

## May 2026 Membership Message

In 1882, Father McGivney was faced with the loss of another parishioner passing before his time. This put his widow and children in jeopardy of not only losing their connection to their faith but surviving as a family unit. Therefore, he envisioned our order as a network of local councils which could help protect those families and serve their communities and parishes. So, while our financial strength for those families is at our core as a fraternal organization, it is only because of our membership efforts that we can grow. The charity we do, united in Christ, and in fraternity with one another is only done because we are members, and we are all responsible for providing that gift of membership to others.

While we currently have 200 councils in California that are at, or well above 100% of their quota, there are 120 councils between 50% and 99% of theirs, Councils that are well within reach of the McGivney award and becoming Star Councils. And for all the others, there is still 2 months to get on the field, start swinging for the fences, inviting men into the order, and after the cuff degree making them men of your councils, to serve our parishes, our communities, and those in need.

For those councils that have already reached their quota, you have the skills and the momentum to go even further. I encourage you to continue your membership efforts, stack the deck for your next GK, or reach double star. We have a surge goal, of bringing 125 new brother Knights each week through the end of the Columbian year. This will provide our state with a 2.0% quota reduction next year. Circle of Honor is only 10% away, even closer if we exemplify a lot of men which gives us a 1 to 10 quota reduction.

We are in the seventh inning stretch for our membership season, but there's plenty of playing time left. Schedule another drive, DGKs & Council officers not attending the convention should go to the bullpen and get your relief recruiters into the game.



One lesson learned from the membership outreach concept, is to carefully check each card returned to your team, mainly for legibility. During one drive, we received contact cards of which we couldn't read either the phone number or email address. We discovered that several prospects, despite filling out and returning the card, didn't verify their emails until being called by a council member. So, emphasize that when you speak to them.

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