



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



January 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

In an increasingly secular world, many Catholics are faced with the difficulty of sharing the faith. With the bustle of Christmas shopping and the frequent removal of religious imagery from Christmas displays, it seems that communities have forgotten the incredible gift of Christ and the beauty of his birth.

Facing similar concerns when first introducing Christ to the New World, Franciscan missionaries in the 16th century found that simple reenactments of the story of Christ's birth could touch the hearts of those they encountered. The Spanish missionaries referred to these ceremonies as Las Posadas — meaning "the inns" or "the shelters" — as they gave emphasis to Mary and Joseph's search for shelter before Our Savior's birth.

These festivities have remained popular throughout Latin America and the southwestern United States, yet children and adults from all cultural backgrounds can use similar celebrations to embrace the true meaning of the Christmas season and share the joy of Christ's birth.

For ideas on how to adapt this tradition to your own community, councils can turn to Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration (#9898). Through this booklet, the Order hopes to bring a sharing of various cultural Christmas celebrations to all Knights and their families.

"The tradition of the Posada helps us to remember the first Christmas in a way that unites people of faith from throughout the American continent," said

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "This event will bring together people of many cultures, highlighting the fact that faith and the celebration of Christmas transcend any differences we may have."

Herbert Swoope
Grand Knight

40th Anniversary Celebration

Mother Seton Council 6724 will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday, January 23. The celebration will begin with attendance at the 4:00pm Mass at Nativity Catholic Church.

At the conclusion of Mass, we will proceed to Buckhorn Springs Golf and Country Club at 2721 South Miller Road, Valrico. A reception will begin at 5:30pm where we will be able to socialize and fraternize with our brothers and guests. A cash bar will be available for anyone wishing to partake in a beverage not offered during the meal. We will begin with appetizers, followed by salad, rolls, choice of two entrees, choice of two sides, and a vegetable. The desert will be our special 40th Anniversary cake.

Since this is a special occasion, we ask that all 4th Degree Knights wear a tuxedo, if you have one, with the baldric. Otherwise, a suit or jacket and tie is appropriate for men. Dresses or dressy pantsuits are appropriate for the ladies.

The cost to attend the reception and dinner is \$25.00 per person. Please be prepared to make a payment at our business meeting on Monday, January 4. You may make out a check to KofC 6724 and note that it is for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. If you are unable to attend the

business meeting, you can mail your payment to Sam Miller, Mother Seton Council, PO Box 1372, Brandon, FL 33509-1372.

You can respond to the Evite that will be sent or by email or phone to Tim Kasprzyk: email – tsoc48@msn.com; phone – 813-917-6825. **We need a confirmed head count by Friday, January 15.**

Christmas Party

Approximately 80 people attended the Mother Seton Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 Christmas party at the Yuengling Brewery in Tampa. Thanks to John Houseman and Yuengling for providing the facility for the party.

The potluck event was very successful. Participants brought an array of delicious appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts. Everyone walked away happy and content.

Grand Knight Herb Swoope announced that a check for \$2,000 will be presented to the Lopez Exceptional Student Education Center.



Christmas for our Veterans

On Saturday December 12th, Assembly 1850 sponsored a Christmas party for our veterans at the Haley Cove Nursing Home. Pizza and soft drinks were served to our brave heroes. Dancers from Brandon performed at the event.



Fourteen veterans in wheelchairs and an additional 5 veterans attended the party. These veterans very much appreciated the attention, recognition and gifts bestowed upon them. The veterans left with a little Christmas spirit in their hearts.

Basketball Free Throw Challenge

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship in mid-January. Please keep your eyes open for an email confirming the date and spread the word. It will be held in the Sr. Irene St. Jean Gymnasium located on the Nativity Church and School grounds. We invite all boys and girls in the community between the ages of 9 – 14 to participate. All competitors will receive a certificate of participation. Winners in each age bracket will have the opportunity to move on to District, Regional, and State Competitions. Registration forms will be available after Mass in the Social Hall and in the Youth Center.

Miller Road Clean-up

The clean-up of Miller Road between Lumsden and Highway 60 will be conducted on Saturday, February 6. We will meet in the parking lot of the Moose Lodge on Miller Road at 8:00am. When we

have a good turn-out, the clean-up will take about an hour so please consider joining your fellow brothers for this event. This is an excellent opportunity to show the community how we contribute.

Amazon.com Fundraiser

Would you rather shop using the internet than go to a mall? Do you like having your purchases delivered right to your door instead of lugging them through the mall, to your car and then out of your car when you get home? If your answer is yes to the previous questions than you are probably already a fan of Amazon.com.

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.

Right now you probably have family and friends who shop at Amazon all across the country. By clicking on our Council link they will find that their 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.

So, spread the word. Send our Council link to your family and friends and ask them to use the Amazon link on our Council site.

6th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference

Brothers in Christ,

The Suncoast Catholic Ministries 6th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference is fast approaching. Our theme this year is "Answering the Call" and we need men in every parish to begin answering that call today.

WE NEED YOUR HELP INVITING THE BROTHERS FROM YOUR PARISH NOW!

The Suncoast Catholic Ministries 6th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Higgins Hall with Bishop Robert Lynch celebrating Mass and featuring nationally-known speakers Fr. Larry Richards and Steve Wood.

Visit www.suncoastcatholicministries.com to register and for additional information.

In Christ, The Suncoast Catholic Ministries Planning Team

Insurance Corner

Annuities

The beauty of our annuity products lies squarely in their simplicity and security.

Simple from the standpoint that they're fixed in nature. They provide long-term accumulation of wealth, specifically designed for retirement needs. There are no hidden management fees or annual charges. (Surrender charges may apply).

Secure because they are backed by the Knights of Columbus, an organization that earns the highest ratings from independent rating services while maintaining high ethical standards.

Our investment philosophy is consistent with the nature of the funds entrusted to us. We invest in vehicles that generate competitive rates for you, while assuring absolute safety of your retirement nest egg.

Whether you're looking to start a retirement savings program or moving substantial, more volatile funds into 'safer waters', the Knights of Columbus offers programs that can help you achieve your goals.

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:

Don Cseh
Jay McCabe (for his job and health – recovered from leukemia)
Rosemary Bortko (Jay McCabe's aunt)
Richard Hardesty
Bonnie Cummings
Daniel Kasprzyk
Emily Sea (Aunt Betty McAvoy)
Walter Weaver
Tom Rusher
George Thomas
Dean Moxness
Kevin McNamara

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 sorrow with your gentle love, and grants 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: Herb Swoope
Deputy Grand Knight: Chris McManus
Chancellor: Danny Diaz
Treasurer: Dean Jacobson
Financial Secretary: Sam Miller
Recording Secretary: Open
Chaplin: Open
Warden: Neil Wade
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Outside Guard: Richard Silver
Advocate: Howard Baum
1year Trustee: John Houseman
2year Trustee: Michael Goscinski
3year Trustee: Tony Boes
Lecturer: Don Clark

Upcoming Events

January 4 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
January 9 – Cemetery of Innocence Setup
January 17 - Rose Procession
January – Basketball Free Throw Challenge
January 23 – 40th Anniversary Mass and Dinner
January 26 – Officers Meeting 7:00pm
February 6 – Miller Road Clean-up 8:00am