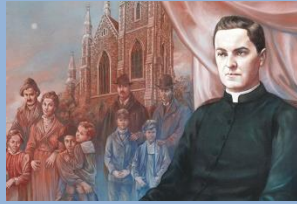


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*March 28, 1882.*

## THE FOUNDING: 1882-1899

📺 Late-19th century Connecticut was marked by the growing prevalence of fraternal benefit societies, hostility toward Catholic [immigrants](#) and dangerous working conditions in factories that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a vital, practical need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.

As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization's members took as their patron Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus

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elected officers in February 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29.

In addition to the Order's stated [benefits](#), Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church, community and family with virtue. Writing in The Columbiad in 1898, a year before he was elected supreme knight, Edward L. Hearn wrote that a Knight should live according to the virtues of loyalty, charity, courtesy and modesty, as well as "self-denial and careful respect for the feelings of others." Fraternity and patriotism were added to the Knights' founding principles of charity and unity in 1885 and 1900, respectively.

- 1882: The Knights of Columbus is born on Feb. 6, 1882, when the first members choose Columbus as their patron. Immediately after the Order's March 29 incorporation, Father McGivney sends the first diocesan-wide appeal for new members to his fellow priests.
- 1886: By the end of his four-year tenure as supreme knight, James T. Mullen personally presides at the institution of 22 of the first 38 councils. John J. Phelan is elected to succeed him and is the first supreme knight to sense the Order's destiny as a national society.

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- 1890: Father McGivney dies Aug. 14, 1890. His funeral Mass is celebrated in Thomaston, Conn., four days later. 1892: The [Order](#) passes laws allowing noninsurance or associate members to [join](#). 1892: 6,000 Knights march in the New Haven Columbus Day parade to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World. 5: The Vatican's first acknowledgment of the Knights comes when Archbishop Francesco Satolli, apostolic delegate to the United States, writes a letter extolling the "merits of this splendid Catholic organization" and giving the Order his apostolic blessing. 97: On Nov. 25, 1897, Canada's first council — Montreal Council 284 — is chartered..



### Grand Knight's Message

Our next Council 13243 business meeting is on March 12th at 6:30. We will have an Admission or First Degree. Please attend this meeting.

I hope you attend the Lenten Church masses and Stations of the Cross. Please look in the Our Lady of Grace bulletin to see the schedules. Take time to reflect and attend Mass to receive the Eucharist. Attend Reconciliation to lighten your burden. Ask for and offer forgiveness.

Members of the council meet together on Tuesday mornings to attend the 9 AM Mass and then join in fellowship for coffee and refreshments afterward. We would like to invite you to join us when you can. Family members are invited as well. Its a great way to start the morning and have fellowship with your brother Knights and parishioners.

We had a membership drive weekend in February and there will be an Admission Degree at Our Lady of Grace Church on March 12.

We will be having K of C officer elections in June. Please consider being an officer. We have some new members and being an officer is a great way to help Council 13243 prosper.

Kairos is a prison ministry. The Kairos Lake Correctional Institution prison retreat number 71 is April 26th-29th. How can you become involved with this amazing prison ministry? Not everyone can go to the prison but you can help. You can donate store bought cookies, sign the Kairos prayer vigil sign up sheet or donate funds. Cookies are eaten by the participants and volunteers during retreat breaks. The participants can eat a lot of cookies. There are opportunities to pray for the volunteers and the participants while we are in the Prison. Funds are collected to pay for the meals inside the prison. A meal for one person is \$5 and meals for the whole weekend are \$25. Please email Mark Stephenson if you want to know more about Kairos, email is [mstephenson18@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mstephenson18@cfl.rr.com)

Fr. Emmanuel received the cost quotes information for the new sign on Malabar Rd. in front of Our Lady of Grace Church. Father does not want to replace the sign. A parishioner has agreed to refurbish the current sign.

Fr. Emmanuel would like to have a baptismal font for adults added to the Church. The cost for a font with a heater is \$3,000.

He would also like to acquire Altar server attire, the

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cost for the white uniforms is \$1,500. This cost is for different sizes. We have young and adult Altar servers. Fr. Emmanuel received the cost quotes information for the new sign on Malabar Rd. in front of Our Lady of Grace Church. Father does not want to replace the sign. A parishioner has agreed to refurbish the current sign.

The Hygiene Ministry desperately needs donations of Men's and Women's: underwear, tee shirts, socks, deodorant, bug spray, sunscreen and chapstick. These items can be dropped off at the hall on Fridays from 11-2 or at the Church.

St. Vincent DePaul needs help every Wednesday at 8 am to unload food at the Battersea St. location. Help St. Vincent DePaul if you can. Our next Council 13243 business meeting is on March 12th at 6:30. We will have an Admission or First Degree. Please attend this meeting.

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## The Family Fully Alive



3/08 – Juan Linares    3/18 –Ed Trotter  
3/10 – Randy Allen    3/21 –Amos Howard  
3/12 –Ryan Smith    3/23 – Gregory Pierre  
3/13 Juan Marrero    3/24 –Norman Carrasquillo  
3/17 – O. Agrait-Ruiz    3/29 –Hector Nieves  
3/18 Kevin Pelzer

### Anniversary of Knighthood

3/01/68 – Pedro Fernandez  
3/01/84 – Robert Grosch  
3/01/88 – Sigfredo Santiago  
3/06/06 – Francis Phillip  
3/28/06 – David Gonzalez  
3/28/06 – Christopher Tompkins  
3/22/10 – Amos Howard  
3/22/10 – Tim Jacques  
3/22/10 – Michael Otten  
3/08/07 – Denis Richard  
3/28/17 – John Hooi

*All families face difficulties. At such critical moments, it is important to learn how to suffer well and to suffer together with Christ. Suffering, if given to the Lord, can bring families closer together and strengthen their love.*

### Meditation

*From Pope John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio*

There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of “reconciliation,” that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one Body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: “that they may be one.”



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1. What are our family's struggles? How might we work together as a family to heal these areas of hurt or confusion, without fleeing from challenges, shutting anyone out or giving in to despair?
2. What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? How does this perspective transform the way we approach suffering together as a family?
3. How can we as a family better rely on God's strength in times of difficulty? In what ways can we allow Christ's love to make our suffering fruitful and deepen our love?

## Scripture Reading - Psalm 34:5-11

*A prayer for those who suffer to trust in the Lord*

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to him and be radiant,  
and your faces may not blush for shame.  
This poor one cried out and the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and he saves them.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the [stalwart](#) one who takes  
refuge in him.  
Fear the LORD, you his holy ones;  
nothing is lacking to those who fear him.  
The rich grow poor and go [hungry](#),  
but those who seek the LORD lack no  
good thing.

## Family [Project](#)

Ask each family member to think about one difficulty in the family and to pray for it every day. At the end of the month, share your prayer intentions and experiences.

FATHERS  
FOR GOOD  
CONNECTING FAITH  
TO EVERYDAY LIFE

by Father Martin Pable, OFM Capuchin

The test of any form of spirituality is connecting the good ideals with everyday life. A man must begin to form a vision and a lifestyle in keeping with his commitment to Christ.

Instead of keeping separate compartments, he begins to make connections — first in his mind, then in his choices.

### He begins to ask new questions:

1. How does God view this issue?
2. What is the Lord's plan for me?
3. How does my [job](#) fit into God's larger purposes for me and for the world?
4. How does God view my marriage, my children, my style of parenting?
5. What's is God's view of sexuality?
6. What does Christ teach about human relations and dealing with difficult people?

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Instead of relying on his own judgments and insights, the man seeks guidance through prayer, reading the Bible and other spiritual sources, and seeking the counsel of other faith-filled people. As he grows in vision, he also comes to see that his actions and choices need to be brought into line.

Here is where the going can get tough, because he may reach the conclusion that he has to make some changes in his lifestyle if he is going to be faithful to the newfound vision.

As one man told me, "Spirituality was fun till I realized it meant giving God the right to ask some things of me!"

Let's be very clear about this. Spirituality is not meant to be fun and [games](#). It is discipline, and it is tough.

This is the reason that in *A Man and His God* I stressed the importance of the traditional spiritual disciplines, especially prayer and Bible reading. Then I tried to make connections between spirituality and some of the key areas of a man's life: self-image, work and leisure, the quest for love, marriage and family, dealing with life's problems.

You may find the spiritual road demanding, even frightening at times. Trust God: trust him with your life, your love, everything you have and everything you are or would like to be.

This is the stuff of spirituality. You have embarked on a great journey.

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