



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



February 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Below is an excerpt from the 2018 State of the Union Address:

“As long as we are proud of who we are and what we are fighting for, there is nothing we cannot achieve. As long as we have confidence in our values, faith in our citizens, and trust in our God, we will never fail.”

The reason this paragraph caught my attention is because it reminds me of the Knights of Columbus and our Council. We could insert faith in our Brothers as opposed to citizens. Trusting God to help us achieve our good works is at the core of everything that we do.

Further on in this newsletter you will read where we are staging a Membership Drive and why it is important. Let us use our trust in God and our values as Catholic gentleman to recruit new Brothers to help us continue to do God's work.

Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

Father Tapp

Dear Brother Knights,
Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 toward hurricane relief. It was a blessing to receive such a sacrifice.

I am forwarding your gift to the Diocese of St. Petersburg which will in turn give it to Catholic Relief Services. My understanding is that 100% of your gift will go directly toward relief efforts.

Blessings on you, Brothers and your families.
In Christ, Father Tapp

Membership Drive

On Sunday, February 18, we will be inviting the men of our parish to become Knights of Columbus. This drive is not only important for our Council but for the sustainment of the Knights of Columbus. At a recent Regional Meeting, it was stated that the average age of the Knights of Columbus has increased to age 67. At this rate, the Knights of Columbus could become extinct in 10 years.



**WE ARE
CALLED**
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Knights of Mother Seton Council need to reach out to good, Catholic, family men of our parish and explain to them, in a non-pressure approach, the benefits of being part of our Fraternity.

Many younger family men probably feel they do not have the time to commit to the Knights of Columbus. It is imperative that we as current Knights clearly explain that they can choose the amount of time they can dedicate and that it will benefit them, their families, our church and our community.

All of us need to be available for this important endeavor. More information will follow in the weeks to come.

Memorial Mass for Herb Swoope

A Memorial Mass was held for Herb Swoope, Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator on Saturday, February 27. Judy Swoope, Herb's wife, and all the family were very appreciative and comforted by the number of Knights and friends that showed up to pay their respect.

Herb was a gentleman and dedicated to the Knights of Columbus. He will truly be missed but not forgotten.

Baby Shower

The Respect for Life Ministry will be holding a baby shower (It's a Boy!) on Saturday, February 10 from 1:00-3:00pm in the Multipurpose Room (next to the Youth Center).

They are looking for clothing for a boy, car seat (must be new), diapers, wipes, formula, diaper bag, crib, high chair, swing, walker, bassinet, bathtub, etc. You can bring any of these items to our February 5 meeting if you wish.



Kim Holt from Life Ministry will speak before our meeting on Monday, February 5 so please try to arrive by 7:15pm.

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.

Florida State Council Raffle

The Florida State Council is conducting a raffle to raise funds for Council charities as well as for Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Raffle book containing 12 raffle tickets have been distributed directly to Councils by the FSC. The number of books each Council received was based on 75% of the Council's membership.



Tickets are \$1.00 donation each. Council member's collect donations for tickets and the Council turns \$6.00 per book to Florida K of C Charities, Inc. while retaining

the other \$6.00 designated for the council's charitable programs.

Raffle ends May 6, 2018. All tickets, donations and raffle tickets must be in by May 12, 2018. Final drawing will be held at Annual Convention Dinner May 26, 2018 in Orlando, Florida.

Total Prizes \$45,000

1st Prize \$25,000; 2nd Prize \$10,000; 3rd Prize \$5,000; and 4th to 8th Prize \$1,000 each.

Solicitors/Sellers Prizes

1st Prize winning ticket gets \$1000; 2nd Prize winning ticket gets \$750; 3rd Prize winning ticket gets \$500; and 4th through 8th winning tickets get \$100 each.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Council to raise extra money for our charitable endeavors. Please attend our next Business Meeting on Monday, February 5 to pick up the tickets if you have not already done so. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact our Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter who is the keeper of the tickets at 618-581-4154. If you are unable to pick up some raffle books, you can obtain tickets from your Brother Knights.

Remember, checks for the donations should be made out to Mother Seton Council 6724 for tickets bought.

Venerable Father McGivney



Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors

granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. There are more than 155,000 members of the Father McGivney Guild.

The purpose of the Guild is to inspire greater personal holiness and cooperation with God's grace by disseminating information about Father McGivney. The Guild's goal, as stated by Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, guild director and vice postulator of Father McGivney's cause for canonization, is to, "spread the good word about Father McGivney's holiness of life, to encourage

devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God."

The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997, with the opening of the archdiocesan phase of Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild is free and open to all individuals and households, but not groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly, except July-August, and is sent free to Guild members. Members who wish to do so may make tax-deductible contributions to assist in the Guild's work, but this is by no means required.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to join the Guild and regularly say the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. Members are asked to pray for Father McGivney's canonization, report favors received and assist in the advancement of the cause.

Abortion Limits Favored

More than three quarters of Americans would limit abortion to — at most — the first three months of pregnancy, according to a new Marist Poll. That number has consistently been about three quarters or more for the past decade.

This year, the survey found that 76 percent of Americans want such limits. Strong majorities of Republicans (92 percent), Independents (78 percent) and Democrats (61 percent) agree, as do a majority of those who identify as pro-choice (60 percent).

While a slim majority of Americans (51 percent) identify as pro-choice, even 60 percent of those who identify as such also support substantial limits. On specific policy issues, the poll also found that more than 6 in 10 Americans (63 percent) would

ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, while a similar number oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion (60 percent).

“It is hardly surprising that after 50 million abortions in this country, an overwhelming majority of the American people want substantial limits,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “This survey shows clearly that the ‘pro-choice’ label can no longer be assumed to mean support for abortion on demand. Nor can abortion be thought of as a partisan issue since majorities of Democrats, Independents and Republicans all agree that it should be substantially restricted. It is high time that our political debates reflected this national consensus and used it as a starting point.”

Most Americans continue to consider abortion “morally wrong” (56 percent). That number grows to almost two-thirds (64 percent) for abortions sought in the cases of unborn children with genetic issues like Down syndrome. And by more than 15 percentage points, most Americans say that medical professionals and organizations with moral objections should not be forced to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortion.

In addition, the survey found that almost 8 in 10 Americans (78 percent) say that laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child, a number consistent with those in previous years’ surveys going back to 2009. By more than 20 percentage points, most Americans also say that abortion does a woman more harm than good in the long run (52 percent to 29 percent).

About 4 in 10 Americans say abortion is a “major factor” in how they vote in presidential (42 percent), congressional (45 percent), and local (38 percent) elections.

Begun in 2008, the annual Marist Poll on abortion is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The above presents the results of two recent Marist surveys sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. The first survey of 1,267 adults was conducted Dec. 4-7, 2017, and the second survey of 1,350 adults was conducted Jan. 8-10, 2018. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were contacted on mobile or landline numbers in English by telephone using live interviewers. The December and January results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points and ± 2.7 percentage points, respectively.

Insurance Corner

Field Agent

I am pleased to announce that we now have a Field Agent, Jack Kelley. I spoke with Brother Jack on the phone and he is eager to be of service to us and help us grow our Council. Here is his contact information:

Phone: 727-504-1142

Email: jack.kelley@kofc.org

Brother Jack will be attending our Business Meeting on Monday, February 5 so please be sure to give him a big, Mother Seton Council welcome.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

SK Richard Shoby

Cyndy Kutcher

Jay McCabe

SK Dick Hardesty

Bridget Van Sciver

Myra Burnett

Paula Zimmkie

Robert Alvarez

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.

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Upcoming Events

February 5 - Council Business Meeting

February 18 – Membership Drive

February 21 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

February 24 – Tootsie Roll Drive

February 28 – Officers & Directors Meeting

March 3 – Tootsie Roll Drive

March 10 - Tootsie Roll Drive

March 17 - Tootsie Roll Drive

March 17 – Altar Server Dinner

Note: Dates in red indicate a meeting date that is not on a normally scheduled meeting day.

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