



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

July 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Greetings and Peace! I am humbled and honored to be entrusted as your new Grand Knight. I ask for your prayers and support along with prayers for our new council officers, that we may faithfully serve and live the principles of our order; **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism** and lead our council loving and serving our brother knights as Christ has loved the Church.

I want to thank our past Grand Knight Tim Kasprzyk. His leadership and accomplishments these past two years are greatly appreciated. Tim has been appointed to be District 47 Warden and will continue to serve our council as a Trustee. I have been blessed to serve under him as Deputy Grand Knight these past two years.

As we begin this new fraternal year, I pray for God's blessing on all our ministries and for growth in our council. The more brothers we have the greater work we can do to support those in need. I believe this can be accomplished if we stand united, keep God first in our lives and follow the promptings of His Holy Spirit.

Our council is named after Mother Seton. A beautiful quote of hers:



**God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe,
yes everywhere
but in His Sacrament of the Altar
He is as present actually and really
as my soul within my body;
in His Sacrifice daily offered
as really as once offered on the Cross!**

Brothers, my prayer is that Jesus transforms us into Holy Knights so that we shine His love and presence to all we serve and build His Kingdom together.

Vivat Jesus!

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Please note my new council email address above.

Officer Installation



Mark the date, Saturday, July 13. We will gather for the 4:00pm Mass for our Corporate Communion. After Mass, we will proceed to the Social Hall for the Installation of Officers for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year and then have dinner together to. All officers need to attend. Further details to follow.

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: Donald J. Carpenter, PO Box 1372, Brandon, FL 33509-1372 or pay at our council meeting on July 1st. You can also pay using PayPal on our website. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Miller Road Clean-up

On Saturday, July 20 we will be holding our clean-up of Miller Road at 8:00am. 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 Deputy Grand Knight 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.

2019 Annual Charity Golf Classic



The date is set, Saturday, October 5 with a 9:00am shotgun start at Bloomingdale Golfers Club. Hopefully we will be able to avoid any hurricanes.

Brother Jonathan Lodrigues will be the Tournament Director and he has some new ideas to make this year's Classic even better. Of course, it takes all of us to make our largest fund raiser a success.

Start putting your foursomes together and step up when asked to help. Your past year's sponsors will need to be approached again and we are hoping to add new sponsors for our Classic. More details to follow.

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.

Advancement to 3rd Degree

On Saturday June 15th we had two brother Knights advance to the 3rd Degree at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Lakewood Ranch, FL.



Congratulations to Brother's Tony Carew and Jonathan Lodrigues. They were accompanied by our Chancellor Ray Quiñones and Financial Secretary Don Carpenter.

Venerable Father McGivney



“UNITY AND CHARITY” IS OUR MOTTO

Father McGivney on the Knights of Columbus

In the 13 surviving documents written by Venerable Michael McGivney, there are numerous references to the Knights of Columbus and its founding mission. Here are four excerpts of Father McGivney's writing about the Order.

“Our primary object is to prevent people from entering *Secret Societies*, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members. Secondly, to unite the men of our Faith throughout the

diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to *provide* for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members.” — **To Connecticut parish priests, April 1882**

“You ask what is the membership. We only number about a hundred yet. The reason of this small number for the time established is that I have met with great opposition from the Foresters — a very strong organization in this state, especially among our young men — and again because anything new is always a hard thing to maintain.” — **To Martin I.J. Griffin of Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1883**

“We have set the wheel in motion, and with willing cooperation in a work that tends so much to our own welfare, we venture to say that soon, very soon, the Order of the Knights of Columbus will hold a prominent place among the best Catholic cooperative corporations in the Union. ... ‘Unity and Charity’ is our motto. Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn our loss.” — **Letter to The Connecticut Catholic, Aug. 25, 1883**

“The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the same now as when first instituted. viz.: It is an Order composed of Catholics and instituted for the welfare of Catholic families. ... Not only in sickness, but when death takes the support of the family away, the Knights of Columbus comes to the relief of the widow and the orphan in a very substantial manner.” — **Letter in response to “Clericus” in The Connecticut Catholic, May 30, 1885**

Source: KEVIN COYNE is an award-winning writer and professor at the Columbia School of Journalism. He lives in Freehold, N.J., with his family.

Insurance Corner

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean, “Discover the Catholic Difference?” Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let’s look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 billion, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That’s a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That’s what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and

investments and the contributions of members. That’s a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let’s talk about the “Discover the Catholic Difference” there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members’ needs in mind. For example, I’m not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it’s not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that’s the Catholic Difference!

If you’d like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know.

Vivat Jesus!



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Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jay McCabe – healing
Bob Dunn - healing
Richard Hardesty – healing
Tom Babiarz - healing
Nancy Kasprzyk – healing
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Brian Mulholland – healing
Daniel Van Sciver’s mother – healing
Daniel Conway’s mom – repose of her soul
Wilton M. Glenn
Liz Bass (ICU)
Paul Cassella
SK Peter O’Neill – healing
Zambito Family
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 Curcio
Deputy Grand Knight: Neil Waid
Chancellor: Ray Quiñones
Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila
Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter
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

July 1 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.

July 13 – Corporate Communion, 4:00pm Mass

July 13 – Officer Installation and Dinner, 5:00pm, Social Hall

July 20 – Miller Road Cleanup, 8:00am

July 31 – Officer & Director’s meeting, 7:00pm Adult Ed Bldg.

October 5 – Annual Charity Golf Classic





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