



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

December 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

There is an old story about a man who punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. The child was trying to decorate a small box to put under the Christmas tree. The little girl cried, but the next morning she brought the same box to her father and said, *"This is for you Daddy."*

The father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction once he realized the gift was for him, but when he opened the box, he got angry again because there was nothing inside and he thought his daughter was making fun of him.

He yelled at her again and she cried and with tears in her eyes said, *"It's not empty, I blew kisses into box."* The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for forgiveness. He kept that gold box by his bed for many years.

In a very real sense, God has given each of us a gold box filled with His unconditional love. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God's 'one and only Son,' we have access to eternal life. But it is so easy between the decorations, constant advertising, materialistic hurry to forget about the real meaning of Christmas. We sometimes forget that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ with loved ones. To celebrate Jesus and what He did for the world, for us and for you.

I would love to take credit for this beautiful story and explanation of what it means but I cannot. I need to thank Fr. John Horowski, SVD of the Divine Word Missionaries.



Included in this newsletter is a Christmas Dinner Prayer. I believe this is the fourth 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

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.

Council Christmas Party



provided.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held for Mother Seton Council 6724 on Saturday, December 1 starting at 6:00pm. The party will be held at the Nativity Catholic Church Social Hall A & B. It will be a Potluck Dinner with drinks being

Please contact SK Stephen Curcio at 845-519-7510 or spcurcio@comcast.com to confirm your

attendance and what food item you are bringing if you have not already done so

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!

After Mass Coffee and Donut Duty

On Sunday, December 9, Mother Seton Council will support our parish by serving coffee and donuts. Help is needed beginning at 7:00am with set-up and serving after each Mass. After serving for the



10:30am mass, help will be needed with clean-up. Our Council will also be helping at a table for Awesome

Advent which is also on Sunday, December 9. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute some service hours if you have not been able to participate in other Council functions. Keep a look out for an Evite closer to the date and please reply to it.

Wing Booth

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with our wing booth. A special thanks to Brother Jay McCabe who was the Chairperson for this event. Brother Jay did a fantastic job of organizing everything and keeping track of sales. A report of how we did will be forthcoming.

State Raffle Tickets

Florida State Council raffle tickets are now available. Tickets donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$12.00 per book. Prizes are: 1st - \$25,000, 2nd - \$10,000 and 3rd - \$5,000. There are also five \$1,000 prizes.



For every book that is sold, our Council retains \$6.00. Last year we sold 143 books by only 24 Brother Knights for a total amount of \$1,716. Our Council earned \$858. We need to have

more Brother Knights actively involved in gaining donations for the raffle.

Raffle books will be available at our Council Business Meetings. You may also contact our Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter if you are not able to attend a meeting. This raffle runs into May of 2019, so we have plenty of time to solicit donations.

Venerable Father McGivney

The Foundation of Father McGivney's Spirituality

Father McGivney was a man decidedly positive and optimistic in outlook. He suffered the ravages of rejection and criticism, and the possibility of failure as we all do.

His physical health was adversely affected by the heavy burden he bore as he sought ways to relieve the sufferings of his parishioners. His conviction that Catholic men needed to band together under the banner of the Gospel to confront all that threatened family life and true Catholic manhood was not readily heard by fellow priests and bishops.



In the first years of its existence, the Knights of Columbus came close to dissolution, to disappearing into a long line of failed projects in the late 19th century. The primary reason the Order did not fail was the hope and confidence of

one parish priest whose optimism rested upon the rock of Christ and his Church — and the Catholic men who listened to him and took up his challenge.

Progress in Father McGivney's cause for canonization is surely a sign from God and a signal from the Church that we can trust his vision and accept the mission he has entrusted to his Knights: a commitment to Catholic manhood and a commitment to Catholic family life. Father McGivney's vision was of a Christian manhood that flows from one's adherence to Christ and his commandment of love. What follows is reverence for every human life and a recognition of the dignity of each person.

It is for these basic truths that Father McGivney's Knights will wage manly war. This is the mission: to embrace Catholic family life in a way that includes not only the fundamentals of reverence for life and the dignity of the human person, but the intention to transform the world by living each life in the light of this vision and these principles.

Ours is the mission to change society by living in it according to principles that the very society we seek to transform does not recognize or accept. Indeed, it has become hostile to the Judeo-Christian tradition that is the foundation of Father McGivney's spirituality. As his Knights, we faithfully show up to cast our ballots. We continue to help those in need. We lead our families to a greater commitment to what is right, what is just and what is compassionate. This we must continue to do because Venerable Father McGivney's Knights belong to Christ and to his Church.

Insurance Corner

Our Commitment: Catholic Values. Charitable Giving. Ethical Practices.

Catholic

The Knights of Columbus is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes.

The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part

with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest in companies that deal in lines of business that involve: abortions and abortifacients, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

The Knights also gives generously to the Church through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Since 1981, RSVP has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations. The Knights supports the Vatican and the Holy Father as well, helping to restore the façade of St. Peter's Basilica which was completed in 1999 for the millennial Jubilee. The Knights also purchased satellite equipment to help broadcast the pope's messages and Masses throughout the world, in addition to giving an annual donation to Pope Francis' personal charity with proceeds from the K of C's Vicarius Christi fund.

Charitable

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest forces for good. In the past decade alone, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charitable causes and has performed more than 700 million hours of volunteer service.

Knights have led major charitable initiatives including Coats for Kids, the Ultrasound Initiative, and Christians at Risk, and have also sponsored events and programs with organizations such as Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program – coupled with the hard work and dedication of brother Knights anywhere – helps power the Knights of Columbus' charitable giving.

“The insurance program is a powerful financial engine that supports much of the good works we do,” said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Through the insurance program, we are blessed with the opportunity to give generously and support numerous charitable and spiritual causes, building up society and the Church.”

“Of course, this is closely tied to our Catholic identity and the fact that charity is our first principle,” he continued. “We are called to be ‘our brother's keeper,’ and to look after the physical and spiritual well-being of those around us. But the fact is that without the insurance program, much of what we do.... would simply not be possible.”

Ethical



For five consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a “World's Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute and is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.

The “World's Most Ethical Company” evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business' operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance, and its leadership, innovation, and reputation.

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:

SK Richard Hardesty – healing

SK Bob Dunn

SK Jay McCabe

SK Don and Maryann Clark

Nancy Kasprzyk

Walter Storms

Brian Mulholland

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

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Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

December 1 – Annual Christmas Party, 6:00pm

December 1 – Veterans Christmas Party, 11:30am

December 9 – Coffee and Donuts

December 9 – Awesome Advent

December 10 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm
Adult Ed Bldg.

December 17 – Parish Penitential Service, 7:00pm

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