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## 2021 NEW JERSEY STATE CONVENTION GOOD OF THE ORDER

May it please Your Excellency, Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Director, and brothers all, Vivat Jesus! I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Jim Stoever for giving me the opportunity to speak on the Good of the Order. I begin with the fact that despite the many challenges, obstacles and heartbreak that the order in New Jersey has faced this past year, we are doing well and living up to the dream and vision of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

When looking past the international stories and reports of activities on the supreme council website and even some of the NJ State Council sponsored programs. As tremendous as they are, and we should all be proud of these accomplishments, when looking at the activities, charitable works and personal commitments and contributions of our local councils and assemblies. These are the real strengths, soul and Good of our Order. Our local councils and assemblies are reaching out directly and personally to each of our Pastors and asking him (and his deacons and parish ministries), "How can we help you in reopening our churches? How can we assist in community needs? Father, where do you need us?" It's not just the dollars we are contributing, although that is particularly important right now, and it needs to continue; it's the "Hands-On", roll up our sleeves personal assistance we are contributing. That is truly where our order shines! And it is making a difference!

Another area where we have truly exemplified Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision is in our caring for our brothers and families. *LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND* was a supreme initiative started at the beginning of this pandemic, and it's something that comes naturally to our brother knights. I have personally felt that fraternal concern. Due to KofC state and supreme activities along with a hectic travel schedule, I was unable to be an active member of my local council or assembly for over ten years! Last year, I received a call from the Chancellor of my Council, George Washington Council #359. He was reaching out to me to see if Noreen and I were OK, did we need anything, was there anything the council could do for us. I didn't personally know him, but it was sincere, and I was very moved by that gesture. I know councils are doing that and they should continue doing that. It means a lot to those brothers we haven't seen and it lets them know they're missed. Please keep it up. Any council can do this, there's no expense involved, just time spent with our brothers and their families.

So, continue doing what you're doing on a local, community and Parish level. Keep calling our brothers to just ask them how they're doing and is there something we can help with. Continuing to

do these things will ensure that the Good of our Order will be assured, this year and in years to come!

In closing, I ask all to remember our brothers, friends and family members we have lost this past year. In a special way, please remember State Deputy Vinnie Tavormina, who is with us here today in our hearts and in our prayers.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

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