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## Knights of Columbus Help Ukrainians

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- The Knights of Columbus today announced that Knights and their families, as well as communities around the world, have rapidly responded to a call for contributions to its Ukraine Solidarity Fund, and supplies are already arriving in Ukraine and Poland to assist displaced families and refugees. On Friday, Feb. 25, the Knights committed \$1 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainians impacted by the recent Russian invasion of their country. The organization also launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, pledging to match all funds raised up to an additional \$500,000. As of March 2, the Ukraine Solidarity Fund has raised over \$747,000, for a total of more than \$2.2 million in assistance. One-hundred percent of donations are being used to assist internally displaced persons and refugees from Ukraine.

In a video message to the more than 1,800 Knights of Columbus in Ukraine on Feb. 25, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, "Some of the proudest moments in the Order's history have come amid the adversity of war. We are called 'Knights' for a reason. There is a reason we count Patriotism among our guiding principles. The hour is upon us."

The relief funding is *already* being used to provide supplies and assistance to those in need in both Poland and Ukraine. Through extensive local connections with churches and communities, as well as networks of local Knights and volunteers, essential resources and services are reaching families within hours of donations being received.

- Funds are being used to provide shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and religious goods, as well as other humanitarian needs as identified, both directly in Ukraine and through refugee sites in Poland.
- Knights in Poland have established tents at the Polish-Ukrainian border to distribute food and water to refugees, continuing the spirit of the Order's "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free" campaign in Europe at the start of the 20th century.
- The Knights are working with both the Latin and Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine, with dioceses and councils in Poland, and with international humanitarian aid agencies to address needs quickly and effectively.
- Polish Knights have established collection sites in Kraków, Radom and Tomaszów Lubelski, where they are gathering and packaging medical supplies, warm clothing, and necessities.
- On Tuesday morning, March 1, an initial semi-load of provisions, warm clothing, and medical supplies arrived in Lviv, Ukraine, where it was met and unloaded by Ukrainian Knights.
- Anticipating a request from the Polish Bishops' Conference, Knights in Poland have created a database of parishioner homes and parish centers that will host refugees.
- Polish Knights and their families have already received and housed wives and children sent by some Ukrainian Knights across the border.
- Local leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine, including the state deputy, state secretary and a district deputy, have been appointed part of an "Anti-Crisis Committee," established by the Archdiocese of Lviv to coordinate and distribute humanitarian aid.
- Based on the Knights' success in collecting and delivering relief supplies into Ukraine, a number of organizations and companies in Poland have asked to partner with the Knights of Columbus going forward.

For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please click here: [kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html](https://kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html)

View the Fox News Video with Knights of Columbus Director Szymon Czyszek.

<https://video.foxnews.com/v/6299499364001>



## Programs

The March Patriotic Rosary incentive is the McGivney Holy Hour. This is an excellent program to bring your council together to pray as a group during this Lenten season. Once completed, send a copy of your form 10784 to me. Below are resources for your council to use:

[10597 Holy Hour GS \(kofc.org\)](#) Holy Hour Guide Sheet

[Layout 1 \(kofc.org\)](#) Holy Hour Service Guide

[Layout 1 \(kofc.org\)](#) Holy Hour News Release

[Blessed Michael McGivney GS \(kofc.org\)](#) McGivney Prayer Hour Guide Sheet

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## Arizona State Council Convention

St Rita in the Desert, 14230, is pleased to host the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. This year's convention will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the El Conquistador Tucson located at: 10000 North Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85704.

**Hotel reservations** can only be made directly with the hotel, either online or by phone. Refer to the [Hotel Reservations page for details](#). Room rates are guaranteed through **April 29, 2022** and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non -discounted rate.

Registration for the convention is required for all who attend (**YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE CONVENTION**). In addition, if you are attending the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the Delegate Form to the State Secretary no later than **April 2, 2022**. **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES: If you are a Delegate or Alternate you still MUST register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council DOES NOT register for you!**

The preferred method to register for the Convention is through the Convention website, where you may pay by credit card online.

All registrations and payments must be received by **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.

The website for the State Convention on May 20-21, 2022, is active and can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org/> Please register early and make your hotel reservations early.



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Together, we are an Ocean.*

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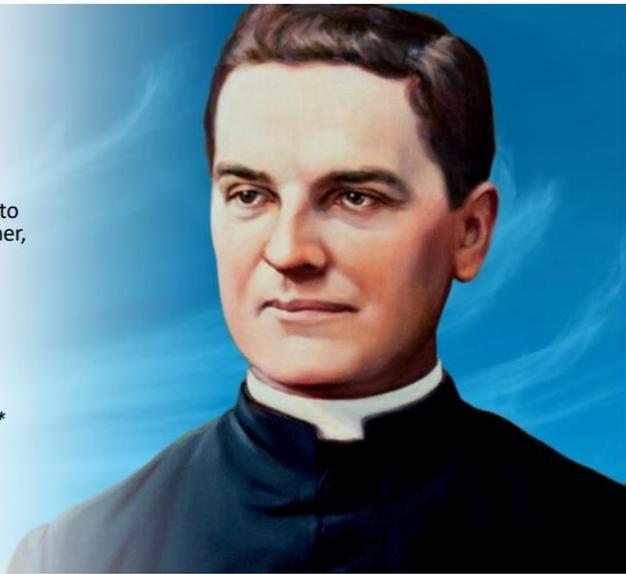
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## March is Knights of Columbus Month March 29, 1882

This March is the month of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. You should set aside as Knight's of Columbus Sunday for all Knights to gather in Communion at Mass and celebrate the founding of the Order. Further, invite all Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus and the legacy of Father Michael Joseph McGivney, Servant of God, in service to Our Church, Our Communities, and our families.