



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

October 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

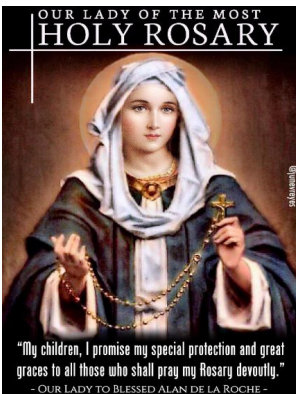
Brother Knights,

October is upon us. Our annual Golf tournament is this weekend. Please pray for God's blessing upon this event as this is our largest fundraiser which supports the charities and ministry's we serve.

At our last council meeting we received donations of \$200 for the Vida Joven ministry and \$75 for the Knights of Columbus Global Wheelchair Mission. Thank you. Each month you can drop of your donation at a council meeting or mail a check payable to Mother Seton Council #6724, PO Box 1372, Brandon, FL 33509-1372. Please note which ministry you would like this applied to.

The Florida State Council Raffle tickets are in to support the Knights Charities in Florida. Remember half of all the proceeds comes back to our council which supports our local ministries. Please pick up some tickets at our next council meeting or arrange for a Brother Knight to pick up for you.

October is the month of the Rosary



We received Rosaries in our formation and were asked to carry these with us each day. As Knights we are soldiers for Christ and our Rosaries are powerful instruments of prayer that elevate us spiritually while we meditate on the life of Christ. Through Our Lady, Queen of the

Knights intercession, may God strengthen us and protect us from all evil.

I received a new message from our Supreme Office. A newly updated Knights of Columbus website has launched today. The new online home of the Knights has a fresh look, with a simplified menu that makes navigating www.kofc.org and our organization much easier. Please visit soon.

Vivat Jesus!

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Supreme Chaplain Monthly Challenge



October 2019

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Gospel for Oct. 27, Lk 18:14)

We live in the age of the selfie, in what the writer David Brooks has called the culture of “the Big Me.” Such a culture constantly urges us to “exalt” ourselves, but as Christians we need to be radically different by striving for humility. This means coming to terms with our pride, our desire for “likes,” approval and recognition. As Mother Teresa put it, “It is in

being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent." Surrounded by the message to exalt ourselves, may we instead seek to humble ourselves and demonstrate real love to others.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to kneel before a crucifix each morning and ask Christ to give you the gift of humility. I also challenge you, in this month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to pray the rosary (either as a council through the Faith in Action Rosary program or as an individual) for an increase in humility.

Questions for Reflection:

What are some ways you can grow in humility? How can you strengthen your resistance to the lure of others' praise and the sting of their criticism? Did the act of humbling yourself before Christ on the cross teach you anything about how to be humble?

Membership Dues

Dues for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year need to be paid. You can pay by check payable to Mother Seton Council #6724 mailed to our Financial Secretary: Jonathan Lodrigues, PO Box 1372, Brandon, FL 33509-1372 or pay at our council meeting on September 9th. You can also pay using PayPal on our website. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Knight of the Month



This month we recognize Brother Tim Ashcraft for his commitment to the Knights. He has volunteered to be membership director and has participated in

numerous Knight events helping with setup and cleanup.

2019 Annual Charity Golf Classic



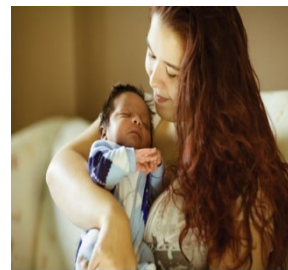
The Mother Seton Council Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday, October 5th this Saturday. Jonathan Lodrigues is the Tournament Director; Vinnie Urso and Ray

Quiñones are the Marketing Chairpersons and Neil Waid is the Publicity Chairperson. It's not too late to sign up. See you there. Sponsor, donation, and registration forms are available at our website at www.kofcgolfclassic.com.

Council Shirts

Our Council polos are now in stock in a selection of sizes. The shirts go fast so be sure to let our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Neil Waid know if you are interested in one or two. Brother Neil can be reached at 813-830-1317 or by email at neil.waid.50@gmail.com.

Venerable Father McGivney



A young woman and her baby are pictured at The Well of Mercy, a Father McGivney Center for Hope and Healing. On the north side of Chicago, an unassuming building made of tan brick is tucked within

an old residential neighborhood, one block from a busy commercial street. The surrounding brownstones and the nearby Catholic church give the neighborhood a quiet dignity, and what is not apparent about this tired building from the outside is immediately clear upon stepping inside. The Well of Mercy, a Father Michael McGivney Center for

Hope and Healing, may sorely need renovation, but spiritually, the center is filled with a palpable joy. The peeling paint, worn-out linoleum floors, poorly lit hallways and hodgepodge furniture are no match for the staff's dedication to providing a loving home for residents.

A former convent, the building is now a home for women who have chosen life for their unborn children, despite feeling that they had no real choices. Many of these women have experienced homelessness, abuse or abandonment, and until finding a home here, they had no idea how they were going to provide for themselves, let alone a child.

"For the first time, I'm not rushed or worried. I can think beyond today and see a bright future for me and my baby," said "K," a resident who is nine months pregnant and has lived at the center since September 2012. "I need the emotional support and love I'm getting here just as much as I need a roof over my head. This isn't a shelter; it's really a home. I could have gone through a state program to get an apartment right away, but then I would still be struggling with the same emotional problems as before. Here, I am learning how to trust for the first time."

COMPASSIONATE CARE

With the center's help, K has enrolled in online college classes, something she never thought she would do. What has made her transformation and the transformation of many other women possible started in February 2010, when Mary Zeien used her life savings to found The Well of Mercy. A former victim of domestic abuse herself, Zeien spent nearly 40 years preparing to open the center, all the time feeling a deep calling to help other women and their children. When she leased the building, she invested every cent she had and spent several months cleaning and furnishing it with the help of volunteers before she moved into one of the dilapidated upstairs apartments in May 2010. One week later, she had her first resident.

Meanwhile, a new nonprofit organization called the Father Michael McGivney Center for Hope and Healing was looking to open a center that would provide material and spiritual support to women

with difficult pregnancies. The organization was founded by Chicago-area members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, which is dedicated to promoting the life, mission and canonization cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

"We looked for a site for nearly three years before we found The Well of Mercy," said Theresa Pietruszynski, president of the board of directors. "There were so many promising buildings that needed expensive renovations, or where we were told a center like this would 'attract the wrong element to the neighborhood.'"

The McGivney Center joined forces with Zeien and The Well of Mercy in July 2012. Until that time, Zeien needed to work full-time as a hospice caseworker to pay the center's bills.

"The help of the McGivney Center board was a godsend," Zeien said. "Their assistance has made a world of difference to the amount of good that can be done here."

The Well of Mercy was renamed in acknowledgement of the new collaboration and will serve as a model for others that the McGivney Center hopes to build throughout Illinois, one in each of the other five dioceses.

Larry Theirault, former president of the McGivney Center and current board member said, "This is what being a Knight is all about. Father McGivney had great love and compassion for widows and children, and we feel we are returning to our roots as Knights."

Thanks to the cooperation of Mary Zeien and the McGivney Center's board, 11 women are living at the house today, along with their 13 children. Although the women may stay at the center for several years, during that time they are required to save 70 percent of their income, and the center promises to help them furnish their apartments when it comes time to move on. The staff strives to not only give the women and their children a place to live in their time of need, but to equip them to live a better life when they leave.

"People don't understand that abortion doesn't solve anything for these women; afterwards they are still poor, still emotionally distraught, still vulnerable to the abuse that landed them in a crisis

pregnancy in the first place,” said Pietruszynski. “Not only do we help them keep their beautiful babies, but we help them see the beauty with which God has naturally endowed them. It’s an honor to help these women see themselves the way Christ sees them.”

Source:

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/2013_01_mcgivney_center.html

Insurance Corner

A recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, “...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven.” Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, “...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family.”

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn’t want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here’s the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It’ll pay for a daughter’s wedding, a child’s college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That’s where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!



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Cemetery of the Innocents



Several Knights helped put up crosses in Nativity's field to honor those Babies who died through an abortion. We stand up for the sanctity of life.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:



Jay McCabe – healing
Bob Dunn - healing
Richard Hardesty – healing
Tom Babiarz - healing
Nancy Kasprzyk – healing
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Fr. Tim Cummings - healing
Brian Mulholland – healing
Rick Zemkie - healing
Katie
Peter Curcio - healing
Joshua Carew - healing
Walter Weaver - healing

Bill S. – healing of his back

Brother Knights who have no one to pray for them

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness.

O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant 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.

Officers

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Advocate: Howard Baum
1-year Trustee: Jay McCabe
2-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli
3-year Trustee: Tim Kasprzyk
Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

October 5 – Annual Charity Golf Classic
October 7th – Council Business meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.
October 12th – Women's Tea Guild 11am – 2pm
October 14th – Columbus Day
October 19th – Admissions 1st Degree St. Stephen's
October 26th – Knighthood 3rd Degree St. Stephen's
October 26th – Spooktober-fest (Our Assembly fundraiser for VAVS.
October 30th – Officer & Director's meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.
November 1st – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saint Quote of the Month



“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

— St. Catherine of Siena
Doctor of the Church

Brothers, I would like to introduce a Saint quote each month to inspire and challenge us to seek God above all things. On Pentecost the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were set on FIRE with God’s love and moved many people to believe in Jesus. May the Lord ignite our Council to illuminate Christ to all we meet and serve. Let us pray we may be what God meant us to be. Amen!

40 Days For Life

September 25th – November 3rd

40daysforlife.com/tampa

Location: Outside Tampa Women’s Health Center
2010 E. Fletcher Ave.

Vigil Hours: 8am to 5pm Mon thru Sat, 1pm to 5pm
Sunday. Contact: Patty Carson 813-846-8023 and
Sabrina 813-246-6916 sab@dosp.org

Nativity’s days are October 10th and October 25th. We are trying to fill up shifts during the days. It would be great to get some knights out there to pray for life! They could contact Joel Acevedo at (561) 906-2435 or joe_acevedo@outlook.com. He is the leader for Nativity. Thank you, Kim Holt Respect Life Ministry

Keeping your Catholic Family safe from pornography

Wednesday, October 9th 7pm – 8:30pm
St. Francis Room of Social Hall at Nativity Catholic Church.

Deacon Mark, a deacon and practicing psychiatrist, will discuss theological, social, family, neurological, and psychiatric aspects of pornography. Come and hear how you can help your family and friends steer clear, or recover, from this plague of our society. Hope and help is available!

New film about St. Faustina will get theatrical release Oct. 28

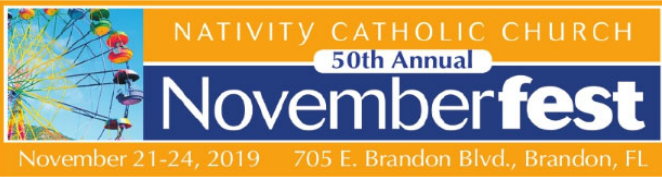


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The groundbreaking new film [“Love and Mercy: Faustina”](#) follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of the Divine Mercy message on countless people around the world. The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception served as consultants for this 120-minute docudrama that was written and directed by Michal Kondrat.



Thank you for taking your time and share what you can give...

Vivat, Jesus!

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Sir Knight, Jay McCabe, 1st Year Trustee

Council #6724 & Assembly 1850

Brandon, Florida

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights,



Please sign-up for Novemberfest on Thursday, November 21st to Sunday, November 24th. Please choose from any time or all day from November 21st to 24th. Please send me an email with your name, time,

phone number and email address. I need your help to set up on Saturday November 16th at Novemberfest field under the cooking tent. I will look forward to seeing you at Novemberfest.

6th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



October 5th, 2019

**BLOOMINGDALE GOLFERS CLUB
SHOTGUN START AT 9:00**

**Four Person Scramble
Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams**

**Plenty of Raffle & Auction Items
50/50**

**Registration Includes: 18-holes of Golf, Cart Rental,
Range Balls, Gift Bag, Beverages, Continental
Breakfast and Buffet Lunch
Plus a voucher for an additional 18-holes of Golf**



REGISTRATION 7:30 AM

**\$ 95 PER GOLFER
\$ 380 FOURSOME**

Register by September 5th to receive \$10 off

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Seton Council #6724

4 Hole-in-One Contests

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\$ 2,000 Putting Contest

(\$ 1,000 for Winner & \$ 1,000 for Council Charities)

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