



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

January 2020

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This will conclude our Christmas Season.



We have two important meetings this month some of our officers will be

attending. Our District meeting and our Regional Meeting. There are updates to our Exemplification Ceremony where our 1st to 3rd degrees will be combined to a 30 minute program, open to the public and held either in Church or in our Council meeting room.

New incentives for Star Council are being initiated this month. If we have one Fraternal Benefit meeting before June 30th we can be eligible to qualify for STAR Council status.

All e-members joining in the month of January will get 50% discount on membership fees.

Our raffle-ticket State Fundraiser continues. If you need any books, please let our

Financial Secretary know. ½ the proceeds help support our council's charitable activities.

Our annual Memorial Mass for our departed brother Knights is this Friday, January 10th at 6pm in the Church with dinner reception to follow in the St. Francis Room. Please join us for this special ceremony honoring those who served before us. Dinner is \$6 per person. Please email me or reply to the evite you received so we can have an accurate count for dinner. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

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Supreme Chaplain Monthly Challenge



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This month's challenge has not posted on Supreme's website as of the posting of this newsletter. You can reach the website from the link below:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/supreme-chaplain-monthly-challenge.html#/This%20Month's%20Challenge>

Membership Dues

Dues for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year need to be paid. You can pay by check payable to Mother Seton Council #6724 mailed to our Financial Secretary: Jonathan Lodrigues, PO Box 1372, Brandon, FL 33509-1372 or pay at our council meeting on January 6th. You can also pay using PayPal on our website. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Father McGivney's Cause

The process of "saint making," more properly called the process for canonization, is normally long and complex.

In 1997, Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin of Hartford, Conn., opened Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell (pictured at right) was named the postulator, or promoter, of the cause.

Over the next three years, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus and the archdiocese, Father O'Donnell and others compiled the historical record of Father McGivney's life and works.

Some 700 pages of documentation – called "the acts" – were presented to Archbishop Cronin in March 2000. He attested to their authenticity and entrusted them to Father O'Donnell. That same month, Father O'Donnell conveyed the acts to the Congregation for the Causes of



Saints at the Vatican. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints soon attested that the Church's norms had been successfully met in this initial diocesan phase of the process toward sainthood.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints

appointed a relator, or advocate, to work with Father O'Donnell in the writing of the *positio*, or extended argument, for Father McGivney's canonization. The relator was Dominican Father Ambrose Eszer, the chief relator at the congregation, who has shown a keen interest in Father McGivney's cause.

The *positio* is nearly 1,000 pages in two volumes, one Father McGivney's biography, the other an essay on his spirituality. The volume on spirituality is organized around his life of virtue. The biography is based on text prepared for the cause by Christopher Kauffman, professor of American Church history at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and author of two books on the history of the Knights of Columbus.

The *positio* was presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in January 2002.

On June 30, 2000, the diocesan phase of the investigation into a reported miraculous cure attributed to Father McGivney's intercession was completed. That report was also conveyed to the congregation, where it was under consideration for a number of years before being ruled not convincing. One miracle is required for beatification, at which time Father McGivney would be declared "Blessed." Another miracle after that declaration is required for canonization or sainthood, at which time Father McGivney would be declared "Saint."

The important work of guiding a reported miracle through the process of approval by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints belongs to the postulator of the cause. Often, such a process requires additional information on medical terms and procedures from the locale where the reported miracle occurred.

The postulator should be present in Rome to be available to collaborate with the Congregation. In order

to make this possible, the Knights of Columbus, the chief sponsor of the cause of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, appointed a new postulator who lives in Rome, Dr, Andrea Ambrosi. Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell will become the vice-postulator in the United States. Guild members should be aware that this is a real step forward in the progress of the cause.

Council Shirts

Our Council polos are now in stock in a selection of sizes. The shirts go fast so be sure to let our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Neil Waid know if you are interested in one or two. Brother Neil can be reached at 813-830-1317 or by email at neil.waid.50@gmail.com.

1st Degree Exemplification



Congratulations to Brother Eduardo Console who was received into the 1st Degree on December 19th. Brothers Ray, Neil and Richard were present to support our new

Brother Knight.

Insurance Corner

The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members.

Permanent Life Insurance – *Insure Your Life for Life*

Term Life Insurance – *Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs*

Retirement Annuities – *Give Yourself a Paycheck for the Rest of Your Life. Guaranteed.*

Long-Term Care Insurance – *Protect Your Assets. Prepare for the Future.*

Disability Income Insurance – *Shield Your Income from Illness and Injury*

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.

Vivat Jesus!



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Prayer for the Sick



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jay McCabe – healing
Richard Hardesty – healing
Neil Waid - healing
Nancy Kasprzyk – healing
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Fr. Tim Cummings - healing
Fr. Paul C – repose of soul
Brian Mulholland – healing
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: Stephen P. Curcio
Deputy Grand Knight: Neil Waid
Chancellor: Ray Quiñones
Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila
Financial Secretary: Jonathan Lodriguez
Recorder: Andrew Balser
Chaplain: Father John Tapp
Warden: Bill O'Keefe
Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Tony Carew
Outside Guard: Steve Mirabole, David Kadiri
Advocate: Howard Baum
1-year Trustee: Jay McCabe
2-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli
3-year Trustee: Tim Kasprzyk
Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

January 6th – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
January 10st – Memorial Mass 6pm Nativity
January 11th – Regional meeting hosted by St. Stephen's Council at 9am
January 18th – District meeting hosted by Mother Seton Council 9am-12pm
January 17th – Pro Life Rosary with Vida Joven – Novemberfest field by the crosses 7pm.
January 29th - Officer & Director's meeting, 7:30pm

Christmas Party



The Christmas Party was a big hit. We had about 45 people attend with plenty of food, snacks. Thank you brother Richard for securing the

Clubhouse location for our Christmas party and for all those who assisted in setting up and cleaning up.

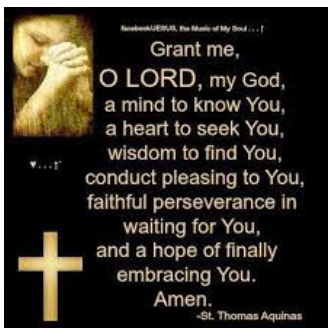
Penance Service



We had a strong showing of our Brother Knights for the Penance Service on December 16th. Great job on managing the

confession lines. Thank you Brothers.

Saint Quote of the Month



St. Thomas Aquinas is a doctor of the Church. His feast day is January 28th. He was a philosopher, theologian and a Dominican Friar. St. Thomas also composed beautiful Sacred Hymns.

<https://youtu.be/r3H5f7oePQE> Pange Lingua Gloriosi

<https://youtu.be/uRMwwfbye04> Adoro Te Devote

From the District Deputy.

Happy New Year to all. This new year starts the new First, Second, and Third Degree ceremony which lasts only 30 minutes and can be conducted in the council home or in church. It is open to the public and there is NO secrecy involved any longer. I have had the opportunity to view this

new ceremony and it covers all the important points for a man to become a member of our Order. Each council will now be able to conduct their own degrees, or can work with other councils to form a team. No more robes, but social baldrics and coat and tie are required. Families can attend the ceremony and it is open to the public. I urge all of you to attend the new degree when you have the opportunity. Fraternally, Dave Farrugia, District Deputy 47

Pro Life Crosses



Brother Steve Mirabole, Neil Wade and Jim Scanell installed crosses in our Novemberfest field. A big thank you to Don Clark who used

his wood working skills to manufacture 70 replacement crosses.

Nativity Catholic Church Life Ministry Presents...



Saturday, January 11th at 5:30 p.m.

In the Youth Center Life Lounge

705 East Brandon Blvd.

Admission is FREE *Donations of Baby Wipes appreciated

***Please note... This movie may not be suitable for young teens and children. Parental discretion is advised.**