



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



April 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

What is the meaning of Easter?

Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and heroically gave His life to die for our sins. On the third day after He died -- the day we now celebrate as Easter Sunday -- His friends went to His grave and found that He had risen from the dead. They saw an angel who told them, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen."

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday; now He offers to you the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sins. **This is the true story of Easter, and how it can change your life.** Here are 4 principles that tell how you can receive the gift of God for your life.

1. God Loves You!

The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"

The problem is that

2. All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God.

The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God is perfect and holy, and our sins

separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death."

The good news is that, about 2,000 years ago,

3. God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins.

Jesus is the Son of God. He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. "God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives in heaven with God His Father. He offers us the gift of eternal life -- of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me."

God reaches out in love to you and wants you to be His child. "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name." You can choose to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and come in to your life as your Lord and Savior.

4. If you want to accept Christ as Savior and turn from your sins, you can ask Him to be your Savior and Lord by praying a prayer like this:

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."

I wish all my Brothers and their families a joyous and blessed Easter. Alleluia!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

Altar Server Dinner

The Altar Server Dinner was held on Saturday, March 17 in the Nativity Catholic Church Social Hall. In attendance were Altar Servers and their families, priests and a deacon from our parish and Knights from our Council. In total, we had seventy plus in attendance.



Thanks to Vinnie Urso for chairing the event, Jesse Martinez for supplying information on the Altar Servers, Rick Zemke and his crew for cooking the meal and the Ladies Auxiliary for providing the decorations.

Certificates of appreciation were handed out to the servers in attendance as well as plaques for the top two servers. It is encouraging to see youth who take an active role in serving our parish and the support that they receive from their parents.

A check for \$100 was presented to our pastor, Father Tapp and a check for \$1,000 was also presented to Nativity Catholic School to go towards their scholarship program.



Lopez Exceptional Student Center

On Tuesday, March 27, our Worthy Warden and Grand Knight visited the Lopez Exceptional Student Center to present a check from monies raised during the Tootsie Roll Drive. A check in the amount of \$1,523.56 was presented to Joseph Hilbush, Site Administrator.



Since the school district has been cutting back on budgets, the donation was greatly appreciated. Mr. Hilbush stated that he is willing to speak to our Council at any time in gratitude or to host a tour of the school. We may set up a tour of the school for those of you who have not observed the dedication

and unselfish love that these administrators and teachers display towards the students.

Win a Trip to Dublin!

Recruit a new member and you just might win an all-expense paid trip for you and your wife to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August!



Only 10 Knights will be selected for this trip, but the more men you recruit, the higher the chance to win: If you recruit one member, you're

entered once — if you recruit 10 members, you're entered 10 times! The drawing will take place on July 1, 2018, and anyone who has proposed a new member this fraternal year is eligible. For information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit worldmeeting2018.ie.

Florida State Council Raffle

The Florida State Council is conducting a raffle to raise funds for Council charities as well as for Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Raffle book containing 12 raffle tickets have been distributed directly to Councils by the FSC. The number of books each Council received was based on 75% of the Council's membership.



Tickets are \$1.00 donation each. Council member's collect donations for tickets and the Council turns \$6.00 per book to Florida K of C Charities, Inc. while retaining

the other \$6.00 designated for the council's charitable programs.

Raffle ends May 6, 2018. All tickets, donations and raffle tickets must be in by May 12, 2018. Final

drawing will be held at Annual Convention Dinner May 26, 2018 in Orlando, Florida.

Total Prizes \$45,000

1st Prize \$25,000; 2nd Prize \$10,000; 3rd Prize \$5,000; and 4th to 8th Prize \$1,000 each.

Solicitors/Sellers Prizes

1st Prize winning ticket gets \$1000; 2nd Prize winning ticket gets \$750; 3rd Prize winning ticket gets \$500; and 4th through 8th winning tickets get \$100 each.

Status as of March 29:

Books received by our Council	245
Books distributed	144
Books returned	111
Books in play	33
Books available	101

That's \$666 in our coffers.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Council to raise extra money for our charitable endeavors. Please attend our next Business Meeting on Monday, April 9 to pick up the tickets if you have not already done so. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact our Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter who is the keeper of the tickets at 618-581-4154. If you are unable to pick up some raffle books, you can obtain tickets from your Brother Knights.

Remember, checks for the donations should be made out to Mother Seton Council 6724 for tickets bought.

Venerable Father McGivney

Nurturing Vocations



Irish immigrant families of the mid-19th century wove a reverence for the priesthood and religious vocations into the fabric of daily life. They considered a priestly or religious vocation a great blessing. Therefore, Patrick and Mary McGivney were probably not surprised when their eldest son Michael announced his desire to become a priest.

Father McGivney encouraged priestly and religious vocations among his parishioners. Of the seven letters written by Father McGivney that have been preserved, three deal with candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

The McGivney home provided a seedbed for priestly vocations; Michael and his brothers Patrick and John were all ordained for the Diocese of Hartford. The McGivney brothers, in turn, formed a strong family unit that nurtured the early growth of the Knights of Columbus.

Today, in much the same way, the Knights of Columbus nurtures new vocations. Under the Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), local units "adopt" seminarians and postulants, who are often either council members or the children of council members. Knights correspond and exchange visits with their seminarians and postulants. They also offer financial assistance, typically \$500, with \$100 being reimbursed by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. More than 2,700 local units of the Knights of Columbus support individuals studying for religious life, contributing more than \$2.8 million in support. In addition to these local contributions, state-level

jurisdictions conduct scores of other programs fostering vocations.

Founding the Knights of Columbus was an expression of Father McGivney's vocation as an "Alter Christus," another Christ. He wanted to help Catholic men draw closer to Jesus and Mary. His fraternal Order was to be an instrument for spiritual growth in Christian faith and charity—and so it remains.

Insurance Corner

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU LIVE?

The security of long term care insurance



Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

“So what?” you say. “I won’t need long-term care.” But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don’t usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that’s only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.¹

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family’s resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That’s why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that’s why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize

your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your dedicated Knights of Columbus agent can help explain your options.

Contact him today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don’t want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Long-Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations, and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.

¹U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

For any questions or any insurance needs you may have, contact our Field Agent, Jack Kelley at 727-504-1142 or by email at jack.kelley@kofc.org.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Father Mike RIP

SK Richard Shoby

Kay Miguez

Tim Shoby

Seil Poley

Brian Mulholland

Mary Ann Clark

Ralph Veltre

Jay McCabe

SK Dick Hardesty

Tom McGoldrick

Ed Hansen

Lucy Watford

Deacon Jerry Thomas - St. Francis Parish RIP

Deacon Tom RIP

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, alleviates our worry and
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: Tim Kasprzyk

Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Curcio

Chancellor: Ray Quiñones

Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila

Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter

Recording Secretary: Bob Dunn

Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez

Outside Guard: Tim Shoby, Steve Mirabole

Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Gene Watford

2-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

3-year Trustee: Jay McCabe

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

April 4 – Officers & Directors Meeting

April 7 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Pavilion

Crossings, 3863 US Hwy. 301 S, Riverview

April 8 – Corporate Communion, 8:30am Mass

April 9 - Council Business Meeting

April 15 – Coffee and Donuts

April 18 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

May 5 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Valrico

Commons, 1971 E State Road 60

Note: Dates in red indicate a meeting date that is not on a normally scheduled meeting day.

NATIVITY OUTREACH



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FOOD PANTRY

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