



**KNIGHTS**

**NATIVITY NEWS**

**JUNE 2014**

Grand Knight's Report

Marc R. Anderson

Mother Seton Council #6724

**Knights Of Columbus To Host First Annual Golf Tournament**

The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 6724 will host its inaugural Derby on the Greens golf tournament on Saturday, May 3 at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club. All of the proceeds will go to support the council's programs benefiting not only Nativity Catholic Church, but also the surrounding Brandon community. The funds will also support other council programs such as the Veteran's Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) at the veteran's hospital in Tampa, The Annual Youth Soccer and Basketball Challenge, Lopez School for Exceptional Kids in Valrico and assistance for homeless veteran families in the immediate Brandon community.

Marc Andersen of Brandon is the Grand Knight for the council and his involvement with the organization began because he loves giving back to the community and assisting those in need.

"As a Grand Knight, my primary focus is to build upon the council's relationship with Nativity Catholic Church and the Brandon community," Andersen said.

Last year alone the council was able to provide support to over 65 homeless Veteran families in the Brandon and surrounding communities. The golf tournament will be held on the 140th Running of the Roses. The tournament is four-man best ball format.

"We will have prizes for first, second and third place teams in addition to a long drive and closest to the pin contest," Andersen said. "Ladies that attend the event can win prizes for the most fashionable derby day hats."

Registration for the event starts at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided and the awards ceremony will take place after dinner. "We are still looking for assistance with food sponsors and whole sponsors," Andersen said.

The council hopes to raise \$7,000 with the tournament. The council will also be hosting a Veterans Barbeque on Saturday, May 10 at the veteran's hospital in Tampa. "Twice a year we hold a barbeque for all the veterans and their families," Andersen said. "Everyone is welcome to attend and spend time with the men and women who have served our country."

To learn more about the golf tournament or to register for the event, visit the council's Website at [KofCBrandon.com](http://KofCBrandon.com) or call Andersen at 720-7599. The Bloomingdale Golfers Club is located at 4113 Great Golfer's Pl. in Valrico.

**DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER THE GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED!!!**

**NEW DATE IS SATURDAY JUNE 14th**

**Knights of Columbus**

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On Thursday May 15th Assembly 1850 made our monthly delivery of food, hygiene items and magazines to the homeless depot, the Haley Cove Nursing Home and the Haley Hospital. The total this month was \$453.47. We also ran the Annual Vets BBQ on the 10th of May. What makes all this possible is the continuing generosity of all our knights. Every council in our assembly takes great pride in our vets and in what they have done to preserve our way of life. As Knights of Columbus we are keenly aware of our duty to our country and our responsibilities to our fighting men and women. We take great pride in our support of VAVS. Please continue to be involved in the process, Bill Queenan, fn, KofC Rep.



DONUT SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2014

The Knights of Columbus have Coffee and Donut Duty on Sunday June 1, 2014. We will need volunteers to set up before the first mass at 7:00AM and serve Coffee, Donuts and Lemonade after each morning mass and clean up the Social Hall afterward.

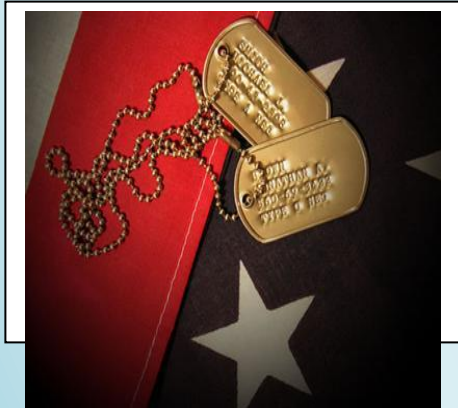




## WE NEED YOUR HELP

HELP SUPPORT OUR VETERANS. ALL OUR KNIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DONATION TO EACH MEETING, SO THAT THIS WILL BECOME A HABIT BEFORE LEAVING THEIR HOMES. DELIVERIES ARE MADE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND ARE USED BY THE NEEDY ALMOST IMMEDIATE. THESE ITEMS ARE A NECESSITY FOR OUR HEROES, WHO RESIDE AT THE VA HOSPITAL AND OUR HOMELESS VETERANS. THE "SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM" THAT OUR KNIGHTS PRESENT TO THESE BRAVE MEN AND WOMAN IS A PART OF MAKING THEIR LIVES MORE MEANINGFUL. FELLOW KNIGHTS THERE IS GREAT NEED HERE. WE CAN HELP OTHERS. THIS IS THE REALITY OF OUR TIMES. PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO OUR VETERANS .BRING WHAT YOU CAN TO OUR MEETINGS. WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION WE CANNOT BE THERE FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN, WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR ALL OF US.

HERBERT SWOOPE



### INSPIRING HERO AND SOLDIER QUOTES

#### AMERICAN FLAG SOLDIER DOG TAGS

WE HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SO BRAVELY SERVED THIS COUNTRY.

AMERICA IS FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND LIBERTY FOR ALL. OUR NATION'S SOLDIERS SERVE EVERY DAY TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND ITS IDEALS. TAKE A SACRED MOMENT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES EVERY MOMENT TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

## MOTHER SETON COUNCIL #6724 FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Marc Andersen and his Family was chosen as Family of the month for all the hard work Marc and his wife and brother have put in for the Council over the last 2 years. He was recognized especially for his recent hard work with the Altar Servers Dinner and his tireless effort for the Golf Tournament. Thanks for all your hard work Marc!!



## MOTHER SETON COUNCIL #6724 KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Tom Babiarz was instrumental with the success of the Tootsie Roll Drive. With his organization, leadership and recruiting, Tom helped raise over \$1000 in the weekends first Tootsie Roll Drive. As a result of his hard work, the Council is well on its way to surpassing its goal of collecting over \$2000 for the Lopez School for Exceptional Children. Thanks for all your hard work Tom!





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 6724

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUNE 1**

Coffee & Doughnuts- Knights of Columbus

**JUNE 2**

COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING

ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

**JUNE 13**

Assembly 1850 Business Meeting 7:30 pm ADULT ED BUILDING

**JUNE 14**

1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BLOOMINGDALE GOLF COURSE

**JUNE 17**

FIRST DEGREE AT NATIVITY

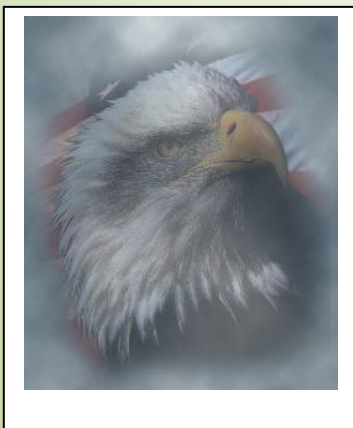
**JUNE 24**

FIRST DEGREE AT NATIVITY

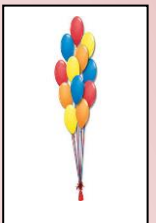
**JUNE 28**

Installation of New Council Officers, 4:00 pm Mass

Installation of Officers, Dinner



Andre	Cadet
Brian	Stephenson
Brian	Junker
Dennis	Rodgers
Edelseiln	Vargas
Emmanouell	Orfanides
Erasmo	Rivera
Frank	Boeckman
Grant	Izzi
James	O Brien
John	Paton
Joseph	Viscomi
Joseph	Clemis
Kevin	Walthour
Lucas	Ortiz
Melvin	Pierce
Neil	Waid
Orman	Werner
Paul	Von Marko
Peter	King
Phillip	Fleetwood
Ruben	Perdue





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## An Ethical Responsibility

In March, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute.

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above everything. But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less. We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. For starters, we were founded by a Venerable Servant of God, who, we pray, is on the path to sainthood. How many companies can say that? It is our responsibility to continue the business in the way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 132 years later.

From our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company. For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights. We don't worry about stock price, shareholders or corporate takeovers. We don't obsess over profit margins and golden parachutes. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're brother Knights too.

As an agent, I am required to sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule — Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

After all, we are our brother's keeper. That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has acknowledged that commitment. Discover the benefits of doing business with one of the World's most ethical companies. Contact me today to set up an appointment..

Take steps to protect your family and your financial future.

Fraternally,

Patrick



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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**“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.”**

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.

St. 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.



## “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”

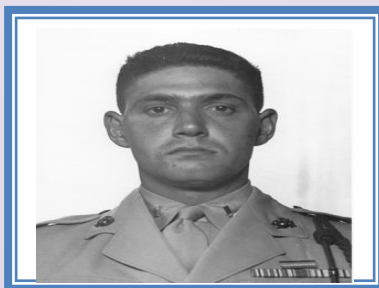
One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy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

### Lopez Elementary is named for 1st Lt Baldomero Lopez.

We honor him annually on Veteran's Day. Baldomero Lopez was born 23 August 1925, in Tampa, Florida and attended Hillsborough High School. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, and upon graduating June 6, 1947, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He attended The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, after which he became a platoon commander in the Platoon Leaders Class Training Regiment. In 1948, 2dLt Lopez went to China, where he served as a mortar section commander and later as a rifle platoon commander at Tsingtao and Shanghai. On his return from China he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California. He was serving there when, shortly after the outbreak of the Korean war, he volunteered for duty as an infantry officer in Korea. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on June 16, 1950. Lopez was forever immortalized in a picture of him leading his men over the seawall at Inchon shortly before his death.

News of his heroic death spread quickly among fellow Marines on the battlefronts. A Scripps-Howard war correspondent, Jerry Thorp, said in a news story on 1stLt Lopez's deed that he "died with the courage that makes men great." In addition to the Medal of Honor, 1st Lt Lopez's decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star, China Service Medal, and Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars. Lopez leading his men over the seawall at Inchon. September 15, 1950

If you've ever viewed the famous photograph of a lone Marine leading his men over the seawall at the Battle of Inchon during the Korea War, then you've met First Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez. That's him in the photo during the Assault on Red Beach, 5th Marines, and September 15, 1950.



A few minutes before First Lieutenant Lopez sacrificed his life, smothering a live hand grenade with his own body to protect his men. It was an act of bravery that earned him the Nation's top military decoration, the Medal of Honor. The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

FIRST LIEUTENANT BALDOMERO LOPEZ

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

For service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Rifle Platoon Commander of Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces during the Inchon invasion in Korea on 15 September 1950. With his platoon, First Lieutenant Lopez was engaged in the reduction of immediate enemy beach defenses after landing with the assault waves. Exposing himself to hostile fire, he moved forward alongside a bunker and prepared to throw a hand grenade into the next pillbox whose fire was pinning down that sector of the beach. Taken under fire by an enemy automatic weapon and hit in the right shoulder and chest as he lifted his arm to throw, he fell backward and dropped the deadly missile. After a moment, he turned and dragged his body forward in an effort to retrieve the grenade and throw it. In critical condition from pain and loss of blood, and unable to grasp the hand grenade firmly enough to hurl it, he chose to sacrifice himself rather than endanger the lives of his men and, with a sweeping motion of his wounded right arm, cradled the grenade under him and absorbed the full impact of the explosion. His exceptional courage, fortitude and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Lopez and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Council 6724 Nominees for Officer Positions 2014 – 2015

<u>Role</u>	<u>Member</u>
Grand Knight	Herbert Swoope
Deputy Grand Knight	Christopher McManus
Chancellor	Dean Jacobson
Advocate	Howard Baum
Warden	Neil Waid
Treasurer	Mark Nebolsky
Outside Guard	Rick Silver
Inside Guard	George Giragosian
One Year Trustee	Marc Andersen
Two Year Trustee	Michael Goscinski
Three Year Trustee	John Houseman

<u>Appointed Role</u>	<u>Member</u>
Chaplain	Father Colin Hendry
Financial secretary	Sam Miller
Recorder	Open
Lecturer	Don Clark



## Prayer For the Sick

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.*

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| Crimie Anderson   | Jerry Westbrook     |
| Stephen Wilkous   | Joseph Bujega       |
| Beatrice Bujeg    | Emily Seay          |
| Darlene Westbrook | Kolleen Spinelli    |
| Richard Barrett   | Gespen Chieto's Mom |
| Ed Kachie         | Joy                 |
| Jody Nelson       | Angelo Dickolo      |
| Irm Barrett       | Richard Hardesty    |
| Paula Zemke       | Bob Delton          |
| Tony Boes         | Ed McManara         |
| Mayna Poissonnier | Steven Urbanski     |
| Valerie Giroux    | James McCabe        |
| Loretta Riccards  | Gene Babiarz        |



## Get Your Membership Committee Organized

### Installation of Council Officers

June 28, 2014

4:00 PM Mass

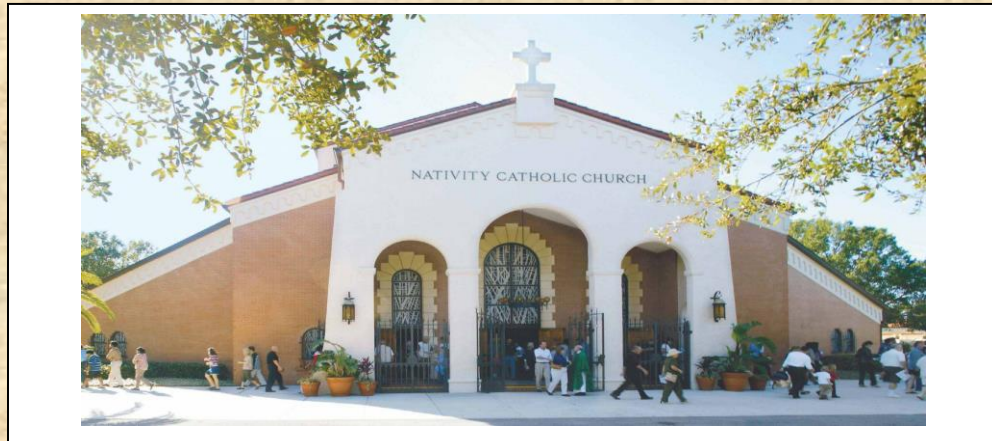
### Installation of Officers

### Dinner



July 1 marks the beginning of the new fraternal year and the recent-ly-elected officers start the year with a clean slate, coupled with the vision and wisdom of those success-full administrations that have preceded them. Productive action during this time of change is critical in the council's overall success. Lost time in bringing the new administration "up to speed" means lost opportunity. A council cannot become dormant in the summer and expect to start at full-pace in the fall. Summer functions, although they do not need to be as focused or elaborate as those held at other times of the year, do offer a chance for a council to re-charge its batteries in preparation for the stepped-up activities of the fall. These social occasions — whether family Communion breakfasts, socials, recruitment activities, family picnics or similar activities — give officers and member's time to become comfortable working to get her and to plan. At the start of this change over period, another important council function needs to be conducted — the annual Installation of Council Officers. Each district deputy is charged with the responsibility to conduct the Installation of Council Officers ceremony as soon as possible after the beginning of the new fraternal year. It is very important for each council to "pass the gavel" and the mantle of leadership to the new officers for the coming year. The previous administration should remain active to work with the new officers to analyze what succeeded and what areas need attention. It is this framework of council continuity that helps build a strong council presence in both parish and community. Each officer and member plays an important role in the council as covered in the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws (#30, 20 cents each) of the Order. The checks and balances among the officer positions are not only still relevant today, but they also contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the council. The in corpo-rators reminded those that handle the money that great faith and trust is placed in them. Trustees are instructed to be vigilant in auditing of the books. Any council that conducts business as set forth in the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws has never had any significant challenges in accounting for the money of the council. It is important to note, that with the advent of the many computer pro-grams the built-in checks and balances are still workable without variation. Attention to detail is important for overall council success — not only for financial matters, but also for membership recruiting and council programming. When council officers and members meet for the Installation of Officers, attempt to make the time a more formal social function. Starting the first year function in early July with a family get-together to install the officers sets a good tone for the year to come. Members want and need to know that their council is active and viable. The Installation of Officers ceremony is an excellent opportunity for the grand knight and officers to deliver their "State of the Council" message. Members guided with the vision of the council will be more likely to request to work on projects that interest them. In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order, start your council's new fraternal year on the right foot. Plan a great Installation of Council Officers, as soon as your district deputy can conduct it, and also plan to conduct at least one First Degree in your council every month. Remember, don't hold candidates for degrees; hold degrees for candidates. It will pay great "Star Council" dividend.





~ June 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Coffee & Doughnuts- Knights of Columbus 	<b>2</b> COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL OFFICERS					
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Assembly 1850 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BLOOMINGDALE GOLF COURSE
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> FIRST DEGREE AT NATIVITY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Officers Meeting 7:30 pm Adult Ed Building	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Installation of New Council Officers
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>				

