



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

December 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

We have begun a new liturgical year and the Holy Season of Advent! Our Catholic faith is rich in traditions and available literature to assist us in preparing for this sacred season. It is very easy to get caught up with shopping, decorating, watching Christmas movies, attending parties etc. It reminds me of Martha and Mary. Like Martha we can get consumed with being busy, serving others. We need to set aside time to be away and alone with God in prayer and meditation.



St. Francis of Assisi is attributed with the origins of the very first Christmas creche. In the year 1223, St. Francis, a deacon, was

visiting the town of Greccio to celebrate Christmas. With the Holy Fathers permission, he prepared a manger, brought hay, an ox and an ass to the appointed place. St. Francis was filled with devotion, piety with tremendous joy for this Holy Season. He preached to the people and called the poor King, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Let us prepare our hearts, asking God to draw us near to the Christ Child, the Babe of Bethlehem asking for the gift of true joy as St. Francis had so that our hearts are transformed and we may have peace that will permeate

our being. God loves us and has so many gifts to give us, we only need to make ourselves present to him and humbly receive his love.

My hope and prayer for you and your families is that you have a blessed, holy and peaceful Advent leading up to the beautiful and joyous Celebration of Holy Christmas!

Draw near to God, He will draw near to you. Invite him into your heart, your family, all the work you do. As Pope St. John Paul II spoke often, "Do not be afraid!" Attend Nativity's penance service next week if you can. Read the Bible, pray the Holy Rosary. Our blessed Mother will keep us close to her Son. Her intercession is powerful.

We are blessed with our Catholic Faith, with a vibrant Parish community. May the Lord bless you and give you peace!

Vivat Jesus!

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St. Francis Source: Father William Saunders, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, Potomac Falls, Virginia

Supreme Chaplain Monthly Challenge



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one

crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" (Gospel for Dec. 8, Mt 3:1-3)

We are all familiar with the sense of panic that sets in when guests are due to arrive at our home. With people coming any minute, we rush to finish the cleaning and make the final preparations. My brother Knights, in this Gospel passage we find John the Baptist racing through the house, calling on everyone to prepare for the guest of a lifetime: Jesus Christ. This is our common task every day of Advent: to inspect every corner of our spiritual house and clean out the clutter, for Christ's arrival is at hand. Let us pray for the grace to repent and prepare our souls for the coming of our Lord.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to fast or abstain from meat one day a week to prepare for Christ's coming. Second, I challenge you to help prepare for Christ's coming through the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program or by simply wishing others a "Merry Christmas."

Questions for Reflection:

How does treating Advent as a time of repentance and preparation change how we understand and celebrate Christmas? What is one practical way you are shifting the focus from materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving this season? How can I remind others of the joy of Christmas during this time of year?

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 January 6th. You can also pay using PayPal on our website. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney



AN EXEMPLARY LIFE

Michael J. McGivney was born to Irish immigrants in Waterbury, Conn., on Aug. 12, 1852. The eldest of 13 children (seven of whom survived to adulthood), he studied for the priesthood and was ordained on Dec. 22, 1877, and was assigned

to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. By his holy life, exemplary virtue, piety and priestly character, he was recognized by many as "a saint in the making." He was also a priest of great vision and foresight who anticipated the Second Vatican's Council proclamation of the "Universal Call to Holiness" by empowering laypersons to take leadership positions.

Source: Fr. McGivney Guild

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.

Knight Advancement



Congratulations to Sir Knight Tim Ashcraft who was received into the Patriotic 4th Degree in Orlando on November 30th.

Insurance Corner

What is it?

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

Who needs it?

Disability income insurance helps protect your most important financial asset – your paycheck – so it should be an important part of every family's planning. Long-term disability is much more common than other unfortunate circumstances that are commonly covered by insurance. Consider the fact that you face a 1 in 100 risk of losing your home to a fire [1], but a 1 in 4 risk of suffering a long-term disability [2].

Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability – nearly 11 million Americans are receiving federal disability benefits[3] – more than 100 million Americans are without private disability

income insurance.[4] In addition, any disability income insurance you may have through your employer may very well be insufficient or contingent on certain circumstances (like worker's compensation).

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit amount over the course of a maximum benefit period (see below) designed to help replace the income that you would have otherwise received if you were able to work. You are free to use your disability income benefits in whatever way you see fit – just like you would with your own paycheck.

Knights of Columbus Disability Income policies also come with special features, such as the total, partial, or presumptive disability income benefits, which help protect against special circumstances. As an added bonus, our disability income insurance policies come with a waiver of premium provision, which waives your policy's premiums while you're suffering from a disability.

What options do I have?

Benefit Period

The maximum benefit period is the longest period for which monthly disability benefits are payable for any one period of a disability. The benefit resets once the disability concludes. You may choose from:

2-Year – Protect your paycheck with two years of disability income payments.

5-Year – Protect your paycheck with five years of disability income payments.

To Age 67 – Protect all your working years with disability income payments until you reach retirement age.

Monthly Benefit

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the monthly benefit amount that the

policy provides, based on your income and subject to certain limits.

Elimination Period

Disability income insurance policies come with an elimination period, which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Additional Features and Benefits

A number of special features and benefits – often called **riders** – are available on Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products. For instance, the catastrophic disability rider provides an additional monthly benefit in the event of a catastrophic disability, and the cost of living adjustment rider helps your monthly benefit keep pace with inflation during a long-term disability.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

[1] U.S. Fire Administration

[2] Council for Disability Awareness

[3] U.S. Social Security Administration Office of the Chief Actuary

[4] *U.S. Group Disability Rate & Risk Management Survey 2012*, Gen Re

Vivat Jesus!



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Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:



Jay McCabe – healing
Richard Hardesty – healing
Neil Waid - healing
Nancy Kasprzyk – healing
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Fr. Tim Cummings - healing
Fr. Paul C – repose of soul
Brian Mulholland – healing
Rick Zemkie’s sister-in-law
Jeanne
Balsler Family –
Grandmother died.
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

Grand Knight: Stephen P. Curcio

Deputy Grand Knight: Neil Waid

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2-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli

3-year Trustee: Tim Kasprzyk

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

December 10th – Officer & Director’s meeting,

7:30pm Social Hall Pope St. John XXIII

December 16th – Penance Service 7pm

December 19th – Admissions (1st Degree) Council

14278 Blessed Antonio Rossmini (Seffner)

December 21st – Christmas Party 6pm

January 6th – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

January 10st – Memorial Mass 6pm Nativity

January 18th – District meeting hosted by Mother

Seton Council 9am-12pm

Novemberfest



Thank you to all the brothers who came out and assisted with the Wings Booth and Curly Fries to make this Novemberfest

successful. Big thanks to Brother Jay for coordinating this event.

Saint Quote of the Month

Spiritual reading is the food of the soul, which renders it *dauntless and strong* against all temptation, which *prompts* it with holy thoughts and ardent desires for heaven, which *enlightens* the mind, *strengthens* the will, and *gives comfort* in all afflictions, which, in conclusion, *procures* that true and holy joy which is found in God alone.

– St. Ambrose



St. Ambrose of Milan is a doctor of the Church. He was instrumental in converting St. Augustine to the faith and baptizing him. His feast day is December 7th. Let us heed St.

Ambrose’s teaching and spend time in spiritual reading; the Holy Bible, our catechism and the lives of the Saints to inspire us, lift us up and comfort us this Advent Season.