

**INSTALLATION  
OF  
COUNCIL OFFICERS  
VIRTUAL CEREMONIAL**



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**Retiring G. K.** - Reverend Father, my Brothers of \_\_\_\_\_

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_, ladies and gentlemen:

The Installation of Council Officers is always a solemn and hope filled occasion.

I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brothers who, during the past year, have given me the benefit of their prayers and advice, the strength of their arms in our actions, and the invaluable support of their confidence. You showed that a small group of people, united in a common cause, can be a powerful force for good, and that, by working together as a team, we can make a difference in our parishes, our communities and the world. On behalf of the Officers who are retiring from their posts, I extend to our worthy successors our warmest congratulations, assurances of continued cooperation, and prayerful wishes for a most successful administration.

It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce our District Deputy, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Worthy District Deputy, I ask you to proceed with the Installation of Officers.

**D. D.** - Reverend Father, my Brother Knights, ladies and gentlemen; I bring you greetings from our Supreme Knight, \_\_\_\_\_, the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors, and our State Deputy, \_\_\_\_\_. Before we proceed to the important and pleasant tasks ahead, I will ask our Chaplain to invoke the blessing of God upon our efforts. Worthy Chaplain, please lead us in prayer.

**CHAPLAIN** - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, we, Your children, are assembled here to install our chosen Officers with the authority to lead and administer our Council in the days to come. Bestow upon us the grace to remember that as all duly appointed authority stems from You, so also does the wisdom to exercise that authority with justice and charity.

Inspire us, therefore, to always consult with You on important decisions. Imbue us with the strength to act always in the spirit of brotherly love. Grant us the precious humility to acknowledge the ever-present possibility of error in human deliberation.

O Heavenly Father, aid us to be the finest example of complete dedication to the practice of Christian principles, as was our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney. Help us to reflect Your holy will at all times.

In the spirit of Father McGivney, may our Order continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. 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. With Our Lady of Guadalupe, under whose maternal protection our Order is consecrated, we make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**D. D.** - We shall now recite the Pledge of Allegiance (or sing our National Anthem).

To the retiring Officers of this Council, I offer my congratulations for work well done and my gratitude to each of you for the devotion with which you have exemplified our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

To you, the Council Officers, whom I am about to install, I express my confidence that you will add luster to your Council's good works; making them even more beneficial to the Church and thereby enhancing our Order's proud name.

In the life of every man there arise many opportunities to take stock of his advancement, both in the spiritual and material sense, to repair omissions, to correct errors and to plan for a brighter future. Likewise, in the life of a Council, the commencement of each fraternal year provides a similar opportunity. It is a time when inventory must be taken, past achievements weighed, and future plans conceived.

These plans must always be considered in terms of how well they will enable your council to serve your parish, to strengthen your members and their families in the Faith, and to benefit your neighbors.

I now ask our Chaplain to bless the men we are about to install.

**Chaplain:** Father in heaven, we ask You to bless these officers we are about to install. We pray that You will bestow upon these men the wisdom to exercise the leadership and authority their positions require. May this council ever support the life of the Church through our parish and, as a family-centered organization, may our members and their families work together to help foster the common good as faithful citizens. May these men be a good example for those who follow them. May they conduct themselves with reverence, dignity and grace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**D. D.** - Thank you, Worthy Chaplain. As Council Chaplain, you are heir to the great vision and legacy of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. You are a key figure in the structure of your council and the steward of its spirituality. The genius of Father McGivney was that he saw the great potential inherent in the respectful collaboration between clergy and laity that lies at the heart of our Order.

More than ever before, your role as Council Chaplain is indispensable to the Catholic character of our Order. I shall now symbolically present you with the Chaplain's Medal:



**D. D.** - Worthy Officers, you have been chosen by your Brothers to guide the destiny of your Council during this year. Your Brothers have demonstrated their confidence that you are capable of outstanding leadership. Prove that they were

correct. Remember that it is through their cooperation that your past achievements have been made possible. Continue to merit that cooperation by measuring all your decisions in the light of what will be fair, just, and beneficial to them. Solicit their advice. Consider it carefully. But remember always that the “Good of the Order” is paramount!

Under the leadership of your Grand Knight, the council officers must function as a united team, for so powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole world. As your District Deputy, I offer you this advice. Your council will be judged on its actions. Accordingly, as fraternal leaders you should focus your energies on family life, parish support, membership growth, insurance protection, charitable outreach, and fraternal activities. This will build a legacy for your council in the spirit of Father Michael McGivney, our founder. Remember, your council’s greatest assets are its members and their unique talents.

And now, confident that you will fulfil the duties of your respective offices to the best of your abilities, live a good Catholic life, and serve as a model of Catholic brotherhood, I shall proceed with your installation as Council Officers. It is now my duty to extract from you several promises that, given in the presence of your brothers, friends and family, will be binding while you remain in the Office to which you have been elected. Please raise your right hand and answer each question “I do.”

Do you promise to obey the laws and rules of the Order?

*(Answer: I do.)*

Do you promise to be a Catholic gentleman and to practice good works of charity and service that evangelize our faith?

*(Answer: I do.)*

Do you promise that, through your actions, you will help build the domestic church, protect the sanctity of the family, and promote respect for human dignity, social justice and religious liberty?

*(Answer: I do.)*

Do you promise to continue to form yourself in the knowledge of our Holy Religion, to foster priestly vocations, and to faithfully serve our Church?

*(Answer: I do.)*

Do you promise to uplift those in need, to respect your fellow human beings, to treat all fairly, and to disagree with others honestly and respectfully through civil discourse, and to support one another?

*(Answer: I do.)*

Please lower your hand.

It is important that you and your members realize that the fate of all depends upon the conduct of each. Know that your Council and our Order are enormous forces for good, and that the world needs us more than ever.

Your District Deputy, State Deputy and the Supreme Officers are eager for your success and for the prosperity of your Council. Never hesitate to ask for help. Study the official instructions you have received and take advantage of any leadership resources that are available.

Worthy Council Officers, I accept your promises as given in good faith by you as Catholic Gentlemen. Therefore, I now symbolically invest each of you with your medal of office, a symbol of the duties and responsibilities you accept as a Knights of Columbus fraternal leader. The physical medals will be provided to you later by your Council.

Worthy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Grand Knight medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Deputy Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Deputy Grand Knight medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Chancellor medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Financial Secretary medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Warden \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Warden medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Recorder medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Treasurer medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Advocate \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Advocate medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Trustees \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

- “May you ever wear this Trustee medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Lecturer \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Lecturer medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



Worthy Guards \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - “May you ever wear this Guard medal proudly so as to bring honor to yourself, your Council, and the Order.”



**D.D.** - Worthy Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_, if this was not a virtual installation I would have asked you to stand in the formation of a cross to remind you that; first and foremost you are Catholic men and, as Knights of Columbus, you are expected to live by the tenets of your faith and put them into action through your fraternal leadership duties.

As an officer, you need to hold yourself to the highest standard. Your individual skills and leadership abilities, when combined, with those of your fellow officers, will help your Council to expand its charitable reach and help more people in need. As the needs for service change, your council’s programs need to adapt to meet the new challenges. Expanding your charitable service is an effective way for

your council to recruit and retain members.

As your District Deputy, I stand ready to serve you and the members of your Council. So, too, does your Field Agent, \_\_\_\_\_.

And now, I declare that you are truly qualified and installed in your office and authorized to conduct the business of your Council and our Order until such time as you have been lawfully succeeded. I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for all success in your every endeavor.

Worthy Chaplain, please invoke the blessing of the Lord upon the Officers of this Council and upon all present who will be their close companions in the great work of the Knights of Columbus.

**Chaplain** - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and + of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Worthy Officers, I ask you to form the living cross of men in your minds, reminiscent of what installed knights have done before you in person. May the Cross ever be a reminder to you that you must be renewed in Christ and that your administration must show that Catholic lay leadership among the people of God flows from this renewal. Invoking God's help to fulfill this mission, I now impart His Blessing.

Holy Father, we thank You for the graces You have bestowed upon us. We thank You for the spirit of cooperation that reigns here and for the inspiration that You placed in the hearts of these men. We pray that You will find merit in the endeavors of our newly elected Officers and the Brother Knights of this Council. We ask this in Your Son's Name, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

**D. D.** - I declare this Installation of Council Officers complete.