



# Knight News



## Mother Seton Council 6724

July 2016

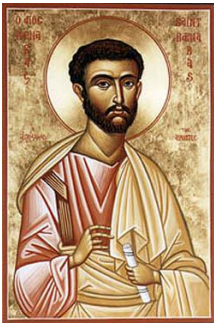
Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Following is an excerpt from the homily given by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori during the Knights of Columbus State Deputies Meeting, June 11, 2016, the Feast of St. Barnabas. It sheds light on the importance of recruiting new members into our Order and Council.

#### First Class Recruiter

*"A second aspect of St. Luke's portrait of Barnabas is that he was a good recruiter.*



*When he arrived at Antioch, he not only encouraged those who had already become Christians to remain strong in the faith — we also read that "large numbers of people were added to the Lord." In other words, Barnabas didn't merely praise the status quo but instead contributed to the dynamism of the Christian community at Antioch. We might say that he made it an evangelized and an evangelizing community. As a result, many new Christians were recruited.*

*But there is a second way in which Barnabas was a first-class recruiter.*

*We read that he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, known to us, of course, as Paul. Evidently, Barnabas persuaded Paul that he should come to Antioch to assist in foster the growth of the first Christian community on Hellenic soil. I'm going to guess that Paul might not have been the easiest man to*

*recruit. Be that as it may, Paul comes to Antioch with Barnabas and then things really take off. Thus begins the Church's mission to the Gentiles. In a short time, Paul would become the leader and Barnabas his assistant. Barnabas did not resent Paul's rising prominence but instead rejoiced because he was focused not on himself but on the mission.*

*Well, it's pretty obvious how this applies to us as leaders of the Knights of Columbus.*

*Through these days, you are receiving much guidance and encouragement with regard to the recruitment of new members. You are being sent from New Haven to your jurisdictions with a mission similar to that of Barnabas: To grow the Order, to develop more Star Councils and to reach out to younger men and their families, for the good of the Order and for the strengthening of family life, aware that the Gospel spreads whenever there are strong families — families that can rightly be called "domestic churches." So ask St. Barnabas to make you and your co-workers first-class recruiters.*

*But there is another way in which you, like Barnabas must recruit: It is essential that we attract and raise up excellent leaders in the Order. Just as Barnabas went out of his way to recruit Paul for the mission at Antioch, so too we need to go out of our way to find and raise up those men who will be capable of taking leadership positions in the Order and we should rejoice if we find leaders who overshadow or outshine us.*

*After all, it's not about us — it's all about the mission. So ask yourselves: Is there a Saul of Tarsus*

*somewhere in my jurisdiction I can recruit not only for membership but also for potential leadership?"*

We had a successful year in achieving our membership goals for 2015-16. Let us strive to reach our membership goal for the upcoming year to ensure the stability and growth of our Council.

Chris McManus  
Grand Knight  
Council 6724

## Officer Installation

The Installation of Officers will be held Saturday, July 23 at 6:00pm at the Eagles Club after the Corporate Communion at Nativity Catholic Church at 4:00pm. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each which includes a steak dinner. This will be the Officer Installation for both Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 as well as Mother Seton's year end awards. Tickets can be purchased at the business meeting or online at PayPal. PayPal includes a \$1.00 convenience fee.

## Tootsie Roll Drive



The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive has begun! This is a fun filled activity where we pass out free tootsie

rolls and hope for donations in return. All proceeds go to the Lopez School for Exceptional Children. We raised over \$2000 last year. Can we top it this year???

The next dates for this fund raiser are July 8, 9, and 10 from 11AM to 5PM at the Publix at Route 60 and Kings Avenue.

We need a chairman and volunteers for every shift. Contact Tom Babiarz (813) 685-1230 to sign up.2016-2017

## Mother Seton Council Recognized

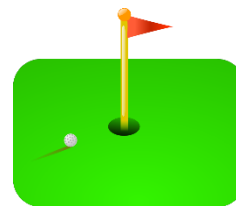
We are proud to announce that our Mother Seton Council 6724 is receiving the Star Council Award. This is a prestigious award and it is not easy to achieve.

In order for a council to earn the Star Council Award, it must:

- ✓ Earn the Father McGivney Award for membership growth;
- ✓ Earn the Founders' Award for insurance growth;
- ✓ Earn the Columbian Award for well-rounded council programs.
- ✓ Submit the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7);
- ✓ Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (#365);
- ✓ Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728); and
- ✓ remain current with assessments from the Supreme Council Headquarters.

Thanks to the efforts of all the Brothers of Council 6724 for making this award possible.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Golf Classic



Another Golf Classic has come and gone. Thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers who helped make it a success.

The weather cooperated with just a slight rain which did not dampen the spirits of the participating golfers. The food was excellent and everyone was pleased with the silent auction and raffle items.

We are still crunching the numbers but it looks like we will be netting somewhere in the \$5,000.00 range. This money will help fund our charitable endeavors.

## Annual Dues Assessment



Annual Council dues are due July 1. Dues remain at \$30 for the year with voluntary donations for Vocations at \$5 and Culture of Life at \$3. Dues can be mailed in by check (see your bill) or paid online with PayPal. PayPal includes a \$1.00 convenience fee.

## Knight Recognition

Every month we should be recognizing our brother Knights for their service to Nativity Church, our Council and the community. This recognition is done through awards for Knight of the Month and



Family of the Month. The brothers nominated for these awards should not be chosen by a few. We are sure that you have recognized the

contributions of your fellow brothers. Please help us by going to the website and making your nominations on a regular basis.

## 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.

## Insurance Corner

### A Father's Gift



Dorothy Gallagher's husband, Kevin, died from advanced lung cancer in 2007. Without Kevin's Knights of Columbus Insurance policy, Dorothy and her three children could have faced bankruptcy.

On March 26, 2007, Kevin Gallagher of Spokane, Wash., was in the hospital delivery room as his wife, Dorothy, gave birth to their daughter, Abigail — a name that means “father’s gift.” Gallagher was in the final days of his battle with advanced lung cancer, and complications from the illness left him mostly blind, unable to see the baby.

Nevertheless, he insisted on being present, if only to hold his third child and to be around as much as possible before the cancer took his life — which happened little more than a month after Abigail’s birth. The couple had had some difficulty with previous childbirths, and the doctors didn’t think they would be able to have another child.

“I look at Abigail and think we should never have been able to have more kids, but I believe she was given to us to give Kevin a fighting reason to be around just a little bit longer,” said Dorothy Gallagher. “I still try to have gatherings around [Kevin’s] birthday or the anniversary of his death. He liked to have people come together.”

Whereas Dorothy described her husband as not much of a “joiner,” he was deeply committed to the Knights of Columbus. With the assistance of

their Knights of Columbus Insurance agent, Dave Bailey, the Gallaghers fortunately purchased life insurance for themselves and their children in 2005. Bailey was a serious guy who convinced the Gallaghers to make room in their monthly budget for life insurance, and in the process he became a friend of the family.

By the fall of the following year, Dorothy discovered she was pregnant; one month later her husband was diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer. The disease was too far along for surgery to make sense. Kevin had to quit working, but he put their financial affairs in order and made sure Dorothy understood the family finances and how the insurance they had purchased would be enough to cover the family's short-term costs.

"Kevin was so passionate about the importance of taking care of our family," Dorothy said. "He was the kind of guy people would look at and say, 'That is the kind of father or husband I want to be.'"

She added, "I know many people — some who are related to me — who don't have life insurance and haven't taken that step."

On Kevin's deathbed, his fellow council members arranged to have Kevin inducted into the Order's Fourth Degree. The word "Sir" was added to his name on the gravestone, along with the emblem of the Order. And last year, Knights in Spokane chartered a new council and named it after Kevin's favorite saint, St. Michael the Archangel.

The survivor's benefits helped to pay for the funeral and for \$150,000 in unpaid medical bills and other expenses.

"I want his death to be something positive." Dorothy said, "and so I want to be an advocate for life insurance. Without it, I would have ended up in bankruptcy, questioning how I would have raised the kids."

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:

Tim Kasprzyk's wife Nancy

SK Vincent Mallen

Don Clark's wife

Tony Boes sister Dorothy

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, 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

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## **Upcoming Events**

July 8, 9, 10 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix at Route 60  
and Kings Avenue

July 11 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

July 20 – Assembly Meeting

July 23 – Corporate Communion 4:00pm

July 23 – Installation of Officers, Eagles Club,  
6:00pm

July 26 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

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