

# *The Meadowlands Patriot*

Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly #1543,  
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## *Congratulations to Our New Sir Knights!!!*



**F. N. David &  
Lady Sophie**

Worthy Sir Knights,

As I end my second term as the Faithful Navigator of our Assembly, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your dedication to the order. Because of our collective efforts and your trust in my leadership we have achieved so much.

Thank you so much for all your hard work. But most importantly, thank you for being my friend and brother.

Vivat Jesus!

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Worthy Sir Knights,

We are confirmed to conduct a 'Special Exemplification' of Patriotism for members of our Clergy, Seminarians, Deacons and Priests are to be included.



The date is June 18, 2025, at 7:00pm the location is St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church, 1410 St. Georges Ave., Rahway NJ.

If you have a member of the Clergy who would be available on that date, secure a 4th Degree Application ASAP so the necessary paperwork can be prepared in advance.

Our Clergy is vital for advancement of the Knights of and the 4th Degree.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly.

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith."

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Worthy Sir Knights,

Each of us is called by God to give all and, in a sense, that's a responsibility that you have undertaken by membership in the Fourth Degree. Membership in the Knights of Columbus for most members often ends at the Third Degree, but you have decided that you want something more and are willing to take that next step. The irony to me is that so many men who join the Knights do so because they have seen our Honor Guards in action and think that all members are Fourth Degree. Imagine the numbers we could harvest from new membership if we embraced the challenge to deliver to them exactly what they expected upon joining.

The ability for the Fourth Degree to fully engage in patriotic activities in support of our veterans, active duty, and communities would be immeasurable.

As the current fraternal year winds down, let us shift our focus to the challenge of the 2025-2026 fraternal year. For more than half of next year, we will still be celebrating our 125th anniversary. Continue to engage your Third-Degree members to become Sir Knights during this significant moment in the history of our beloved Order.

In closing, as it is May here in the United States, it is that time of year when we remember those brave men and women who gave the last full measure of devotion in the defense of our country. No doubt, every nation that comprises the Knights of Columbus has a Memorial Day that recalls their sacrifice. Let us take time this month to remember them in our prayers and to give thanks for their love and devotion to dedicating their lives to something exceeding self. Also, please pray for the annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage that is taking place this month. Pray for our many veterans who need healing from their physical, emotional, and moral injuries.

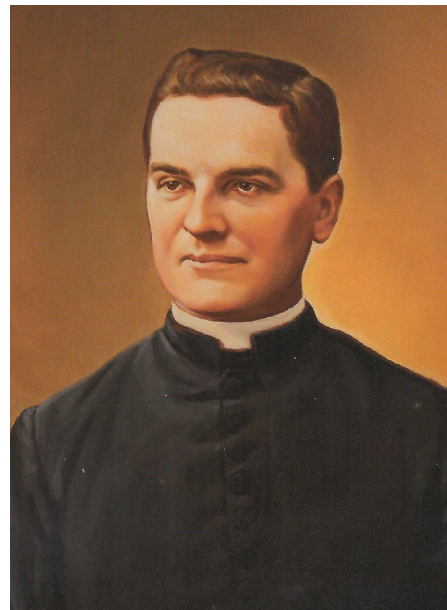
Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Master  
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## DATE TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm  
Membership Mtg.- 194 River Rd  
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall



## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please report all favors received:*

The Father McGivney Guild  
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To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please send email to:

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before the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

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**Did you send your dues to Worthy  
Comptroller Neal McGarrity yet? His  
address is 814 Ninth Street,  
Secaucus, NJ 07094.**

**Make checks payable to  
“Knights of Columbus”.**

**You can also pay at the meeting!**

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## The Color Corps at Holy Cross Cemetery on Memorial Day



**Getting the float ready for the  
Secaucus Memorial Parade.**



## Moving Mary to a better spot at Sacred Heart in Lyndhurst



## Memorial Day Parade





**Sir Knights render a salute to the veterans as they pass the reviewing stand in Secaucus.**



**Looks like there was a Confirmation in Lyndhurst!**



**Convention Dinner**



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The Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus invite all families who have a special needs child or an

adult to come to the **Special Needs 12 noon Mass** on **Sunday, June 8** for a Mass celebrated for them and their loved ones.

The Knights and the North Arlington Veterans will hold their **Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony** at the Columbian Club Hall, 194 River Road, North Arlington on **Wednesday June 11** at 6:00pm. A light reception will follow afterwards.



**Cardinal Tobin surrounded by the Hudson County Delegation!**

