



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



December 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

My wife and I have already been decorating our home for the Christmas season. Every year it takes more time to decorate and I am amazed at how many decorations we have and some I didn't think we had. We keep saying we are going to cut back but have not done so yet because of the grandkids.

We have also begun shopping for presents. On top of Christmas, we have two grandchildren with birthdays on December 11 and 14. So you can imagine, it gets hectic trying to compile the gifts.

It is easy to get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of the season to the point we forget what we are preparing for, the celebration of Christ's birth. I, personally, need to step back sometimes, take a deep breath and contemplate what Christmas is all about.



This Sunday, December 3 is the First Sunday of Advent. As Knights, we will be participating in and supporting Awesome Advent in the Social Hall after

all Masses. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to understand how to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. I hope you and your family will have a chance to stop by and see what is available.

Included in this newsletter is a Christmas Dinner Prayer. I believe this is the third year I have included it. It is a beautiful prayer that you may want to use when you sit down with your family for a meal.

Thank you for all you do and what I know you will continue to do to help others. You are all a great bunch of men that are willing to give of yourselves to support the different programs of our Council.

I wish you and your family a blessed and joyous Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

### Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held for Mother Seton Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 on Saturday, December 2 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 contact SK Tim Shoby at 407-800-9429 or bigpapi77@gmail.com 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!

## Christmas Dinner Prayer

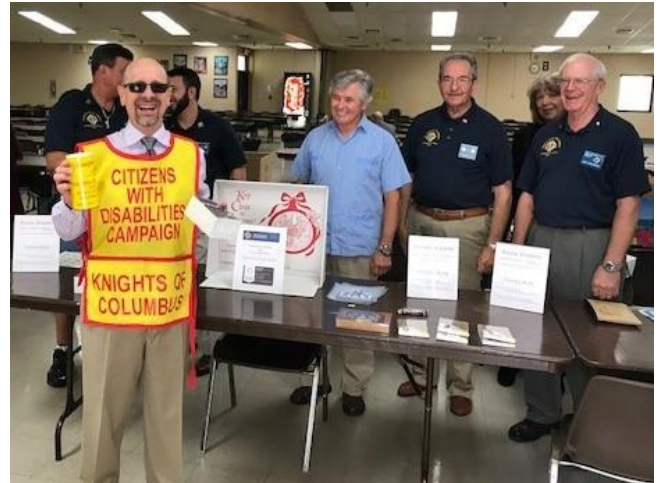
*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11*

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.

## Christmas Card Sale and Tootsie Roll Drive

On Sunday, November 26, we held a Christmas Card Sale and Tootsie Roll Drive. Even though coffee and donuts were not served in the Social Hall, we did alright because of the efforts of our participating Brother Knights.



We made \$307.25 in the sale of Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets and we collected \$99.10 in donations for our Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to all the Brothers who helped.

## Crosses for Life



The post-Novemberfest setting up of the crosses for our Cemetery of the Innocents is complete. Thanks to Brother Sir Knight Neil Waid for the use of his drill battery packs, which saved time and energy (he couldn't make it as he was in Orlando for the Fourth-Degree ceremony). Noel

remained undeterred. When his battery was depleted, he used a long handle screwdriver to bore holes in the ground for the crosses. Surprisingly quick work today. We must be experts at this now.

God Bless,  
Ray

## 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](http://worldmeeting2018.ie).

## Venerable Father McGivney

### A Priest for all People

2/22/2006

#### 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!*

## Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Valerie Giroux

Brian Wood

Trevor Fairweather – for the repose of his soul,  
father-in-law of Danny Diaz

SK Richard Hardesty

SK Richard Shoby

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

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## Upcoming Events

December 2 – VAVS Christmas Party 11:00am

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Party 6:00pm

December 3 – Awesome Advent

December 4 - Council Business Meeting

December 10 – Blood Drive

December 11 – Penitential Service

December 20 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

December 27 – Officers & Directors Meeting

January 7 – Coffee and donuts duty

January 13 – Miller Road cleanup

January 14 – Corporate Communion

January 28 – Membership Drive

**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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