

KNIGHT NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT; HERBERT SWOOPE

FOUNDER OF WORLD YOUTH DAY, ST. JOHN PAUL II IS ALSO POPE OF THE FAMILY AND OF LIFE

ON his homily at the canonization of John Paul II, Pope Francis recalled that on one occasion, Saint Pope Wojtyła had said, "If the world will remember me, I would like t

o is remembered as the **Pope of the Family and of Life**." He himself was able to enjoy his own family very briefly: when he was 9 years old his mother died; as a 14-year-old boy he lost his brother, and at the age of 21 years he lost his beloved father. But how rich and deep must have been his experience of love in his family! Years later, John Paul II talked about his family home as his first seminary, and about his father as the one who first formed his priestly identity.

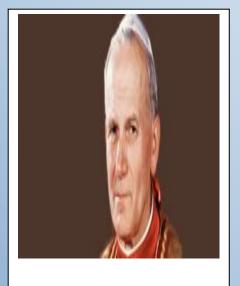
From his father, Karol learned to pray. From his father, he took a deep devotion to the Holy Spirit, to which he remained faithful to the end of his life. It is this deep love and entrustment to the power of the Holy Spirit that made John Paul II a witness to hope in the contemporary world.

It was his father who instilled in young Karol an ardent love for the Mother of God, when in his strong soldier's hand he held Karol's childlike

hand, prayed the rosary and took Karol on pilgrimages to Marian shrines in Wadowice, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Czestochowa, sites close to the heart of every Pole. It was during these pilgrimages, that his father entrusted small Karol to the Blessed Mother. This entrustment bore fruit years later when, in a mature and personal way, it became the theme of the priestly, episcopal and later the papal ministry of Wojtyła, who completely entrusted himself to Mary, "Totus Tuus."

In his family, John Paul II learned to respect life and its heroic defense. Three years before the birth of Karol, his little sister died, but the memory of the gift of her life was preserved in the family and passed onto Karol. When he was 13 years old, he witnessed the heroic attitude of his older brother, who as a doctor, during an epidemic of scarlet fever, while caring for the sick, became infected and died. For Karol Wojtyła, the family is the place where he experienced the true love of God and neighbor. When Jesus looked at him and told him, "Follow me," Karol knew His love and entrusted himself to this love... and **followed the Master.**







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JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you for visiting our website. Please feel free to look around. The Knights of Columbus is a dynamic organization that would be honored to have you as a member.

If you are interested or have a Catholic friend or family member who might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Membership Director Jesse Martinez and/or Deputy Grand Knight Herb Swoope to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. We would love to have you involved in our organization that helps the family, church and community.

Any questions please contact any of the officers or email the webmaster.

Field Agent

I've handled 170 Death Claims in the 8 years I have had the privilege to be a Field Agent. Most interesting event lately, a <u>92 year old member</u> died leaving a Death Benefit to <u>His Parents</u>. He took out the policy when he was 18 years old and never changed the beneficiaries. What about your beneficiary designations? Are they up to date? Is it time for your Fraternal Review?

The Knights of Columbus prides itself on servicing its policies. When the Order or the Field Agent hears of the death of a member or his family, they immediately review to see if there is existing coverage, that is a proactive approach to contacting the family. A recent article, April 24 in *The Tampa Tribune*, indicated that a major life insurance company settled a \$478 Million claim that it had not provided life insurance benefits to its policyholders. There is quite a difference between our fraternal attitude to members and the commercial insurers' attitude to their policyholders.

Last year we paid out more in dividends than we paid in Death Benefits, it truly is Life Insurance. Should you provide protection for your loved ones through the Order?

Your Council needs a few more members to become insurance members before the June 30 year end to earn the Fr. McGivney Award. If you have a need, now is an excellent time to provide for your loved ones and to help your Council earn Star Council.





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FIRST DEGREE TEAM IS SEEKING MEMBERS!

As you may have read or heard, the District Deputy pulled our Certification for our First Degree Team. As it stands right now, we are unable to hold a First Degree at Nativity. This is obviously a disadvantage to our Council not being able to hold a Degree at our campus for new members, or having the ability to schedule one as needed (like after our membership blitz).

What can you do about it? We are forming a new Degree Team and hope to be certified soon. However, to do this we need Degree Team Members. There are many roles on the degree team, from the main players such as the Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight that have large speaking roles, to medium roles with smaller speaking parts like the Financial Secretary, one or two liners like the inside guard, to non – speaking roles such as the Wardens' Aides and the Music Man. Basically a role for you, no matter what your talent or experience. The Degree team is not a huge time commitment (we are usually scheduled for a degree every other month (so only six a year!) and an occasional special degree secession on an off month as needed (very rarely), plus the occasion practice.

Ideally, we would like to have a main player for each role and a back up. If you have any interest at all for any of the roles please reach out to Chris McManus or Herb Swoope. Remember, the future of our Council's membership may depend on your participation!

HELP WANTED: RECORDER, DIRECTORS AND CO-DIRECTORS

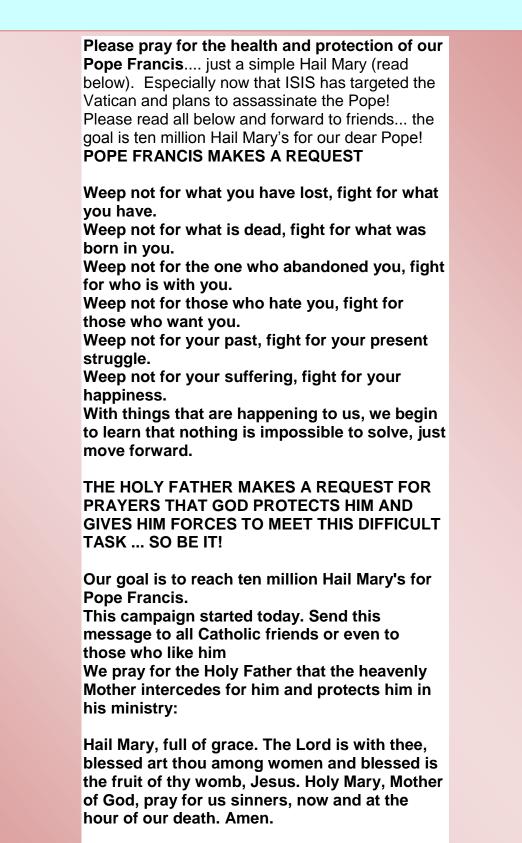
We still have an opening for an Officer Position, that of the Recorder. This is a vital position in the Council (and relatively easy). Chris and Dean have developed a template over the last 2 years that makes taking the minutes easy. Please consider this very important position and contact DGK Chris McManus (a former recorder) if you have any questions about what this job entails.

There are also several Director, Co-Director and Committee (and Co-) Chairman Positions available. If you have the calling to be more involved and would like to become a leader in the Council, please contact Herb Swoope or Chris McManus for more details.

2014 SOCCER CHALLENGE COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

The Mother Seton Council recently held the 2014 MSC Soccer Challenge where Boys and Girls ages 9-14 were able to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill, that of the Penalty Kick. A steady downpour of rain kept most competitors away, but 5 were able to compete in the Council Championship, with 4 Council Champions (unfortunately we had two 9 year old boys, and only one could win. The 2014 Mother Seton Council Soccer Challenge Champions Adrian McNeil age 9 Harley Miller age 10 Abigail McManus age 11 Maria Abreu age 13 The Council Champions will go on to St. Stephen's to compete for the District Championship on Monday September 29, 2014. Good Luck Mother Seton Champions! Represent us well!





Do not forget to forward this message to as many friends. We want to reach ten million Hail Mary's.



On Thursday August 21, the "green shirts" of Assembly 1850 made their monthly delivery to the 46th station veteran's collection site. Our knights donated many food items and 20 cases of water. A visit was then made to the Haley Hospital to drop off badly needed personal hygiene items for our heroes. Magazines were distributed by hospital staff..\$649.45 was the total for this donation. We cannot stress just how important these visits are to the overall moral of our vets. We wish to thank all the knights, who have participated in this project month after month. You make these visits possible. Our sincerest thanks are extended to the Knights of Columbus!

On Saturday 11 October at 7:00pm, our annual "Sock Hop" fundraiser will begin at the "Eagles Club" in Valrico. All are welcome. \$15.00 a ticket for the event includes a stake dinner with all the "fixens'". This is the only fund raiser our assembly has to support our vets Christmas Party in December and the Spring BBQ at the Haley Cove Nursing Home. Your continued generosity and caring for our vets in well appreciated and can not be overstated. God Bless, Bill Queenan FA Rep. to the Haley Hospital

Foundations of Life Gala and Silent Auction October 18 at 6:00 p.m. benefiting Foundations of Life Pregnancy Centers in Tampa and St. Petersburg to be held at A La Carte Flux Pavilion, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa.

Guest Speaker is Carol Everett, opening remarks by Bishop Lynch and Master of Ceremony is Peter O'Shea. www.foundationsoflife.org

Event Location A La Carte Flux Pavilion 4050 Dana Shores Drive Tampa, FL US

UPCOMING THIRD AND FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

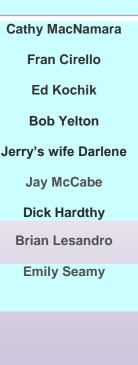
There are upcoming Third and Fourth Degree Exemplifications. If you are a Second or Third Degree Knight, it is possible to make your Fourth Degree this Year! The Third Degree is Saturday 11/15 in Tampa and the Fourth degree is Saturday 11/29 in Orlando (this is the Big One!) Contact Chris or Herb for more information to complete you Knighthood journey!



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.





Hi,

Nativity is sponsoring 2 more days in October to pray in front of the Fletcher abortion clinic for 40 days for life. I need your help in spreading the word and in signing up.

Nativities' days are **Thursday**, **October 16 and Tuesday**, **October 28**.

Please go to: <u>http://40daysforlife.com/local-</u>

<u>campaigns/tampa/</u> and Log-in & give yourself a new password. I cannot sign you up this year! This is an entirely new web site from previous years

and all old logins/passwords were erased. Thank you

for taking the time to start fresh!

The Fall Campaign runs from

Wednesday, September 24th - Sunday, November 2, 2014

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sun 1-5pm, and Sat 12-6pm

Blessings, Lupe Gladu, Respect Life Director

Nativity Catholic Church, Brandon, Florida 813-215-8115

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

The Natural Choice is Life

Dear Mr. Babiarz,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about this issue. I am grateful for your thoughts and welcome the opportunity to respond. As your Senator, I am committed to hearing Floridians' views, and I understand that abortion is an important issue.

As you may know, I believe all of our rights are derived from the self-evident, fundamental right to life, which promotes equal rights and equal protection for the unborn. In the United States Senate, I will continue to work towards establishing a culture of life and also will work to uphold pro-life policies, including the prohibition of taxpayer-funded abortions. I also pledge to support well-qualified judicial nominees who will interpret laws as written, instead of establishing new policy from the bench as the Supreme Court did in *Roe v. Wade*.

Thank you again for writing to me with your concerns. I promise to stand up for Floridians and Americans, particularly those most vulnerable among us. I look forward to hearing any concerns or input you wish to share In the future.

Sincerely,

Marco Rubio

United States Senator

Each week I provide a weekly update on issues in Washington and ways in which my office can assist the people of Florida. Sign up <u>here</u>

For updates on my legislative efforts, schedule of events throughout Florida, constituent services and much more.



NATIVITY MINISTRY FAIR AND MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

Nativity is hosting a Ministry Fair on Sunday October 19th after ALL Masses. The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 6724 will have a table at the Ministry Fair. We need Knights to man the table. Please let us know if you have the time to stop by after a Mass or 2 on Sunday and talk to prospective Knights, Inactive Knights and Knights from other Councils that have moved to Nativity about the virtues of the Mother Seton Council and the Knights of Columbus.

We have not done a recruitment drive in a long time and this is an opportunity to grow our membership and Council. Remember to do the good works we do we need a large active membership. Please advise if you can stop by and work the table! We need you!

Please join your Brothers from the Mother Seton Council for our annual Membership Recruiting Blitz!

This is an all hands on deck event, so please do your best to come to the Social Hall on Sunday 10/19 and help our council increase the ranks of our brotherhood.

Remember to wear your Knights shirt if you have one.

If you are an active and involved Knight, if you know about what the Council has done or is doing or if you can tell the virtues of the Knights of Columbus, please come out to our table at the Ministry Fair work a shift and talk to the Parishioners. We need you!

If you have been away for a while, been inactive, disenfranchised, were never asked to do something, have drifted away or feel you just do not have the time, please stop by our table and talk to one of our officers. Times have changed, leadership and approaches have changed, directions have changed. There is a spot for you. Even if you can just give the Knights an hour or two a year, volunteer for one event, be a part of one committee we have something for you to do! With a Council of almost 300 Brothers, if we could each give the Knights 4 hours of service time, that would be over 1200 man hours! Think of all the good we could do! We need you!

If you know someone who is not a member, or is a Knight who is not active or has moved recently to Nativity, please bring them by the table. We would love to talk with them about the benefits of being a Knight and the works of Mother Seton!

We look forward to seeing you there and with your help, we can make this event, and the upcoming fraternal year a great success!





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Nativity is hosting a Ministry Fair after ALL Masses. Membership BLITZ			22			25		
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