



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



August 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

First of all I would like to thank each and every one of you for electing me Grand Knight of the Mother Seton Council. It is an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with the leadership of such a historic and honored Council. As I look forward to what my goals will be for the upcoming fraternal year, I cannot help but look back at the Council's past successes. First I must thank our immediate Past Grand Knight Herb Swoope. It is through his friendship and mentorship that I apprenticed as Deputy Grand Knight and through his hard work our Council reached levels of success the past year. I would also like to recognize and thank the other Grand Knights that I have served under at Mother Seton, Marc Andersen and Richard Spinelli. Becoming a Knight and an Officer under Richard, Marc and Herb, I have had the opportunity to be a part of many great activities and learn a lot from each of these leaders. I have observed and learned lessons from each of these GK's and will incorporate parts of their styles into my own leadership.

I must also recognize the other Past Grand Knights that have remained active members of the Council. When I held my first official meeting last month and I looked out among the members, it hit me that more than 1/4 of the Knights in that meeting had been up in that same podium (or a similar one in a different Council). I cannot stress how lucky I am to have such a wealth of experience to draw from and to have some many worthy PGKs to seek advice from. When Father Tapp did his homily at the Memorial Mass, he told a story of when he took over

his first Parish and when going through the attic, found a very large shoe belonging to the former Pastor. Like Father Tapp came to realize, and taking from his experience, I am not looking to fill the shoes of all the past Grand Knights, but I am looking to stand upon their shoulders and build upon their successes.

I am looking forward to a success and fulfilling Fraternal Year. Your current Officers are busy in the planning stages to continue the momentum we established last year and expand our charitable, church and social functions. Please help out where you can: attend the functions, volunteer, pay your dues, and keep recruiting, new members are our life blood. We are looking at several things to build upon our success: more fundraisers, blitzes, social events, a mentoring program for new members and several others. This year we are working on individual ownership of projects, where Knights volunteer to run one or more events with assistance from the rest of the Council. This will not only help spread the work around and give new voices into activities but also give everyone that wants it the leadership experience to help them both within the Knights and in their own professional or personal lives. Please get involved. If you have an idea on a project to do, please contact me.

The Officers and I are very excited for this new Fraternal Year and we know that if we all work together toward common goals we can maintain and build upon the successes of the past year.

God Bless,  
Chris McManus  
Grand Knight 6724

## Officer Installation

The Installation of Officers was held Saturday, July 23 at 6:00pm at the Eagles Club after the Corporate Communion at Nativity Catholic Church at 4:00pm. The Officer Installation for both Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 was conducted as well as Mother Seton's year end awards.



We had a good turnout for the dinner and everyone enjoyed the comradery. Thanks to all the folks at the Eagles Club for the food and for accommodating us.

## Annual Dues Assessment



Annual Council dues were due July 1. Dues remain at \$30 for the year with voluntary donations for Vocations at \$5 and Culture of Life at \$3. Dues can be mailed in by check (see your bill) or paid online with PayPal. PayPal includes a \$1.00 convenience fee.

## Knight Recognition

### Knight of the Month



June 2016 – Duamel Diaz



July 2016 – Neil Wade





August 2016 – Richard Silver

**Family of the Month**



June 2016 – Samuel Miller



July 2016 – Frank Orsillo



August 2016 – A. Vinnie Urso

## Knight of the Year



Tim Kasprzyk – Knight of the Year

## Family of the Year



Chris McManus – Family of the Year

## **Amazon.com Fundraiser**

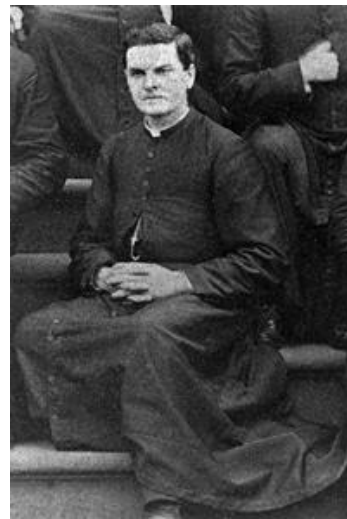
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## **Venerable Father McGivney**

### Servant of Charity



To habitually anticipate the needs of others is a sign of true Christian charity. To spend one's life alleviating the sufferings of others and bringing joy to one's neighbor brings witness to the reality of Christ's love in one's mind and heart. This is the pattern of service and ministry we

discover in Father McGivney as we plot the events of his daily life.

Father McGivney seems to have never failed in his interest and concern for others, even at the expense of his own health and well-being. We can rejoice in the example he provides of remaining united to Christ in the Mass, prayer and sacrifice without removing himself from the realities of life that so preoccupied the members of his flock.

There was in Father McGivney a balance between the human and divine. His ability to mourn with those in sorrow and to spread joy and support to those in need of joy and encouragement, typified his priestly disposition. Every one of us, cleric or lay, married or single, needs to achieve such a balance and integrate it into our own lives.



God hears our prayers for help, and he listens to the powerful intercession of his friends, the saints. Let us learn to invoke the intercession of this holy, humble and very human parish priest for our conversion and growth in spiritual life.

## Insurance Corner

### A Happy Retirement



Anthony "Tony" Paschall and his wife, Barbara, moved a portion of their retirement funds into a K of C annuity to supplement their income.

Anthony "Tony" Paschall, a member of Slidell (La.) Council 2732, could not be happier about his retirement in the New Orleans area — except for the fact that the weather this year has been uncharacteristically cold in the South. Paschall can afford to be a little tongue-in-cheek about his circumstances, in part because of some smart financial decisions he made with the help of the Terry Kennedy Agency in New Orleans.

During his 25 years working in promotions for RCA Records, Paschall met and worked with the likes of Elvis Presley and Herman's Hermits. When technology evolved and 45 rpm records went out of vogue, Paschall went on to work in telephone sales and installation in the New York City area. It was the 1990s, and the Y2K scare bolstered his sales and helped set him up financially for a better retirement. Eventually, he and his wife followed

one of their daughters and the grandkids to Louisiana.

One month after purchasing a new home in 2005, Hurricane Katrina sent five trees through the couple's roof followed by four feet of water. The resulting financial stresses prompted them to revisit their situation with the help of Curtis Monson, a Knights of Columbus field agent with the Terry Kennedy Agency.

Paschall's father was a Fourth Degree Knight in Pennsylvania, so he felt comfortable letting the agent complete a financial review and suggest that they move a large chunk of Paschall's retirement money into a K of C annuity. They annuitized the funds to extract a monthly payment to supplement his income, and Paschall's wife also acquired a K of C annuity, using money from her 401K and choosing an alternate payment option.

Paschall said that at this stage of his life, he was looking for an income he could count on. "We have additional monthly income now because we are both collecting social security and income from the Knights of Columbus, so it is working out nicely for us," he said. "This was an answer to my prayers."

While his wife is retired and enjoying the grandkids, Paschall is looking to buy a boat and scouting locations for them to fish.

"Thank God we are happy," said Paschall. "We would be happier if we had better weather. It just won't warm up!"

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

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## Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Brother Knights who have no one to pray for them

Sam Sanchez

Linda Silver

Bob Yelton

Lori Jacobson

Dorothy Boes

Richard Hardesty

Jario Larotta

Our country – the USA

*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: Chris McManus

Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Kasprzyk

Chancellor: Danny Diaz

Treasurer: Dean Jacobson

Financial Secretary: Bob Ippoliti

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Chaplin: Open

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: George Giragosian

Outside Guard: Richard Silver

Advocate: Howard Baum

1year Trustee: Michael Goscinski

2year Trustee: Tony Boes

3year Trustee: Herb Swoope

Lecturer: Vincent Mallen

## Upcoming Events

August 1 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

August 12 – Venerable Father McGivney's Birthday

August 17 – Assembly Meeting

August 31 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

September TBD – Membership Blitz

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