



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



December 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we are now in the Advent Season, please prepare yourselves for Christmas. As we saw from our participation in Awesome Advent in the Social Hall, this includes going to confession. Please check the church bulletin for confession schedules. Also in the season keep in mind the Knights focus of charity. Please be charitable whenever possible and give as Christ wants you to.

We will be having our annual Christmas party at Yuengling Brewery on December 17 at 6 PM. Please RSVP so we can have a count of who is coming and let us know what you're bringing. Also, let me know if you're bringing any of your little ones. I am also looking for a volunteer to dress up as Santa Claus.

Last business meeting our District Deputy made it official that we are a star council for 2015-2016. This is a great award and it's been something that we have not been named in over a decade. Everyone that was involved in the council last year should be proud. It is through all of our hard work that this was possible. Please keep up the good work and help us to be successful this year.

Together we can make it two years in a row. With that said, the major thing we have to do for star council is hitting our membership goals. Please keep the Knights in mind whenever you are speaking to any Catholic gentleman. The Knights is a great organization; its charitable efforts are unmatched and a major benefit is our insurance policies. If you know of any catholic gentleman that

would make a good addition to our counsel please refer them to me. We're off to a slow start in recruiting but we can make it up in these last six months.

God bless you and your families and have a merry Christmas.

God Bless,
Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held for Mother Seton Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 on Saturday, December 17 starting a 6:00pm. The party will be held at the Yuengling Brewery, 11111 N 30th Street, Tampa Florida 33612. It will be a Potluck Dinner with drinks being provided.



Please respond to the invitation through Evite. Be sure to scroll down the invitation to select an item of food to bring. The food item should feed 8 to 10 people. It will show you what is still needed. You can also contact Tim Kasprzyk at 813-

917-6825 to confirm your attendance and what food item you are bringing. Also, please bring a bottle of wine to donate for the raffle.

There will also be a White Elephant Gift Exchange for those of you wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped gift worth between \$15-25 to participate.

We are looking forward to an evening of fraternity, family and brotherhood. See you at the party!

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.



By clicking on our Council link you will find that your 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.

Venerable Father McGivney

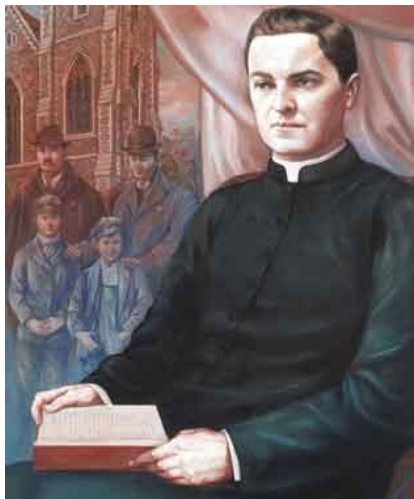
Protector of Christian Family Life

Sent to serve the young of his flock, Father McGivney in turn "sent" the young men under his guidance and direction into the world to become good husbands and fathers, true knights for God and country.

His work with the young was but a steppingstone to the formation of strong Catholic families. His dedication to the ideal of Christian manhood, expressed so clearly in the founding of the Knights of Columbus, was never allowed to obscure his

ultimate goal of protecting the good of the entire family unit. Just a couple of years after the Order was established, he began to limit his involvement in the Knights, so as to be

available to his whole flock.



Though focused on the task at hand, he never lost sight of his ultimate purpose: to care for and strengthen Christian families.

In a sense, the founding of the Knights of Columbus was a means rather than an end; a means to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in the faith and secure their material well-being.

Foundations of Life Gala

On, Saturday, November 19, our Council was represented by 5 Knights and their families at the Foundations of Life Gala & Silent Auction benefiting the Foundations of Life Pregnancy Centers.



It was a wonderful evening with some awesome speakers and recognition for the staff that work at the centers. Thanks to SK Howard Baum for organizing this event.

Novemberfest

The 47th Annual Novemberfest is now in the past. The weather cooperated and it appears that it was a success. As always, the wing booth was very popular with the attendees.

Thanks to SK Tom Rusher for running the wing booth and giving all the Knights who volunteered the leadership and guidance to make it work.

Guild Mass

Dear Chris,

Thank you, Herb, and all members of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard for serving this morning in our Mass honoring the deceased members of our Guild.



It was a beautiful Mass, and as Fr. Filipe expressed in his homily that, we work and serve together.

Thank you so much again,
Judy Stouffer
Spirituality Chair
Nativity Women's Guild

Christmas Dinner Prayer

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this

day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Eternal God, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in your words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son.

Lord Jesus,
our brother,
We praise You for saving us.
Bless us in Your love
As we gather in your Name,
And bless this meal that we share.
Amen.

Insurance Corner

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online. Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two, a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills. Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall

as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees. Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time. Today, our insurance program protects hundreds of thousands of families, with more than \$100 billion in force. Last year alone, Knights of Columbus families received more than \$800 million in insurance benefits. Being your insurance company also means that we have to be ethical, responsible, Catholic and charitable — just as you would expect.

We refuse to invest in companies who deal in lines of business that run contrary to church teaching. We also use proceeds from our insurance business to donate to Catholic and charitable causes around the world. The insurance business and local councils are the two primary sources for the more than \$1.55 billion the Knights of Columbus has donated to charity in the past decade. Our strength cannot be beaten. Our ethical pedigree cannot be questioned. And our Catholic commitment is never compromised. Not every life insurance company can say that.

As a Knight, you have a full-time, professional brother Knight field agent to call your own. His job — his mission — is to help you and your family evaluate your situation and determine how much coverage is needed to help meet your needs within your budget.

It's a proven fraternal system that has helped countless families when they need it most. Don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

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:

Brother Knights who have no one to pray for them
For the Unborn
Richard Hardesty
Dan Kasprzyk
Paula Zemko
Don Cseh
Jay McCabe (for his job and health – recovered from leukemia)
Rosemary Bortko (Jay McCabe's aunt)
Emily Sea (Aunt Betty McAvoy)
Walter Weaver
Tom Rusher
Bonnie Cummings
George Thomas
Dean Moxness
Kevin McNamara
Christina Orsillo
Louise Luneau
Mike Wernicki
Ed Sleyzak
Bill Queenan
Vinnie Mallen
Danny Diaz
Steve Mirabelle
Bob Dunn
Rick Shoby
Billy Navas
Jeff McManus

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.

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Upcoming Events

December 5 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
December 10 – VA Christmas Party
December 17 – Council Christmas Party 6:00pm
December 21 – Assembly 1850 Meeting
December 28 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

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