



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



April 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

What We Do

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action. During 2012, in addition to raising and donating more than \$167.5 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 70 million hours of their time to charitable causes. These figures represent an increase of 6% and .1% respectively over 2011 figures. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community."

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

According to the K of C's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014, donations grew by more than \$3.4 million over 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

Herbert Swoope
Grand Knight PFN
Council 6724

Genocide

Following Secretary of State John Kerry's finding of genocide being committed by ISIS against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson released this statement:

Today's announcement by Secretary of State John Kerry is correct and truly historic. For one of the few times in our history, the United States has designated an ongoing situation as genocide, and the State Department is to be commended for having the courage to say so.

By joining its voice to that of the House of Representatives, the American people, and the international community, the United States today makes clear to ISIS that its attempt to stamp out religious minorities must cease. The United States and the world are united on this, and simply will not look the other way.



The Knights of Columbus is pleased to have been able to work with the State Department in

providing a nearly 300-page report filled with compelling evidence that genocide was occurring against Christians as well as other religious minorities. We thank Secretary Kerry for seriously considering the evidence, and commend the State Department staff for working closely with us in this endeavor.

Following this declaration, America must continue to focus on those being killed in this genocide, and our country, and the international community, must make sure the slaughter ends and that these innocent people are protected. There is much work still to be done, but this represents an important step forward.

For more information on the Knights of Columbus' efforts on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East or to make donations to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, please visit christiansatrisk.org. Donations can also be sent to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for "Christian Refugee Relief."

Knight Recognition

Every month we should be recognizing our brother Knights for their service to Nativity Church, our Council and the community. This recognition is done through awards for Knight of the Month and



Family of the Month. The brothers nominated for these awards should not be chosen by a few. We are sure that you have recognized the

contributions of your fellow brothers. Please help us by going to the website and making your nominations on a regular basis.

Kairos Prison Ministry

A Kairos retreat will be held on April 21-24. The size of the retreat will depend on the number of

volunteers available. Contact SK Richard Spinelli if you are interested in volunteering your services.

Memorial Mass

On Monday, April 18, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all deceased Knights from the Mother Seton Council. 4th Degree Knights are requested to wear a tuxedo and Baldric if available.



The Mass will be celebrated by Father Tapp in the chapel at 6:00pm. A gathering with light refreshments will take place in the Council meeting room after Mass

is completed. This event is being coordinated by Don Clark.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is upon us! This is a fun filled activity where we pass out free tootsie rolls and hope for donations in return. All proceeds go to the Lopez School for Exceptional Children. We raised over \$2000 last year. Can we top it this year???

So far the dates we have secured are: Publix at



Route 60 and Valrico Road
May 14 and Publix at Route
60 and Kings Avenue on
July 7, 9, and 10 from
11AM to 5PM.

We need a chairman and volunteers for every shift. Contact Tom Babiarz (813) 685-1230 to sign up.

Amazon.com Fundraiser

Our Council now has the opportunity to receive commissions on all purchases made on Amazon.com when purchases are made using the Amazon link on our Council website.

Right now you probably have family and friends who shop at Amazon all across the country. By clicking on our Council link they will find that their Amazon account is the same, the products are all the same, the prices are all the same, and the

discounts and benefits are all the same. Nothing is different except that some of the money from those purchases will go to our Council. It's really just that simple.

So, spread the word. Send our Council link to your family and friends and ask them to use the Amazon link on our Council site.

Insurance Corner

Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs

What is it?

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward.

Who needs it?

Knights of Columbus term life insurance may be an ideal solution for people with time-bound financial obligations who are interested in:

- Protecting your young family on a tight budget.
- Shielding your family against the remaining payments on your mortgage, so that they aren't drowning in debt or forced to move if you die unexpectedly.
- Supplementing or replacing your income in case you die, so that your family can continue to live with the same level of financial comfort that they did when you were alive.
- Providing funds for your children's college education in case of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt – like credit card or auto loan debt – should you pass away suddenly.

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus term insurance is designed to provide you with a maximum amount of coverage at affordable and competitive rates.

Unlike permanent insurance, term insurance is temporary, and is designed to expire as your financial obligations expire. Our term insurance rates are guaranteed for the life of your policy, as is the amount of money that would be paid to your family should you pass away.

Term insurance is also convertible. Depending on how you and your Knights of Columbus field agent customize your term insurance policy, you can convert some or all of your insurance to permanent coverage at a later date, without providing further proof of insurability. So, if your health changes and you have an active term policy, you can secure permanent coverage that you may have otherwise have been denied.

What options do I have?

10 Year Term – Cover your family for 10 years, with our Accelerator Term Insurance series, which includes a unique opportunity to increase your coverage amount by 25%, to keep up with inflation and salary increases, for an extremely low cost.

15 Year Term – Cover your family for 15 years, with our Accelerator Term Insurance series, which includes a unique opportunity to increase your coverage amount by 25%, to keep up with inflation and salary increases, for an extremely low cost.

20 Year Term – Cover your family for 20 years, with our Accelerator Term Insurance series, which includes a unique opportunity to increase your coverage amount by 25%, to keep up with inflation and salary increases, for an extremely low cost.

Annual Renewable Term – Review and renew your coverage annually, with adjusted premiums and a level death benefit.

Please contact our field agent Joe DiSalvo to discuss any of your insurance needs.

phone: 813-340-6614

email: Joseph.DiSalvo@KofC.org

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Lori Jacobson
Dorothy Boes
Ed Sleyzak
Maryann Clark
George Giragosian
Emily Seay
Jose Diaz
Jay McCabe
Cindy Hennesse
Tom & Bonnie Cummings
Tim Liff
Dick Hardesty

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.

Officers

Grand Knight: Herb Swoope
Deputy Grand Knight: Chris McManus
Chancellor: Danny Diaz
Treasurer: Dean Jacobson
Financial Secretary: Sam Miller
Recording Secretary: Open
Chaplin: Open
Warden: Neil Wade
Inside Guard: George Giragosian
Outside Guard: Richard Silver
Advocate: Howard Baum
1year Trustee: John Houseman
2year Trustee: Michael Goscinski
3year Trustee: Tony Boes
Lecturer: Don Clark

Upcoming Events

April 4 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
April 9 – 3rd Degree Exemplification, St. Anthony of Padua, San Antonio
April 10 – Membership Blitz
April 16 – 1st Degree Exemplification, St. Stephens
April 18 – Deceased Knights Memorial Mass
6:00pm
April 21-24 – Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat
April 26 – Officers Meeting 7:00pm
May 7 – VAVS Barbecue
May 14 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix at Route 60 and Valrico Road
May 29 – Donut Duty
June 18 – Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament
July 7, 9, 10 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix at Route 60 and Kings Avenue