

District Deputy Report October 2026

My Brothers,

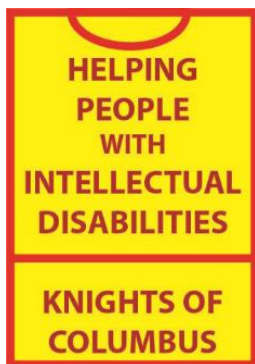
October is the month of Mary and dedicated to her Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world. Pray the Rosary often and give thanks to the Holy Mother for the loving protection She provides to our families. Be grateful for Her maternal care and for the blessings She brings into our lives each day.

A suggested program for October is, in fact, the *Family Rosary*. As a council, involve your Pastor, set a date, and conduct your own *Family Rosary*. Further information, along with materials for conducting the program, are available from the Supreme Council and can be ordered online by clicking [here](#). Also, please take a few moments to report this and other activities your council participates in by completing the online form available by clicking [here](#).



October also marks the sixth anniversary of the Beautification of the Blessed Michael McGivney. The Beautification Mass took place on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, the archdiocese where Father Michael J. McGivney was ordained in 1877. Again, I encourage councils to mark this special date with prayer and recognition for our Order's Founder.

October is traditionally a month for membership recruiting as councils schedule membership drives on or around Columbus Day. The Supreme Council continues to offer **free membership** for the first year for those who join online. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus or scan the QR image accompanying this article with their smartphone. They should enter the code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** when prompted to take advantage of this offer. An online member counts as a new member when they are admitted into your council.



Another program that occurs during the month of October with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities** (also known as the "Tootsie Roll" Drive). The official dates for the drive this year are **October 16, 17 and 18, 2026** (although councils are free to schedule and hold fundraisers benefiting people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the Columbian Year). I'm certain one or more organizations in your local community serving people with intellectual disabilities would benefit from your charitable efforts, including Special Olympics and *Feed the Athletes*, ARCs and local work training programs. For further information and resources regarding the *Annual Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities*, click [here](#).

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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