

Field Agent Todd Cabral Earns Highest Professional Honor



Field Agent, Br. Todd Cabral, was among 76 Knights of Columbus agents who are among the elite in the insurance industry. The tireless efforts of these agents in serving the Order and its members in fulfillment of Father Michael J. McGivney's vision recently earned them the honor of being members in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). MDRT is an international organization recognizing the top 1 percent of financial professionals. MDRT provides resources for members to expand their technical knowledge, increase productivity, enrich client services and maintain the highest ethical standards. We salute these men for their devotion to making a difference for life.



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Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make our request). Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

... Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be to the Father ...

The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights:

First of all I would like to say "thank you" to all of you for giving me another opportunity to serve as your Grand Knight. It is a great privilege and I am honored to serve you.

I wished I could tell you that we have an easy road ahead, but we are just starting our new Columbian year and it seems like we are already too busy. I would also like to thank our Past Grand Knight, Bob Greer, who did a marvelous job during his term. His hard work, patience and cooperation earned us the "Star Council." I also wish to congratulate him on being appointed as our new District Deputy. Good luck, Bob!

We are also saddened with the recent passing of our Brother Knight, Elmo Dericco. Elmo has been the backbone of our Council and he was a mentor to all of us. He showed us how to be a good knight, through hard work, cooperation, and, most of all volunteerism. He was one knight who was always there when things needed to be done. He loved his family, the church, the community, and the Knights of Columbus. Let's hope that his dedication and spirit stays with us and makes this council one of the best, as he dreamed.

Our Columbian year started in July with a meeting and training in Las Vegas that both the Deputy Grand Knight and I attended. We brought home some information that we can use to keep our council running smoothly. The last week of July, Br. Tom Lukas coordinated a breakfast for the Youth Baseball tournament. Thank you, Tom, and the rest of the Knights who made this breakfast possible. The first week of August the parish held a "Why Catholic" class. Thanks, again, to Br. Tom and to Br. Dennis Kathrein for coordinating the set up for this class and also to the rest of you Knights who helped. In the middle of August, we held our Installation of Council Officers at St. Patrick's Church, followed by our installation dinner at the Elk's Lodge. I want to thank Br. Dennis for coordinating the installation dinner. Our parish also celebrated a Mass for married couples and widows and our Fourth Degree color guard donned their full regalia to celebrate the Mass. As you well know, our Fourth Degree in full regalia always represents both the Council and the Assembly. They are the colorful, visual image of the Knights of Columbus. In early September, we had our Labor Day Parade and members of the Council and Assembly rode the float, along with our priest, Fr. Oliver

Thanks to Br. Dennis Kathrein and Br. Cliff Cramer for coordinating the decoration of the float and to Br. Wayne Bonde, who provided the trailer and drove the tractor in the parade. I also want to thank our 4th Degree brother Knights from Fernley who also helped to decorate the float. We had our First Degree initiation in the middle of September and we also had our picture taken for the Parish Directory, thanks to Br. Jim Shurtliff for bringing in his camera. Also in the middle of September we joined several Reno councils to help host the Reno Air Races. We had several of our brother knights volunteer for this event. Some of them spent three days and some spent two days. I thank all of them. These are the knights that make our council the best. Hopefully we can have more of them. I also want to thank Br. Bob Greer for coordinating this event.

Our Council does recognize members who do exceptionally well done "works" in the Council. Recognition includes awarding certificates for Knights of the Month and also for Knight of the Year. We also award a certificate for the Family of the Year, which is awarded to a Knight's family who is involved, not only in the council, but also in the parish and the community. Both the Knights of the Year and the Family of the Year is submitted to the State Council for competition with other councils within the State and the winner is picked up and awarded at the State Convention. So, Brother Knights, let's hope the State Council will recognize our hard work and dedication.

My fellow officers, directors, and chairman, I asked you to check our calendar of events and let me know how agreeable you are to the scheduled programs and events. Don't be afraid to recommend making a change. We have meetings twice a month and we can discuss the changes, deletions, or additions. I need your help. You are the ones who are making the difference of whether our council will be at our best this Columbian Year.

I hope you all had a good memorable summer. Now let's all say good-bye to summer and welcome autumn or fall and let's get our house, cars, and the children ready for the cold weather.

Vivat Jesus - Serving you as Grand Knight

Ron Encarnacion