

1. **McGivney Guild** – As always publicize and encourage this opportunity to honor and support our founder – Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Make sure your members are at least aware of its existence.
 - a. [Father McGivney Guild](#)
2. **Priesthood Scholarship Fund** – An unofficial motto of the Knights of Columbus is “In Solidarity with our Priests”. This tenet is the perfect example of how we can as Brothers achieve something greater as a group when we pool our resources. Regularly each year the Alabama State Council gives over \$5,000 each to both the Archbishop of Mobile and the Bishop of Birmingham. These funds come from the interest generated on the Priesthood Scholarship Fund and annual donations from Councils across the entire state. If your Council has not donated recently, please consider contributing and possibly setting it up as an annual one.
3. **Ceremonials** – Even though the usage of the previous ceremonies is permitted, most teams are transitioning to the new combined degree. This new exemplification is a slimmer version of our basic lessons but is still particularly good at establishing a foundation to becoming a Knight of Columbus. Now with the easing of most restrictions some teams are beginning to even have in-person degrees which is the best way in my opinion to present the ceremony. However, there is the option of using a video presentation and participation in an online version. The following link is highly informative on ceremonials.
 - a. [Ceremonials - Knights of Columbus](#)
4. **New Council Development** – The creation of a new Council is a process which begins when the need for a new Council is determined. In many cases a parish priest and members of a parish recognize the many benefits of having a Council. Many new Councils originate from a successful [Round Table](#) which is the presence of the Knights of Columbus at a parish. The Supreme and State Councils are ready to assist in the undertaking but there must be a desire by individuals at the location.