



# KNIGHTLINE

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WEEKLY NEWS FOR KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

*None of what we've accomplished this past year would have been possible without Knights like you - which is why every year we recognize our members for their award-winning efforts. This issue takes you behind the scenes with the winners of the International Program Awards, bringing their stories straight to you.*

*Also, this issue highlights ways to honor Father Michael McGivney during the month of August. From coins commemorating his beatification to an exclusive live-streamed film, there are countless ways you can join Knights around the world in celebrating our founder. Check them out below.*

**What are the International Program Awards?** These annual awards recognize councils that execute an outstanding program in each of the areas of our Faith in Action program: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

## Georgia Knights help keep parish alive

*A U.S. Navy submarine base was without a Catholic chaplain for more than three years, so Knights stepped in to keep the community together. Their efforts earned them first place in the Faith program category.*

When the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic community on the submarine base in Kings Bay, Ga., was left without a Catholic chaplain in July 2016, his absence was immediately felt.

Sensing a need to keep parish life active, the Knights of Columbus on the base organized opportunities for adoration, Bible studies and family-oriented faith activities until a new priest arrived. [READ MORE](#)



*This year, the Knights of Columbus also recognized Council 15728 and Council 6134 in Brooklyn for their work supporting their brother Knights, families, the Church and community during the coronavirus pandemic. (Image by Laura Barisonzi)*

## Polish Knights honor families and help child

*Knights in Poland won the Family program award for calling attention to the vital role of women and helping those in need.*

Knights from Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Council 15672 in Częstochowa, Poland, are no strangers to the challenges that women and their families face. That's why they helped the family of Kamil Bekus, an 8-year-old boy who has cerebral palsy and epilepsy, and brought attention to the vital role played by women on International Women's Day. [READ MORE](#)

## Canadian Knights recognized for Christmas charity

*For their 50 years of Christmas charity, Knights from British Columbia received the Community program award.*

For nearly half a century, the Knights in Campbell River, British Columbia, have brought Christmas dinner and gifts to those in need through their annual Christmas Hamper Fund.

During the program's first year in 1972, Knights filled 52 hampers. Last year, they distributed a total of 1,150 hampers thanks to the generosity of the locals. Their efforts have also been inspiring men to join the Knights. [READ MORE](#) • [WATCH THEIR STORY HERE](#)

## Ukrainian Knights bring hope to children with special needs

*These Knights won the Life program award for their life-saving work, from purchasing medicine to providing custom walkers for children with cerebral palsy.*

The Knights of Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky Council 16848 in Zolochiv, Ukraine, work in association with the Church of Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky's Merciful Samaritan Foundation, which cares for children with Down syndrome, autism and cerebral palsy.



"When we began to study the life of Michael McGivney, his priority was orphans and those in need," said Father Mykhailo, a priest at the Church of Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky. "We've seen that people with special needs become orphans at an early stage, because in such families, parents tend to give up their children." [READ MORE](#) • [WATCH THEIR STORY HERE](#)

## WATCH LIVE

**The Newest Documentary on Our Founder**  
*Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed*

On Facebook and YouTube  
August 30 at 6 p.m.  
September 26 at 8 p.m.  
October 25 at 8 p.m.



**Father Michael McGivney wanted** the Knights to help Catholic men. From now until June 2021, each member who recruits at least five new men to join the Knights will earn a special commemorative coin celebrating Father McGivney's beatification!

*Father McGivney's upcoming beatification takes place on Oct. 31. You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by joining the guild for free and praying through his intercession. May Father McGivney intercede for you!*

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## Inspired by these award winners?

Join Damien O'Connor, senior director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, and Sean Pott, director of Programs, on Aug. 27, 2020, at 8 p.m. for a webinar about in-person and virtual programming, and learn how to plan successful, award-winning programs this fraternal year. [REGISTER NOW](#)

## K of C agents recognized for their service to protect members and families

The two leading K of C general agents of 2019 are Kevin Pierce of Oklahoma and Robert Abbate of Virginia. Our leading field agent in 2019 was Tyler Meyer of the Schafer Agency in Kansas. [READ MORE](#)

*Have questions about K of C Insurance and live in Oklahoma, Virginia or Kansas? Our award-winning agents can help! Live in a different area? Find an agent near you by clicking [here](#).*

## Be a Rock

This month, Archbishop Lori asks each Knight to be a rock of faith in his family and community. Take the challenge by clicking [here](#).

## Help us help those in need

As a Knight of Columbus, your duty is to lead your family, help your parishes and serve your community, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Please stand with the Knights as we support our communities impacted by COVID-19. [DONATE NOW](#)