

Our History:

In 2021 the State Council created the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund. The Fund is dedicated to assisting Oregon Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. We have steadily worked to provide CHARITY, the first principle of our order, and to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**. In the past we were not able to respond to our Brother's needs, but now we can.

Who We Assist:

We provide financial assistance to Knights of Columbus Brothers, with at least twelve months good standing in an Oregon Council; and to their widows and orphans.

How We Assist:

By helping to relieve financial distress due to unemployment, sickness, family medical and overdue rent or mortgage payments, food, clothing, losses due to fire, flood, or earthquake. All the financial assistance we provide is a grant and need not be repaid.

How to Obtain Assistance:

If a member of your council needs assistance, your Grand Knight can request a Fund Application from the Oregon State Council Charities Chairman PSD Ray Prom, promray58@gmsio.com or 503-440-2380. More information is also available at the Oregon State Council website under the Programs subheading.

When the Grand Knight receives the application, he appoints an investigator to review the case and to file a report. Then the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Council must determine if the application is meritorious before sending the application to the Fund. There is no need to bring the applicant's request to the Council for approval.

Where Do Our Donations Come From?

Funding for the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund is provided through the generosity of Oregon Councils, Assemblies, and individual Brothers, from special events sponsored by the Council and through legacy bequests. Every Knights of Columbus Brother in Oregon is asked to join the **365 Club** and contribute one penny a day, or more. The 365 Club is **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**.

Funding Shortage:

We will continue to be as charitable as possible with the funds we have available.

We ask for your generous charitable and fraternal supports so we may continue assisting Brothers in distress, including those in your council.

What Is The 365 Club?

The **365 Club** is the primary method used to collect contributions to the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund. To join Brothers are asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 per year), or more, to the fund.

Each Council's Financial Secretary is requested to support the **365 Club**. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to request donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: "**365 Club – Please add a \$3.65 donation to Blessed Michael McGivney Fund.**" This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our Fund.

Parade of Grand Knights:

Each council usually safeguards **365 Club** funds and other Council donations until May when they are brought to the State Convention and the **Parade of Grand Knights**. During the "Parade," Grand Knights from Councils throughout Oregon march up the aisle of the convention hall and hand their donation to the State Secretary. **Thank You for your generosity!**

If a council misses the convention, it should not overlook its donation. Please mail all council and personal checks (payable to Oregon State Council) to the address in the next column. The donations can be sent at any time. The Fund is an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)8 Fraternal Beneficiary Society.

Brother Helping Brother:

Brothers are losing their jobs, their health insurance, and their homes during these hard times. We need to extend them a helping hand, and we know that you and the other Brothers in you Council want to participate.

Although the **365 Club** and **Parade of Grand Knights** involve only one donation a year at the State Convention, Further Donations are appreciated by the State.

The Oregon State Council Officers

Are Committed,

To the Mission of:

"Brother Helping Brother"

And to Insure,

"We Have Your Back!"

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