



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



February 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

On Tuesday, January 22, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed legislation called the Reproductive Health Act. This is a camouflage name for legislation that will permit the abortion of an innocent infant up until before birth.

After Governor Cuomo signed the bill, there were cheers and applause by those present. Governor Cuomo also ordered the lighting of the World Trade Center in pink to celebrate the Reproductive Health Act.

Even as I write this it makes me sick and angry. This is barbaric and immoral. I do not understand how our society can even permit this. To make matters worse, Virginia is also following this trend along with some other states.

The one positive thing out of this is that it has raised the awareness of people about abortion. Various polls show most people are not in favor of unrestricted abortions.

As Knights of Columbus, we are defenders of life and will continue to support the innocent through prayer, actions and monetary support.

Hopefully we will see the day when people began to realize that this is not the path we should be going down and will voice their opposition to their elected officials.

### Prayer for Aborted Babies

Heavenly Father,

Thou hast given us the gift of freedom to love and to follow in Thy ways and commands.

Some parents choose to abuse this freedom by destroying the gift of life which Thou hast given to their offspring.

Please forgive those who destroy human life by aborting their unborn babies.

Give these unborn children the opportunity to enjoy Thee for all eternity, if it according to Thy ordinance.

Assist me in being one in solidarity with Thy little ones by taking to heart the words of Thy Son, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (Mt. 25:40)

Therefore, allow me today, Father, to adopt spiritually an unborn child and to offer my prayers, works, joys and sufferings for that little one, so that child will be able to be born and live for Thy greater honor and glory.

We pray this in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

## Miller Road Clean-up

On Saturday, January 19, eight Brothers showed up to clean-up Miller Road. We gathered at the Moose Lodge and then split up into teams to cover the stretch of road between Lumsden and Highway 60.

Thanks to the folks that use this stretch of road and contribute the trash that we picked up. It gives us something to do on a Saturday morning.



Thanks to Brothers Mark Cote, Rich Lesandro, Luis Trejo, Don Carpenter, Neil Waid, Tim Kasprzyk, Adeyinka Awolowo and Ray Quiñones our photographer. With all these helping hands, we were able

to accomplish our task in a little over an hour.

## State Raffle Tickets

NOTICE: If you have tickets to turn in, bring them to our Council Business meeting on Monday, February 4 or get them to our Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter no later than Sunday, February 10. One ticket will be drawn from each Region for the Early Bird Drawing on March 9 and if you are the solicitor of the ticket drawn, you will be a \$400 winner.

Florida State Council raffle tickets are available. Tickets donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$12.00 per book. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$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



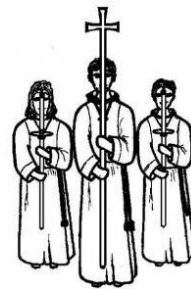
Brother Knights actively involved in gaining donations for the raffle.

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.

## Corporate Communion

Mark the date. We will gather for our Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 3 at the 12:30pm Spanish Mass. This will give us the opportunity to celebrate with our Brothers who attend this Mass. Let's have a great turnout.

## Altar Server Dinner



The Altar Server dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16 in the Nativity Church Social Hall at 6:00pm. This dinner is held annually to recognize our servers who contribute numerous hours throughout the year in service to our parish and their families that help make it possible.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with the food preparation and setting up the Social Hall. Further details will be coming as we get closer to the event.

## Coffee and Donut Duty

Thanks to everyone who showed up on Sunday, January 20, to serve coffee and donuts. We were asked to step in for the Youth Group that was on a retreat that weekend. Even on short notice, we had plenty of Brothers step up to be of service to our parish.

## Tootsie Roll Campaign

It's that time of year to put on the yellow aprons and smiles and collect donations for people with intellectual disabilities.



On Saturday, February 23, the first Tootsie Roll Campaign will take place at the Publix in the Pavilion Crossing, 3863 Highway 301. You can sign-up in 2-hour shifts starting at 9:00am and ending at 5:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for every shift. Contact Neil Waid at (813) 830-1317 to sign up.

## Venerable Father McGivney

### Making Father McGivney Known

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, which Father O'Donnell directs, was founded prior to the official opening of the cause for his canonization. Among its purposes is to provide materials and information about both Father McGivney's life and the progress of the cause, and to collect reports of favors attributed to Father McGivney's intercession.



Although he has not yet been declared a saint, many already revere him as such, calling him an "Apostle to the Young and Protector of Christian Family Life." They have taken Father McGivney as a spiritual model and ally, recognizing him as a friend of God who is interceding for us today.

The Guild regularly receives reports from people who have turned to the Knights' founder in times of need. After a car accident in 1998, a Knight from Father McGivney's hometown of Waterbury, Conn., wrote: "I faithfully believe that through my prayers to [Father McGivney], I was spared death."

Another important goal of Guild members is to spread devotion to Father McGivney among the faithful. The declaration of a person as a saint, after all, is not for the benefit of the canonized, but for the good of the Church on earth. The saints are held before us as models, teachers and friends. "I'm very enthusiastic about the work of the Guild, and I'm hoping that Father McGivney will be beatified and canonized in the near future," said Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, who was installed as the fourth archbishop of Hartford in 2003.

"I feel very strongly that his canonization will do much to encourage vocations to the priesthood," continued Archbishop Mansell. "Parish priests are so vital to the life of the Church. His example was outstanding, and it will surely inspire great things." The story of Father McGivney's life has become much better known since his cause for canonization began. In addition to the work of the Guild, the publishing of the book *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism* (HarperCollins) in 2006 has helped many to learn about this servant of God. Yet his beatification and canonization would allow countless others to be inspired by his life.

As more people learn about Father McGivney, many echo the words Cardinal Bertone spoke during his keynote address at the Supreme Convention: "I can only hope that his life will be made known to many more people throughout the world..."

Alton J. Pelowski is managing editor of Columbia magazine and a 2006 graduate of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C.

## Insurance Corner

### New Field Agent

Hello Brother Knights,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as your newly appointed field agent with the Knights of Columbus, serving Apollo Beach, Brandon, Lithia, Seffner, Tampa, Plant City, Riverview, Valrico and surrounding areas.



As your new field agent, and brother Knight, I am genuinely happy to have the opportunity to serve you. With the financial challenges we face today in planning for our future and financial stability, I know how important it is that you understand all your current

fraternal benefits and know what they can do for you. In my role as your field agent, I will be providing you with current and vital information, updating or creating your Family Service Record, and offering guidance and practical insurance solutions to protect you and your family's financial future.

Knights of Columbus agents are brother Knights first and foremost and are charged with looking out for the best interest of our members and their families. I place high value on honor and integrity, and it gives me great satisfaction to assist my brother Knights and their families with their insurance needs.

I am proud to have served my country in the United States Army and have recently retired as Lt. Colonel after 28 years of dedicated service, 11 active and 17 reserves. During my military service, I served our nation in two tours of duty as a Communications Platoon Leader during Desert Storm and as a Logistics Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As I completed my service to our country in the Army Reserves, the leadership skills I acquired established me in the financial market where I worked in principal management positions for the last 15 years for Capital One, followed by Citibank.

I proudly come from a family of brother Knights, along with my two brothers, father and grandfather. I have been a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight since 1992 and joined the 4<sup>th</sup> degree of the order in 2007. While involved in my local council I served as their financial secretary for 14 years and as the faithful comptroller for the assembly for 3 years.

I am happily married to my wife Kathleen for over 21 years and we have 4 wonderful children, Matthew, Haley, Johnny and Allison and 3 awesome grandkids, Clay, Bentley and Annabelle.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself.

I look forward to meeting you and your family personally.

John

For any questions or any insurance needs you may have, contact our Field Agent, John Ruckart at 813-855-5111 or by email at [john.ruckart@kofc.org](mailto:john.ruckart@kofc.org).

### **Prayer for the Sick**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

James Carr

Lotus Diaz

Jay McCabe – Cancer Treatment

Nancy Kasprzyk –surgery

Tom Babiarz

Carlos del Aguila, Sr.

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

Chancellor: Ray Quiñones

Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila

Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter

Recorder: Andrew Balser

Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez

Outside Guard: Steve Mirabole

Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli

2-year Trustee: Jay McCabe

3-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

## **Upcoming Events**

February 4 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm

Adult Ed Bldg.

February 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, St. Stephen

February 23 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Pavilion

Crossings, Hwy. 301

February 27 – Officers and Directors Meeting,

7:00pm Adult Ed. Bldg.

March 3 – Corporate Communion, 12:30pm

Spanish Mass

March 16 – Altar Server Dinner, Nativity Social Hall,

6:00pm

March 23 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, 855 E

Bloomington Ave., Brandon

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