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News for Knights of Columbus

The 140th Supreme Convention, hosted this week in Nashville, Tenn., kicked off last night with a welcome concert and the Supreme Knight's Award Session at the historic Grand Ole Opry House. Learn more about some of the award winners below. Visit kofc.org/convention and follow K of C social media for daily updates, live video, and photo galleries.

Tune in to the 140th Supreme Convention

Several Catholic media outlets will be broadcasting major events of the 140th Supreme Convention, including the Opening Business Session and Annual Report of the Supreme Knight at 1 p.m. CT today. [LEARN MORE](#)

International Program Award Winners

A transformative men's apostolate, a welcome center for refugees, food for hundreds of struggling military families, and a renovation to help mothers and children: Four Knights of Columbus councils were honored for these outstanding programs in service to faith, family, community and life. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)



The Family That Serves Together

Austin and Tracey Sewell and their eight children were named International Family of the Year in recognition of their joyful witness of Catholic family life and their exemplary service to the Church and their community. They are active parishioners of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Douglasville, Ga., and frequently participate in charitable events organized by St. John Paul II Council 10821. Austin is currently deputy grand knight, and his two oldest sons are also members of the council.

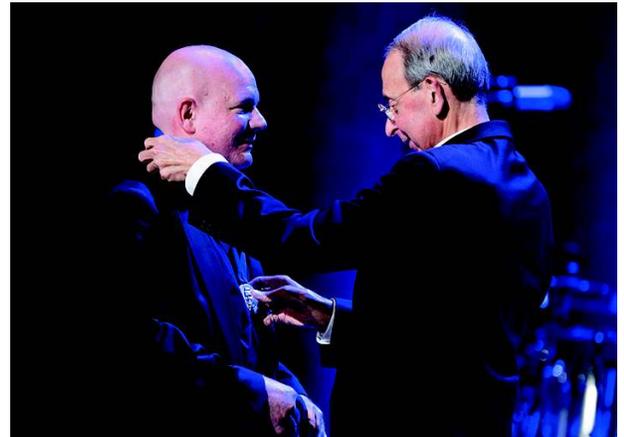
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The Sewell family, the 2022 International Family of the Year, stand with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his wife, Vanessa, during the annual Supreme Knight's Awards Session on Aug. 1. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)

A Priest After Father McGivney's Heart

Father Matthew Keller, a priest of the Diocese of Gallup, was honored with the inaugural Blessed Michael McGivney Medal — a new award to recognize exemplary Knights of Columbus chaplains. In his many years as a chaplain, including 15 years as state chaplain, Father Keller helped the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico grow in numbers and in faith. At the same time, he found creative ways to serve and evangelize the people of his diocese, the poorest in the United States. [WATCH HERE](#)

Father Michael Keller, former state chaplain of New Mexico, receives the inaugural Blessed Michael McGivney Medal from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore. (Photo by Tamino Petelinsek)



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The 140th Supreme Convention, which took place in Nashville, Tennessee, Aug. 2-4, was an occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of the Order and to look forward to the work ahead. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in his annual report, Knights are needed more than ever to go “into the breach” to defend life, protect the family, serve the vulnerable and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For extended coverage, visit kofc.org/convention.



Photo by Tamino Petelinšek

‘Together, We Step Into the Breach’

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, delivering his first in-person annual report since he was installed in 2021, urged Knights to rise to meet cultural challenges to life, family and faith by practicing the principles of the Order. “Our moment is now. And our mission is clear,” he said. “The world needs men who will match these times.”

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Healing in Body and Soul

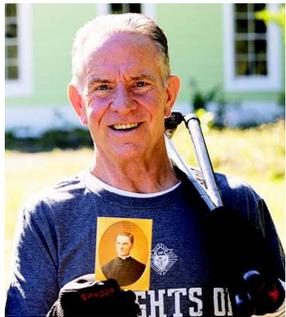


Photo by Steven Martine

In 2021, Joseph McGivney was diagnosed with acute psychosis and dementia, and his family was told to prepare for 24/7 care. Then, suddenly, “the lights came back on.” He believes the intercession of his relative, Blessed Michael McGivney, brought him back to health — and faith.

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As the Order prepares for its founder’s feast day this Saturday, you’ll find more stories of devotion to Blessed Michael and favors received through his intercession on our social media channels.

New Supreme Directors Elected

Three new Supreme Directors were elected to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors during the Aug. 3 business session: Alfredo Vela, immediate past state deputy of Texas; Jamey Roth, immediate past state deputy of Kansas; and Michael McCusker, immediate past state deputy of Tennessee. [READ MORE](#)

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K of C Leaders Honored

This year’s States Dinner celebrated the work of several Knights of Columbus leaders, including Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Ukraine State Deputy Youriy Maletskiy. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori paid tribute to Anderson for his years of service to the Order and his farsighted leadership, particularly in support of various charitable initiatives, a culture of life, and persecuted Christians in the Middle East. State Deputy Maletskiy received the St. Michael Award for his pivotal role in the Order’s humanitarian work in Ukraine.

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The Order celebrated the second-ever feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney on Aug. 13 — the day after his birthday in 1852 and the day before his death in 1890. Devotion to Father McGivney continues to grow since his beatification in 2020; this issue of Knightline shares several stories of prayers offered to the Knights of Columbus founder and a remarkable favor received through his intercession.



Photo by Spirit Juice Studios

‘I turned to Father McGivney’

When Joseph Hermosillo, the father of six young children, nearly died from COVID-19, the family’s pastor advised them to seek the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. The hospital staff could not explain Joseph’s sudden recovery, which the family believes to be a miracle. [WATCH HERE](#)

Our Founder, Our Intercessor

The first K of C council in the Philippines was established in Manila in 1905, only 15 years after Father McGivney’s death. Today the country is home to more than 470,000 Knights in more than 3,000 councils. Here is just one example of the deep devotion many Filipino Knights have for Father McGivney. [WATCH HERE](#)



Feast Day Festivities

The Connecticut parishes where Michael J. McGivney grew up and later served as a priest celebrated his feast day Aug. 13 with a number of special events, including Masses, eucharistic adoration, a relic procession, and a tour of historic sites related to his life. [READ MORE](#)

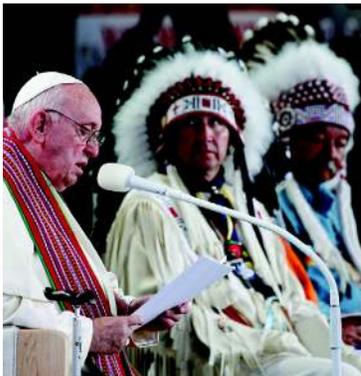


Father James Sullivan, rector of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, blesses the crowd gathered for a ceremonial unveiling of a restored statue of Blessed Michael McGivney in central Waterbury, Connecticut, where Father McGivney was born 170 years ago.

Photo by Aaron Joseph

Walking Together

Pope Francis visited Canada July 24-29, making a penitential pilgrimage to ask forgiveness and seek healing with Indigenous peoples for the Church’s role in the country’s residential school system. In addition to financial support for the trip from the Supreme Council, Knights across Canada stepped up in different ways to be of service to the Holy Father. [WATCH HERE](#)



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The call to protect life takes different forms, and Knights answer it in different ways. This issue of Knightline shares just a few examples of selfless service, from supporting pregnant women and young mothers in need to helping defend one's homeland.

Knights for Life



A client of Loving Choice Pregnancy Help Center picks out a garment for her daughter from the center's clothing boutique.

The grand knight of St. Clare of Assisi Council 9708 in Houston contacted Loving Choice Pregnancy Help Center last year with a simple question: "What can we do?" Before long the Knights were helping the center expand its space by about 50%, a project recently recognized with an International Program Award. [WATCH HERE](#)

With the Order's new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, local council donations to pregnancy resource centers such as Loving Choice now receive a 20% boost. Another Texas council, Santa Rosa de Lima Council 12522 in Andice, was the very first to apply for ASAP funds after the program launched in July — a distinction in keeping with its history of strong support for PRCs and maternity homes. [READ MORE](#)

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Everyday Hero: Capt. Vincent Lombardi

New York City ferry boat captain Vince Lombardi's quick thinking and steady nerves helped avert catastrophe when a passenger jet landed on the Hudson River in January 2009 — an incident that became known as the "Miracle on the Hudson." Capt. Lombardi, a past grand knight of Montclair (N.J.) Council 1277, recalls the story in [Everyday Heroes Season 3](#): "I saw God in action that day." [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)



Capt. Vincent Lombardi navigates his New York Waterway ferry from New Jersey to Manhattan in 2019. (Photo by Jeffrey Bruno)

The Duty to Defend

Andrii Boiko and Liubomyr Andrusiv are just two of the Ukrainian Knights who have stepped up in service to their country since the Russian invasion.

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A profound “openness to life” led Joe and Tiffany Ampe to adopt two children with special needs from Ukraine four years ago, a decision which later opened opportunities to help those affected by war. “It was such a blessing to bring these boys home,” says Joe, “and the blessings never stopped pouring out.”



The Ampe family prays the rosary at their home in Marquette, Michigan. (Photo by Brian Rehmann)

‘Our Only Option Was to Go’

Joe and Tiffany Ampe were expecting their eighth child in 2018 when they saw a photo of a Ukrainian baby with special needs on an advocacy website. Before long, they were making their first trip to Ukraine to adopt not one, but two, children with special needs. Since February, they have made three more trips to Ukraine, bringing desperately needed medical supplies collected with help from Joe’s brother Knights. [WATCH HERE](#)

Welcoming a Brother

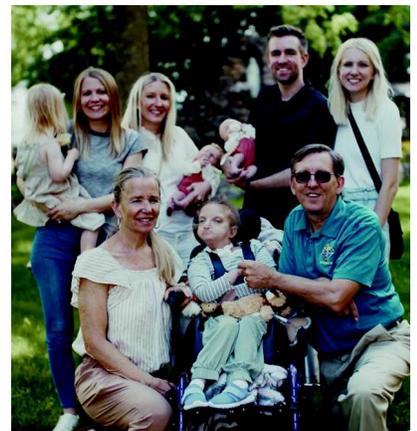
When Oleksii Bilohorskyi, a Ukrainian Knight with disabilities, fled the Russian bombing of Kyiv, he and his family found a warm welcome in the home of a brother Knight in northern Poland. [WATCH HERE](#)



Photo by Sebastian Nycz

Peace of Mind for Families With Special Needs

Joseph Remer first learned how Knights of Columbus Insurance can help his daughter with disabilities when a K of C field agent challenged him to confront the idea that she might outlive him and his wife. His experience inspired Remer to become a field agent himself and share the gift of assurance, peace of mind, and quality of life care with other families. [WATCH HERE](#)



Special Olympics Superfans



Continuing the Order’s partnership with Special Olympics, which dates back to 1968, Knights donated \$3.7 million and more than 400,000 volunteer hours to Special Olympics last year alone. Here are just a few examples of that service from recent Knights in Action reports. [READ MORE](#)

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