



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



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Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

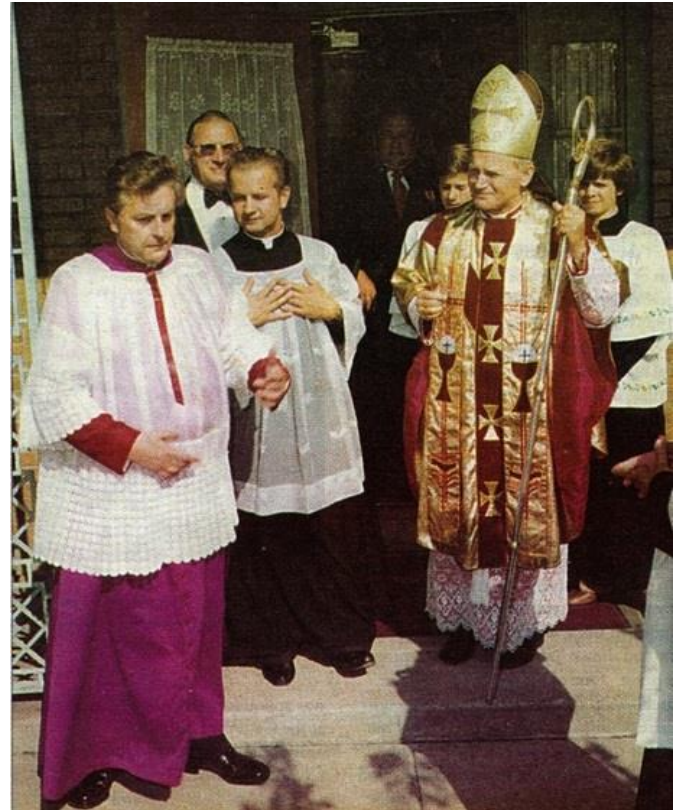
August is here, and our Golf Classic is fast approaching. Please read the article that follows to determine how you can help make this event a success.

This past Saturday, I had the opportunity to attend the 3rd Degree Exemplification. This is the Knighthood Degree and it is very special. If you have not attended this degree since you have received it, I highly recommend that you do.

Towards the end of the Exemplification they showed a video of Saint Pope John Paul II. In the video, Pope John Paul talked about the Knights of Columbus and their service to the church. Hearing Pope John Paul talk about us made me proud to be a Knight of Columbus.

In 1995, I traveled with the Nativity Choral to Rome where they sang in St. Peter's Basilica. Don't worry, I did not sing with them, I was just a Choral groupie. The Choral also sang for Pope John Paul in St. Peter's Square and he later came up and talked to them.

In 1976, St John Paul II, then Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland (pictured right) visited the PolAm community in Buffalo, NY. He was hosted by Msgr Ed Kazmierczak (pictured left) and overnighted at St Casimir's rectory for two days.



This was my parish where I went to school and church. We would walk to church because it just down the block.

He celebrated two Solemn Pontifical Masses at the present Lord's Table in the Church Sanctuary and left many mementos or 3rd class relics, including his vestments, honored in the church and Papal Prayer Room he once occupied.

I feel very blessed to say that I had the opportunity to see and hear a Saint. I knew he was a good man, a wonderful priest and a very pious Pope but it never crossed my mind at the time that Pope John Paul would be a Saint.

In the coming year, let us pray that St. John Paul II continues to pray and guide the Knights of Columbus around the world. Let us also invoke his guidance in helping our Mother Seton Council to continue to grow and provide services to our Nativity Catholic Church and community.

Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

Annual Charity Golf Classic



September 15, 2018.

The Mother Seton Council Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday,

Tim Kasprzyk is the Tournament Director; Stephen Curcio is the Event Chairperson; Vinnie Urso is the Marketing Chairperson and Jonathan Lodrigues is the Publicity Chairperson. The three committee chairs will need the help of all of us to make the Golf Classic a success.

This is the time to start asking for donations from sponsors. Brother Vinnie will have a list of sponsors that contributed last year. Please let Vinnie know if you intend to solicit a sponsor again. We want to make sure that only one Council member approaches a sponsor for donations. Sponsor forms will be available at the meeting on August 6 and are on our website.

The Publicity Committee has overhauled our flyers and forms and are generating some great ideas to attract golfers. We need everyone's help in this effort. If you know a golfer, invite them to play in our Golf Classic. Distribute registration material at work and be sure to encourage our sponsors to sign up a team.

We will be accepting donations of wine and liquor at our meeting on Monday, August 6. Your donations help us to make up the great baskets for our raffle and help to generate money for our cause.

Knight and Family of the Year

At the Officer Installation Dinner on Saturday, July 14, the Council recognized the Knight and Family of the Year.

The Knight of the Year was awarded to SK Don Carpenter. When a vacancy suddenly became available for a Financial Secretary, Brother Don stepped up and took



charge. With some guidance and a lot of questioning and digging, Don created a smooth operation, exceptional record keeping and efficient processing of transfers and new Knights. Congratulations SK Don Carpenter!



The Family of the Year was awarded to SK Frank

Orsillo and his family. Whether it be the Golf Classic or a social gathering, Brother Frank and his wife Louise always make themselves available to help. It is also a joy to see their 3 children serve at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. Congratulations to the Orsillo family!

Miller Road Clean-up

On Saturday, July 21 we held our clean-up of Miller road. Thanks to Neil Waid who organized the event and to Ray Quiñones, Noel Blanchet, Adeyinka Awolowo, Tim Kasprzyk, David Kadiri and Daniel Van Sciver for providing the helping hands.

Because of the great turnout, we were able to complete the task in one hour before the rain started up again. If you were not able to attend, you will have a chance in another quarter to help clean-up our community.



New 3rd Degree!

On Saturday, July 28 one of our Council Brothers became a 3rd Degree Knight. Let's have a big round of applause for Billy Navas. Please support Billy as he progresses through the Knights of Columbus and hopefully will obtain his 4th Degree.



In support of Billy Navas (center) Neil Waid, Ray Quiñones, Tim Kasprzyk, Don Carpenter, Danny Diaz (absent from photo)

Day of Spiritual Renewal

Many Knights have expressed the desire for the opportunity to grow together spiritually with Knights from councils beyond their own and for new ways to proclaim the Good News.

On Saturday, October 20th there will be a Day of Spiritual Renewal at Bethany Center. The theme is entitled "Becoming a Christ Bearer" and will delve into the life of our namesake Christopher Columbus and how he attempted to accomplish that goal in his personal life.

The location will be at the Bethany Center in Lutz. The center is renowned for its beautiful natural setting, amenities and delicious food.

The program will include breakfast and lunch; the doors open at 8AM with dismissal at 3PM. The donation for the program will be \$35 per person.

Our Council has already committed to attending. If you are interested in attending, please let our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Curcio know. Brother Stephen will be our Council's contact person for this event. We will need to give an approximate number of attendees by August 31.

Checks should be made out to Mother Seton Council with a notation that it is for this event. Our Council will then submit one check for the event.

2nd Annual Rocktober Fest

The 2nd Annual Rocktober Fest Fundraiser for VAVS will take place on Saturday, September 29 from 7:00-10:00pm. This fundraiser is being sponsored by Bishop Charles McLaughlin Assembly 1850.



The meal will be a Traditional German Dinner for a cost of \$20 per person. The dinner will take place at the Chateau, 1903 East S.R. 60, Suite F, Valrico, Florida 33594.

Tickets will be available at our Council meeting on Monday, August 6. Contact Neil Waid if you are not able to make the meeting and would like to purchase tickets.

Venerable Father McGivney

A Priest for all People

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

In his spiritual masterpiece, *The Diary of a Country Priest*, Georges Bernanos has the young country priest who is the central character of the novel write this about his new parish:

“My parish! The words can’t even be spoken without a kind of soaring love.... I know that my parish is a reality, that we belong to each other for all eternity; it is not a mere administrative fiction, but a living cell of the everlasting Church. But if only the good God would open my eyes and unseal my ears, so that I might behold the face of my parish and hear its voice.”

It is clear from Bernanos’ portrayal of the country priest that his devotion to his parish arises from the sacramental character of his priestly ministry to the French village. There is nothing distinctly different about this parish. In fact, he says, “Mine is a parish like all the rest.” Yet, his days are taken up with the daily drama of his ministry: preparing children for their first Communion, celebrating Mass and bringing reconciliation to families. This priest devotes himself entirely to his parish.

We might say that he ultimately comes to see the “face” of his parish through its sacramental life.

While reading Bernanos’ novel, I was reminded of the recent biography of Father Michael McGivney, *Parish Priest*. He too devoted himself steadfastly and completely to his parish and to its sacramental life. And like the French priest in Bernanos’ story, he too died of an incurable illness at an early age.

The French priest has a dream to reach out to the youth of his parish by beginning a new sports program. But to do so, he must ask for a donation from the large landowner who, in effect, controls the village. After reflecting for some time on the priest’s request, the landowner replies that although the proposal is a good one, it is too ambitious and should be postponed. The young priest dies before his dream can become a reality.

Again, I could not help but think of Father McGivney and his dedication to the youth of his parish. But unlike Bernanos’ country priest, who was bound by the social strictures and class privileges of the Old World, Father McGivney organized a new association to act in a New World. He knew that in the new society that was emerging, the Catholic Church could not survive on the generosity of social, economic or cultural elites.

Father McGivney gave the Church in the new democratic society that was emerging in North America a new leadership model for Catholic laymen — action that would benefit in numerous ways thousands of parish communities. He knew that in a democratic society men in every parish would have to stand up and stand with their priests if the “good news” of the Gospel was to reach into the lives of their families and neighborhoods.

Father McGivney’s vision is as relevant today as ever. And so are the men who share it.

Vivat Jesus!

Insurance Corner

Term Life Insurance

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.

Young Adult Insurance – A special product for Knights and their spouses ages 18-29 to help them start their insurance protection.

Beneficiary Options

You decide who you want your death benefit to go to: a spouse, children, family, a trust, or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary and can divide up the proceeds proportionally.

Additional Features and Benefits

There are a number of special features and benefits – often called riders – that are available on Knights of Columbus products, such as the full conversion rider, which gives you the option to convert your Accelerator Term Insurance to permanent coverage.

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:

Tim Ashcraft's Father-in-law – Repose of his soul
Dean Jacobson's wife
Frank Orsillo's relation – Lou Ciceita induced coma
Richard Wellendorf
Jay McCabe - chemo
SK Richard Hardesty – health
Bob Dunn
James Flynn – repose of his soul
Marty Condon – heal
Chris Kern – chemo
District Warden 46 Ed Sleyzak's mother – repose of her soul
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: Tim Kasprzyk
Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Curcio
Chancellor: Ray Quiñones
Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila
Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter
Recording Secretary: Andrew Balser
Chaplain: Father John Tapp
Warden: Neil Waid
Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez
Outside Guard: Steve Mirabole
Advocate: Howard Baum
1-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli
2-year Trustee: Jay McCabe
3-year Trustee: Bill Queenan
Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

August 6 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.

August 29 - Officers & Directors Meeting, 7:00pm Adult Ed Bldg.

September 15 – Annual Charity Golf Classic, Bloomingdale Golfers Club

September 29 – 2nd Annual Rocktober Fest Fundraiser for VAVS