus members are invited to attend any or all of the Chapter meetings. Meeting dates and more can be found on the Chapter Web site.

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FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

DUE TO THE UNCERTANTY OF THE CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS, AUGUST 16, 2020  
PINK AND BLUE LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN CANCELLED,  
HOWEVER.....

You are cordially invited to celebrate life with us at our first and hopefully last, STAY HOME  
Fundraiser. The Women who have chosen life still need our help more than ever during these  
trying times.

### YOU CAN HELP

YOUR DONATION OF ONE OR ALL WILL HELP SAVE LIVES

Stay Home Ticket \$50

NON-Raffle ticket \$25.00

Drink your own bottle of wine \$20.00

Stay Home in your Jammies

Not having to eat banquet Chicken (again)

Not having to dress up for event.

Travel times reduced to 0 minutes.

Send Donations to: Centers of Hope and Healing, P.O. Box 82, Glenview, IL60025

