



Grand Knight's Report

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Mother Seton Council #6724

Religious liberty

“It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore personal responsibility, are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. But men cannot satisfy this obligation in a way that is in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy both psychological freedom and immunity from external coercion. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature.” (Dignitaries Humane, Second Vatican II Declaration on Religious Liberty, 2).

The Knights of Columbus promotes a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion's proper role in both its private and public dimensions. As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country's identity and has fostered our country's development.

Every major achievement that has taken place within the American enterprise—the American Revolution; the abolition of slavery; the civil rights movement; reforms in education, labor and woman's rights—has been at the urging of religious people seeking a more just and humane society.

In this light, the Knights of Columbus recognizes religious liberty as an indispensable condition for authentic human development.

Consistent with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that man, created in the image and likeness of God possesses the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being, especially in moral and religious matters. Our Order remains steadfast in its conviction that religious liberty “is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism, 1738).

We are therefore called to defend religious liberty against cultural trends that are increasingly hostile to Christianity, and impede men and women from freely exercising their religion by living in accordance with it. As the Second Vatican Council noted, although we must respect the just autonomy of the secular sphere, we must take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs that can be separated from God. Blessed John Paul II witnessed that when a society attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to resist militant secularism and to defend religious liberty at the international, national, state, and local levels. Without this necessary check on the power of the state, no principled limit can be recognized to prevent the expansion of government's power at the expense of personal liberty.



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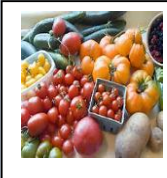
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Progress Report for Plant Sale



Date March 22, 2014 ----- 10 varieties of Plants with 50 of each

Cost

sell for 1.50 per plant

Location: Center State Bank Parking Lot

This is in the Valrico Shopping Center on Valrico Rd and 60. It is across the street from Cracker Barrel.

Hot Dogs & Cokes

Richard Spinelli will be the chef

need about 4 more for sales and food service

Set Up

Need Half Dozen or more 6 foot Tables for plant display

Need some one to organize



Set up

clean up

Advertise

Chris McManus will be organizing the Advertisement....Flyers, Chamber, Church bulletin, Newspapers, Web page, signs in front of sale , and....

Need help for each.

Next meeting

Monday Feb. 17, 2014 Adult Ed Building At 5:00. This will be just ahead of the Pot Luck Social.

WE can use you and you ideas....SEE you there -----if you cannot attend call now for an assignment of your choice

Call me If You have a thought, don't wait till the meeting..... calls now

Peter



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The members of the
Knights of Columbus Blessed Antonio Rossini Council #14278, **St. Francis of Assisi,**

& neighboring KofC councils from Nativity & St. Clement are
hosting

“Benefits Night”

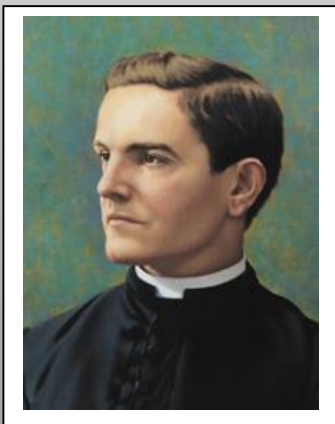
Thursday March 13th – 7:00 pm St Francis New addition

Open for all fellow members, parishioners and our neighboring
parishes of

Nativity and St. Clement

Come join us for a night of fellowship, free food and fun

There will be prizes and guest speakers to help you in preparing
and protecting your estate



“Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”

One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

The nickname is understandable, but misleading.

The Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many types of council participate in the same fund-raising drive, but distribute other items. References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise a candy bar. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities” rather than the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

Here are the fund raiser dates for the Citizens Disabilities.

March 28 and 29 (Friday and Saturday) from 11AM to 7PM located at Publix west of Kings near Rt60.

May 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday) from 11AM to 7PM on Saturday and from 11AM to 5PM on Sunday located at Publix at Valrico Rd. and Rt.60.

We need a brother Knight to handle May 17 & 18.

If you are interested please contact Herbert

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 3 BUILDING COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED
- MARCH 5 Benefit Night 7:00PM St. Francis
- MARCH 14 Assembly 1850 Business Meeting 7:30 pm
- MARCH 17 POT LUCK 6:30 PM ADULT ED. ROOM Assemblies
- MARCH 18 Knights of Columbus 1ST Degree
- MARCH 22 Plant Sale Cost sells for 1.50 per plant
Location: Center State Bank Parking Lo
- MARCH 23 Coffee & Doughnuts-Knights of Columbus
- MARCH 25 Day of the Unborn Child. Rosary Service 7:30 PM
- MARCH 28 Tootsie Rol11:00 a m 7:00 pm PUBLIX / KING
- MARCH 29 Tootsie Rol11:00 a m 7:00 pm PUBLIX / KING



1ST ANNUAL GOLF

UP COMING EVENT The Mother Seton Council 6724 1st Annual Golf Tournament will be held on May 3rd, 2014 at the Bloomingdale Golf Course. Shotgun start @ 1pm. Registration will start @ 11am



Aaron	Germain	3/5
Alfons	Baginski	3/10
B	Linder	3/7
Blake	Cron	3/26
Christopher	O Loughlin	3/22
Craig	Coronado	3/15
Gregory	Coleman	3/14
Howard	Baum	3/24
James	Serluco	3/11
Jeffrey	Winnegar	3/12
Jesse	Ornelas	3/31
Joseph	Ress	3/12
Joseph	Olszewski	3/14
Joseph	Owan Assam	3/15
Joseph	Plesko	3/13
Kittipongse	Amaritnant	3/16
Manuel	Fontes	3/3
Mark	Cincotta	3/22
Martin	Devine	3/31
Marvin	Dusette	3/22
Michael	Hiatt	3/18
Ned	Nevaril	3/23
Richard	Barrett	3/10
Wayne	Miller	3/5



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Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

Take steps to protect your family and your financial future.

Fraternally,

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ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH FIVE SKS FROM ASSEMBLY 1850 MADE A DELIVERY TO THE 46TH STREET STATION FOR OUR HOMELESS VETS. THE TOTAL WAS \$245.70. OUR DONATION INCLUDED 20 CASES OF WATER ALONG WITH FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE CONTINUING GENEROSITY OF ALL OUR COUNCILS AND ASSEMBLY MAKE THESE DONATIONS POSSIBLE. WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THESE KNIGHTS, WHO CONTINUE TO BRING IN THESE MOST NECESSARY ITEMS TO THEIR MEETINGS. A JOB WELL DONE. BE ASSURED THAT THESE ITEMS ARE BEING PUT TO GOOD USE. ASSEMBLY 1850 WILL SPONSOR A "SPRING BBQ" FOR OUR HEROES AT THE HALEY NURSING HOME THIS MAY... OUR TARGET DATE IS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY (THE 3RD). YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE. FRATERNALLY, BILL QUEENAN,



ASSEMBLY 1850 IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS YEAR'S "SPRING BBQ" FOR OUR VETERANS AT THE HALEY NURSING WILL BE MAY 10, 2014. ASSEMBLY 1850 WAS SINGLED OUT AS ONE OF FLORIDA'S EXAMPLES OF A GROUP OF MEN, WHO HAVE GONE THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR BRAVE HEROES BY SPONSORING EVENTS LIKE THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE ARE WORKING ON GETTING THE "ZUMBA DANCERS" FOR ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE MEAL OF HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE TEAM FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. MANY WIVES WERE KEPT BUSY ON THE SERVING LINE. OUR VETS STAYED TO THE END OF THE PARTY AND ALL HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. ASSEMBLY 1850 WILL SPONSOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN EARLY DECEMBER AND WILL HAVE MORE FUN AND SURPRISES IN STORE FOR OUR BRAVE MEN, WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR US, ALL ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF THIS PARTY AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

With the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child soon approaching on March 25, Knights have the opportunity to stand up and speak out against the evil of abortion. All members of the Order are encouraged to hold a special prayer service in council meeting places or local parishes. When celebrating the Day of the Unborn Child, councils are encouraged to conduct a pro-life Mass or rosary service. Remember to invite all members of the community, including public officials and health care workers. Strength in numbers gives others the courage to speak up and also lets the community know there is a group willing to help women in crisis pregnancies. To plan a service, councils should:

- Consult with their chaplain or the pastor of the local parish to establish a time and kind of service (i.e. rosary, Mass, etc.).
- Ask the pastor to make a pulpit or bulletin announcement regarding the program for the Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child at all Masses the weekend prior to the event.
- Send a notice to the local diocesan newspaper and local secular media.
- Distribute Prayer for Life cards (#4665), available in reasonable quantities from the Supply Department.

The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child was instituted as an addition to the Order's commitment to build a culture that respects and protects every human life, from conception to natural death. For more information on the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child, see the "Community" section of kofc.org/service.

In addition, to further assist your culture of life activities, the Supreme Council offers the following materials (all of which are free of charge when ordered in reasonable quantities; there is only a shipping charge):

- The four-page, full-color Winning Words of Life flyer (#2275) offers thoughtful responses to common abortion arguments.
- The brochure A People of Life — And for Life (#4795)



How to Practice Lectio Divina

A step-by-step guide to praying the Bible

BY: Father Luke Dysinger, O.S.B.

[Lectio divina](#) is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. Time set aside in a special way for lectio divina enables us to discover in our daily life an underlying [spiritual](#) rhythm. Within this rhythm, we discover an increasing ability to offer more of ourselves and our relationships to the Father, and to accept the embrace that God is continuously extending to us in the person of his son, Jesus Christ. Very often our concerns, our [relationships](#), our hopes and aspirations, naturally intertwine with our meditations on the Scriptures. We can attend "with the ear of our hearts" to our own memories, listening for God's presence in the events of our lives. We experience Christ reaching out to us through our own memories. Our own personal story becomes salvation history.

How to Practice Lectio Divina

- Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to pray. Many Christians use in their daily lectio divina one of the readings from the eucharistic liturgy for the day); others prefer to slowly work through a particular book of the Bible. It makes no difference which text is chosen, as long as one has no set goal of "covering" a certain amount of text. The amount of text covered is in God's hands, not yours.
- Place yourself in a [comfortable](#) position and allow yourself to become silent. Some Christians focus for a few moments on their breathing; others have a beloved "[prayer](#) word" or "prayer phrase" they gently recite... For some, the practice known as "[centering prayer](#)" makes a good, brief introduction to lectio divina. Use whatever method is best for you and allow yourself to enjoy silence for a few moments.
- Turn to the text and read it slowly, gently. Savor each portion of the reading, constantly listening for the "still, small voice" of a word or phrase that somehow says, "I am for you today." Do not expect lightning or ecstasies. In lectio divina, God is [teaching](#) us to listen to him, to seek him in silence. He does not reach out and grab us; rather, he gently invites us ever more deeply into his presence.
- Take the word or phrase into yourself. Memorize it and slowly repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your inner world of concerns, memories, and ideas. Do not be afraid of distractions. Memories or thoughts are simply parts of yourself that, when they rise up during lectio divina, are asking to be given to God along with the rest of your inner self. Allow this inner pondering, this rumination, to invite you into dialogue with God.
- Speak to God. Whether you use words, ideas, or images--or all three--is not important. Interact with God as you would with one who you know loves and accepts you. And given to him what you have discovered during your experience of [meditation](#). Experience God by using the word or phrase he has given you as a means of blessing and of transforming the ideas and memories that your reflection on his word has awakened. Give to God what you have found within your heart.
- Rest in God's embrace. And when he invites you to return to your contemplation of his word or to your inner dialogue with him, do so. [Learn](#) to use words when words are helpful, and to let go of words when they no longer are necessary. Rejoice in the knowledge that God is with you in both words and silence, in spiritual activity and inner receptivity.

Sometimes in lectio divina, you may return several times to the printed text, either to savor the literary context of the word or phrase that God has given or to seek a new word or phrase to ponder. At other times, only a single word or phrase will fill the whole time set aside for lectio divina. It is not necessary to assess anxiously the quality of your lectio divina, as if you were "performing" or seeking some goal. Lectio divina has no goal other than that of being in the presence of God by praying the Scriptures.



Membership Growth is Key

Under the theme “One Member, Per Council, Per Month,” the Membership Seminar instructed Knights of Columbus state deputies, membership chairmen and other leaders to grow the Order through consistent and organized effort.

Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis A. Savoie opened the meeting with an inspirational address about the new membership theme. “Ask every council in your jurisdiction to recruit one member per council, per month,” he said. Stressing the simplicity of the message and the program, he added, “That’s it!”

“The Order will grow by leaps and bounds,” he continued.

The key to getting members into the Order on a timely basis is regular First Degree ceremonials, he said.

“If we believe in the Order, as I know we do, and if we believe in the principles we stand for, as I know we do, then we will offer a First Degree at least once a month,” Savoie said.

Membership is the “lifeblood” of the Order and forms the basis for all the Knights do in charitable works and support of the Church. The state deputies and other leaders are expected to set an example in their jurisdictions.

We have been working hard this year with our Membership Goal for our Council. Time is running out and we are short twelve Members. I’m asking each Knight to help us reach our goal.



The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is conducting the Venerable Michael McGivney Membership Campaign in honor of 130 years of the Order and 160 years of our founder's birth. In addition to the First Degree exemplifications, each council should hold a Corporate Communion and pray together for the Canonization of Father McGivney and for the growth and prosperity of the Order. Also, this is a great time to host a council open house and show the video The Life and Legacy of Father McGivney. Participating in the campaign is easy! All a member has to do is recruit new members!

The membership campaign incentives are as follows:

Venerable Michael McGivney Medallion

Throughout the Fraternal year, any member who recruits a new member will receive a specially made Venerable Michael McGivney Medallion.

Officer's Recruiting Challenge

Every fraternal leader should set a good example for council members and personally recruit —1— new member to make his council stronger. Not just council officers, each district deputy and state council officer, director and chairman should recruit a new Knight!

Every council that meets or exceeds the Officers Recruiting Challenge will be awarded 26,000 Council V. I. P. Points or the council to redeem with Knights of Columbus merchandise in the Gift Catalog! The recruiting officer is still awarded his personal 500 V. I. P. Points.

Special Award for Councils; redeem your 26,000 points for a new set of Council Officers Jewels (PG-130).

Don't delay – participate today! Started: 7/1/12. Ends: 9/30/12.

Challenges throughout the year

It's no secret

Adopt A Precinct is a feel-good fundraiser. Now is a great time to make your commitment to participate in Adopt A Precinct and to count on the funds you'll bring in for your next budget.

All you have to do is [click here](#) and let Linda Earnest know you're in! And please read the message below from Supervisor Craig Latimer. He's asking for your help so that we can make Adopt A Precinct even bigger and better.







A message from Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer:

I've challenged my staff to expand our Adopt A Precinct program, because it worked so well during the last election. You recruited some terrific poll workers and we enjoyed partnering with groups that are truly making a difference in our community.

So now I'm asking that you tell a few of your friends and colleagues about Adopt A Precinct. I know that word of mouth will be the quickest and most effective way to expand this program and make it even more successful than it was in 2012.

Help us make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote! Forward this email to a few people who are like you -- working to make our community better, and in need of a little funding for the work they're doing.

Thank you so much, p.s. Please take a few seconds to sign up for my email newsletter so we can stay in touch.

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