



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



January 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Hope you and your loved ones had a beautiful and blessed Christmas. I love this time of year because everyone seems to be more forgiving and kinder. Let's try to carry the spirit of Christmas in our hearts every day.

As we look upon the passing of 2018, I am reflecting on what we have accomplished as a Council. I am proud and privileged to be part of such an outstanding group of Catholic gentlemen. Whenever you have been called upon to help you have showed up in force. We have accomplished a lot as a Brotherhood and I look forward to what we can do in 2019.

One of the biggest tasks we have ahead of us is to invite good men of our parish to join the Knights of Columbus. We have been able to clean-up our roster and now need to vigorously recruit. Active members will help us to carry out the programs that have been our mainstay and to initiate more programs to benefit our parish and our community.

I wish you and your loved ones a prosperous and Happy New year.



Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

Crosses

The white crosses will again be placed on the Novemberfest field at the corner of Hwy. 60 and Bryan Road on Saturday, January 5. Please report at 9:00am. The more volunteers we have the quicker the task will be completed. We need as many battery powered drills that we can get our hands on because drilling into the ground depletes the batteries quickly.

Miller Road Clean-up

On Saturday, January 19 we will be holding our clean-up of Miller Road at 8:30am. Our Council adopted the stretch of Miller Road between Lumsden and State Road 60.

We will gather at the Moose Lodge, 804 S Miller Road, Valrico. This is a great opportunity to participate in a Council community event. Brothers and family members are welcome to help. If we have enough participation, we can finish the task at hand in an hour to an hour-and- half.

Bring your walking shoes and gloves if you prefer. Neil Waid our Council Warden is the organizer for this event and will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, tools to pick up the trash and water. People that travel this stretch of Miller Road will provide the trash.

State Raffle Tickets

Florida State Council raffle tickets are now available. Tickets donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$12.00 per book. Prizes are: 1st - \$25,000, 2nd -

\$10,000 and 3rd - \$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.

Council Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party for Mother Seton Council 6724 was held on Saturday, December 1 in the Nativity Catholic Church Social Hall A & B. The party was a potluck dinner that provided a varied and ample selection of delicious food.



We had a special visit from St. Nicholas and children and adults were all aglow. Hmm! I wonder why Vinnie and Megan Urso were cozying up to St. Nicholas?

Coffee and Donut Duty

Thanks to everyone who showed up on Sunday, December 9, to serve coffee and donuts. Brothers filled in where help was needed and showed

everyone in the parish what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

It was also Awesome Advent Sunday and our own Deputy Grand Knight and his beautiful family got into the spirit of the season.



Penitential Servants

On Monday, December 17, Nativity Parish held its Penitential Service. The Knights of our Council were called upon to assist with the control of parishioners going to confession. Our Brothers were stationed around the church and the chapel to ensure that each parishioner was able to confess their sins in private with the priest.



In the picture are Brothers Mark Stafford, Ray Quiñones, Tim Kasprzyk, Bill Navas and Vinnie Urso. Not pictured are Brothers Mark Cote and David Kadiri.

Pamela Emery, Director of Faith Formation, sent a very nice thank you to the Knights for helping with the service.

Veterans Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 1, Knights of Columbus from Assembly's 1850 and 3418 sponsored a Christmas Party for our veterans at the Haley Cove Nursing Facility in Tampa. Pizza and soft drinks were on the menu followed by pastries. Gifts of white socks, t-shirts and personal items were distributed to all.

More than 25 wheelchairs came down to the festivities. Thirty volunteers were on hand to help with the luncheon along with a half dozen cub scouts. Lt. General James Abrahamson, USAF retired, spoke with every veteran and made them feel a part of our Knight's family. There was much interaction between our Knights and the vets. This season seems to bring out the very best in everyone.

Our next event is the Spring BBQ scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Bill Queenan, VAVS Representative and PFN

Knights Fighting Cancer



Knights Brian Mulholland and SK Jay McCabe receiving I.V. infusions at Moffitt Cancer Center on

Friday, December 28. Please keep these brave Knights in your prayers as they continue their battle with cancer.

Venerable Father McGivney

Crisis

Venerable Michael McGivney lived at a time when the Catholic Church was under attack and groups of immigrant Catholics were unacceptable in the culture at large. The rejection and persecution of his day stemmed



from ignorance and a gross misunderstanding of the Church. There were scurrilous accusations made regarding priests and nuns. Today, the crisis comes less from outside and more from within the Church.

Priests who have betrayed their sacred trust and bishops who are accused of handling the situation badly have precipitated the current loss of confidence among the faithful. Father McGivney's response to this crisis is the example we must follow: Return to the foundation of our faith, the person of Jesus Christ. He alone can heal the wounds of those who have been victimized by the sins and crimes of his ministers. He alone can restore the confidence of his people. We place our trust in Christ; in our fidelity to Christ is our fidelity to his Church.

We can go on in hope because he is the author and guide of the Church. Drawing near again, in faith, to Christ himself should give us the confidence to analyze the situation with calm and insight. We can begin to separate in news reports the true from the false. Being defensive is not the answer and surely to reply in kind to anger and frustration only

deepens the conflict. Every accusation can be viewed as a grace if we consider its content seriously. With Christian faith and hope, we must face the truth and confront what is false.

This is not a moment for Catholics to run and hide. This is a moment of truth. We must face the accusations and consistently speak the truth no matter the number or outrage of the accusers. This is the example of Venerable Michael McGivney and it must be our path into the future. Let this holy priest inspire us to go on with hope and optimism. And let us pray for the new generation of priests, that they will be truly men of God and of the Church. Venerable Michael McGivney pray for us.
By Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, vice postulator

Insurance Corner

Ten Reasons Why Men of Faith Should Support K of C Insurance

1. The Knights of Columbus has products that help families across the economic spectrum. If a Catholic family needs a strong insurance company, we are it.
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3. Your local Knights of Columbus Field Agent is committed to you. His working mission and purpose are to provide the best advice and service to you and your family.
4. Your dollars with the Knights do triple duty: They are invested in a Catholic way, they help those less fortunate and they help your family.
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plan. Remember, you don't choose if you leave a legacy — you either leave your family a legacy of love or you leave them burdens.

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9. The Knights of Columbus offers disability-income insurance, a product that helps replace lost income if you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.
10. The Knights of Columbus help to ensure that the dreams a father has for his children can come true — even if he's not here to see to it and provide it himself.

For any questions or any insurance needs you may have, contact our Field Agent, Jack Kelley at 727-504-1142 or by email at jack.kelley@kofc.org.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

SK George Thomas & Family – strength and

comfort due to loss of brother

SK Richard Hardesty – healing

SK Jay McCabe – successful cancer treatment

Brian Mulholland - successful cancer treatment

SK Bob Dunn – healing after surgery

Walter Storms – healing

Nancy Kasprzyk – upcoming surgery

Kim Aston – Pedro & Maria Velez

Denese Blanchet

Ben & Asley Conageo - (Rick Zemke) birth of their son

Thomas & Arlene Shultz

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 Balsler

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

January 5 – Set up crosses, Novemberfest Field,
9:00am

January 14 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm
Adult Ed Bldg.

January 19 – Miller Road Clean-up, 8:30am

January 30 – Officers and Directors Meeting,
7:00pm Adult Ed. Bldg.

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