



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



February 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As we go into the second month of the calendar year, please reflect on all the work that the Council has done so far this fraternal year. We have accomplished quite a bit, but with 6 months left in the fraternal year we still have lots more to do to serve our church, our community and our members.

We recently had our Altar Server dinner. A special thank you goes out to Herb Swoope who was a leading organizer to the Dinner; Rick Zemke who was our head cook and obtained many donations of food to keep our costs down; Rick's kitchen crew who worked tirelessly to make and serve all that food; the Women's Guild who decorated the hall; Neil Waid who championed setting up, tear down and supplies and all the other Knights who showed up to assist with all the tasks associated with the dinner and to help honor our Altar Servers. We are blessed at Nativity to have such great Altar Servers at every mass and it was my pleasure to preside over such a great event.

We also recently had the Free Throw Challenge. Steve Mirabole was excellent in running the challenge on three separate days, and with the focus this year on youth group involvement, we may have set an all-time participation record.

Our next major event is the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights. This solemn celebration, allows us to honor and remember those Knights in the Mother Seton Council that have come before. Keep your eye on the website for details.

As we enter our second half of the fraternal year, membership is at the forefront of priorities. Our Council, and the entire state is behind in recruiting. Five members have made a first degree so far this year. Unfortunately we have had 4 gentlemen leave the order from our council, giving us a gain of only one member. Our Goal this year is 22, so we have 21 new members to go to attempt to repeat as Star Council.

Membership recruitment is more than awards. It is the life blood of a Council. Without new members, the Council slowly fades away.

We will be holding several membership campaigns over the next few months to attract new members, but please do your part. If every member reading this can bring in one new member, we will be well over our goal and have new life infused in the council. Bringing new members in and keeping members active will go a long way in helping the Mother Seton Council not only service, but succeed in serving our church, our school and our community. Keep your eye out for membership events and if you have any question as to what to do to get your recruit signed up, contact any of the officers.

God Bless,
Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass will be held for deceased Knights on Wednesday, February 22. The Mass will take place in the Chapel at 6:00pm followed by a reception in the Adult Ed. Building at 7:00pm. In respect to our deceased Knights, we ask that all Knights attending wear at least a tie and sport coat.

Altar Server Dinner

The Altar Server Dinner was held on Saturday, January 28 in the Social Hall. There was an



abundance of delicious food that everyone enjoyed.

As our Grand Knight has already mentioned, thanks to all that made this dinner a success and allowed us to recognize the tremendous service that the Altar

Servers provide.

Each Altar Server received a Certificate of Appreciation for their service. Two Altar Servers were selected to receive a special award from the Knights of Columbus and the Mother Seton Council. These Altar Servers were Anthony Mazuchowski and Rafael Ramirez Jr.



Anthony Mazuchowski



Rafael Ramirez Jr.

A check for \$1,000 was also presented to Nativity School to add to the scholarship foundation that was set up by Mother Seton Council. A flag that flew over the United States Capitol was also presented to the school.



Lastly, Father Tapp was presented with a certificate and a pin for obtaining his 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus. Father Tapp also received a check for \$100 and stated that it will be donated to APA.

Miller Road Clean-up

We had another successful Miller Road clean-up on Saturday, January 14. Thanks to Neil Waid for chairing this event and to all the Knights who showed up to make the task easier.

Adult Education Building



Much needed repairs to the South side of the Adult Ed. building have been completed. Thank you to Brother

Richard Lesandro for the generous donation to make this happen and to SK Dean Jacobson and DLJ Enterprises, Inc. for completing the repairs.

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.



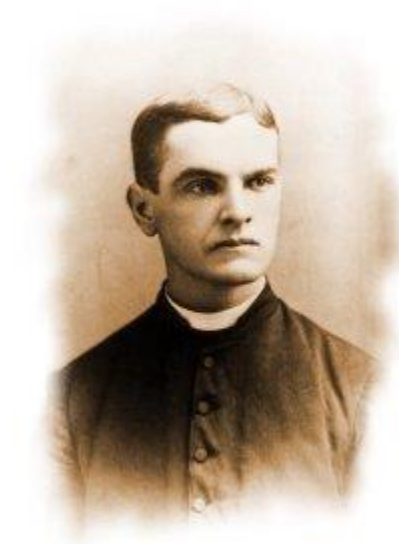
By clicking on our Council link you will find that your Amazon account is the same, the products are all the same, the prices are all the same, and the discounts and benefits are all the same. Nothing is different except that some of the money from those purchases will go to our Council. It's really just that simple.

Venerable Father McGivney

Roots

Father Michael McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on August 12, 1852. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney, had arrived in the great 19th century wave of Irish immigration. Patrick McGivney became a molder in the heat and noxious fumes of a Waterbury brass mill. Mary McGivney gave birth to 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. Therefore, the first child, Michael, with four living sisters and two brothers, learned early about sorrow and the harsh grip of poverty. Thanks to his parents' example, he also learned about the powers of love and faith, and family fortitude.

Michael went to the small district schools of Waterbury's working-class neighborhoods. A good student, he was admired by his school principal for "Excellent deportment and proficiency in his studies." Then, after the Civil War, when Connecticut's metals industry was booming, he left school at age 13 to go to work. His job in the spoon-making department of a brass factory provided a few more necessary dollars for family survival.



When Michael reached the age of 16 in 1868, he left the factory. With the priesthood clearly in mind, he traveled with his Waterbury pastor to Quebec, Canada. There he registered at the French-run College of St. Hyacinthe. He worked hard on subjects which

would prepare him to apply for seminary admission.

After two academic years at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, which was attached to Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., young McGivney moved to Montreal, where he attended seminary classes at the Jesuit-run St. Mary's College.

He was there when his father died in June of 1873.

Insurance Corner

Financial Fitness for the New Year

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being.

These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help.

This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.

So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

Start With a Comprehensive Review

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement?

This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone.

As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight Field Agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through their agent, members receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs.

It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, short-ages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more.

It's a great way to start.

Focus on the Future

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs.

What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive

without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you looked to see what care like that may cost? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes.

What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money tucked away? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation? By working with your brother Knight Field Agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out by guaranteeing your principle, guaranteeing growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

Prioritize Protection

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, house, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options.

You just may be surprised.

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

For the Unborn

Jay McCabe

Emily Seay

Vinnie & Maria Mallen

Repose of the Soul of J. Diaz

Rick Silver

Mary Ann Clark

Tim Siff

Don Cseh

O. E. Obasi

Joseph Dreiling's mother-in-law

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

Grand Knight: Chris McManus

Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Kasprzyk

Chancellor: Danny Diaz

Treasurer: Dean Jacobson

Financial Secretary: Bob Ippoliti

Recording Secretary: Bob Dunn

Chaplin: Open

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: George Giragosian

Outside Guard: Richard Silver

Advocate: Howard Baum

1 year Trustee: Michael Goscinski

2 year Trustee: Tony Boes

3 year Trustee: Herb Swoope

Lecturer: Vincent Mallen

Upcoming Events

February 6 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

February 15 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

February 22 – Memorial Mass 6:00pm

February 22 – Officer's Meeting

March 26 – Donut Duty