



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



January 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

My family and I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family. I hope the New Year brings you all health, peace, faith and prosperity. As we head into this new year, please keep in mind the less fortunate, the down trodden, the sick and distressed, not just in our Brotherhood, but in our parish, our community and everywhere.

This looks to be a busy year for the Mother Seton Council. Please get involved where you can. We have many projects in the coming months that we will need your assistance with, starting with the Altar Server Dinner and Basketball Free Throw Competition in January. Please keep an eye on your emails, Facebook (@Brandon Knights) and Website (www.KofCBrandon.com) for more information.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the first half of our Fraternal Year a success and we look forward to what the second half (and new calendar year) will bring!

God Bless,
Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

Miller Road Clean-up

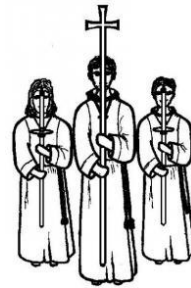
The Miller Road clean-up will take place on Saturday, January 14, beginning at 8:00am. We will meet at the Moose Lodge that is located on Miller Road just north of Lumsden Road.



This is an excellent service opportunity for any Knight to participate if you have not been able to participate in some of our other activities. If we have a minimum of 4 to 6 Knights working, it only takes about an hour.

Neil Waid heads up this effort and he will provide you with everything you need. If you have any questions, contact Neil at 813-830-1317.

Altar Server Dinner



The altar server dinner will be held on Saturday, January 28 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.

Volunteers are always needed to help with this function. Contact Herb Swoope at 813-628-0699 if you are able to assist or if you have any questions.

Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party was held for Mother Seton Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 on Saturday, December 17. The party was held at the Yuengling Brewery, 11111 N 30th Street, Tampa Florida 33612. It was Potluck Dinner with drinks being provided.

We had around sixty plus people attending the party. As usual, there was more than enough food to go around as well as a wide selection.

A recap was given of the activities that the Council was involved in during 2016. Representatives from Lopez Exceptional Student Education Center gave an overview of what services are provided to the students at the Center and thanked our Council for its continued support.

A special thanks to John Houseman for arranging the use of the facilities at Yuengling and to Neil Waid for hauling the supplies for the party and for running out to buy additional forks. Also, thanks to those who arrived early and pitched in to set up for the party. Thanks also to those of you who brought items for the raffle.

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

Man of Pastoral Action



Father McGivney was a very selfless shepherd, always attentive to his flock. Whether it was listening to a family's hopes and aspirations for education or job security or whether it was listening to stories of disappointment or betrayal in love, he heard and advised them to the best of his ability.

And those who came to him burdened with fear and guilt, he encouraged.

Just 10 months after his ordination, Father McGivney expressed the toll of such a heavy workload in a letter to a former seminary professor: "I have not had time for even one day's vacation since I left St. Mary's [Seminary] and was obliged to be at my post alone while Father Murphy was away. So pardon me the delay."

His spirituality flowed from his priestly identity and the primary work of bringing Christ to his people in the sacraments. His example of being ever ready to listen, advise and console, stirred the idealism and generosity of his young parishioners to imitate his virtue in their own lives and in their proper vocation.

The uniqueness of Father McGivney's spirituality of pastoral action lies less in its piety, which was typical of the age and religious climate, and more in the fact that he fostered collaboration between priests and laymen in addressing the serious issues Catholics faced in the second half of the 19th century. This spirit of cooperation and a certain sense of equality must be considered a unique aspect of Father McGivney's pastoral action.

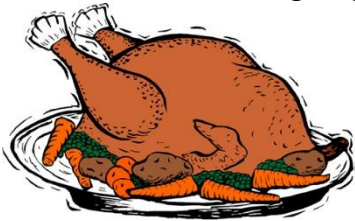
While always considered a man of exemplary virtue, Father McGivney was still always approachable. He was loved by his people, particularly his young parishioners, whose souls he so carefully nurtured and formed. Add to the mix his other activities such as visiting the sick, instructing the children in catechism and the herculean task of founding the Knights of Columbus, and one can well understand why he had little stamina to fight off the tuberculosis which finally carried him off from this world.

All in all, McGivney accomplished an extraordinary amount in his short 38 years and was an admirable and hardworking pastor of souls.

Turkey Delivery

On Tuesday, November 22, Knights from Assembly 1850 and Monsignor Scully Assembly delivered 180 turkey meals to the 46th Street VA Homeless Center. The funding was provided by these Assemblies. The final donation was \$2,944.

The size of the Thanksgiving donation has grown from 32 meals seven years ago to the 180 number today. Sixty volunteer hours were expended to achieve the task.



The veterans who received the meals were recommended by their social workers. Distribution began at noon and the need for giving is undeniable.

The Knights of Columbus are committed to supporting our veterans. We feel our vets have never lets us down and we will never let them down. Bill Queenan, VAVS representative, Haley Hospital.

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Valuable Assistance and Programs for Catholic Families

In addition to our line of products, the Knights of Columbus provides extensive services to members and their families:

Survivor Benefits

Our agents are there for members and their families to help them in the aftermath of the loss of a loved one.

Fraternal Benefits

In addition to our products, the Knights of Columbus offers Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and some are free. These benefits

include: guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children; death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children; orphan benefits; and member/spouse accidental death benefits.

Personalized Services

A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis

The Knights of Columbus provides members a complimentary insurance and retirement needs analysis through their local field agent. Our agents – who are also brother Knights – use “Profiles & Forecaster,” a proven industry analytical tool that helps our members identify their risks and goals.

End-of-Life Planning

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is a no-cost tool available exclusively through your Knights of Columbus field agent. The 34-page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

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 Sea

Vinnie & Maria Mallen

Repose of the Soul of J. Diaz

Rick Silver

Neal Waid

Mary Ann Clark

Tim Siff

Don Cseh

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

January 9 – Officers Meeting 6:30pm
January 9 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
January 14 – Miller Road Clean-up 8:00am
January 18 – Assembly 1850 Meeting
January 25 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
January 28 – Altar Server Dinner 6:00pm
February 23 – Memorial Mass 6:00pm

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