



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



June 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

We are beginning a new year, so I would like to thank all the Officers and Directors for their support and help in making our Council great. A lot of work takes place behind the scenes and it falls upon these leaders to accomplish it.

I would be amiss if I did not thank our membership for all that they do. When the call goes out for help to support one of our Council's events or charitable efforts, our Brother Knights and family members show up in mass.

I expect that we will have the same support going forward. We will be establishing our goals for next year and I know our plate will be full.



On Wednesday, July 4, we will be celebrating the birth of our great nation. I hope you have time to spend with your loved ones and reflect

on the freedoms that we enjoy. Following is a prayer fit for this special day that you may want to use.

Congressional Prayer for the Fourth of July

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."
(Psalms 33:12, ESV)*

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we

approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

Officer Installation Dinner

Our Council Officer Installation and Dinner will take place on Saturday, July 14. We will first celebrate our Corporate Communion at the 4:00pm Mass at Nativity Catholic Church. After Mass, we will proceed to the Social Hall for the installation and dinner.

Some of the expense for the dinner will be subsidized by our Council. The cost for an adult is \$7 and it is \$5 for children 12 and under. All family members are invited to attend and take part in this special event.

Dress for the occasion by Brother Knights is suit and tie or jacket and tie since this is not a 4th Degree function.

We will also be inducting our Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Membership Brothers. This is a special ceremony not to be missed.

So, mark your calendars. Please respond to the invitations that will be emailed and/or through Evite, so we may get an accurate count. Cut-off to respond and reserve a place is Friday, July 6. You may pay in cash to our Financial Secretary Don Carpenter or you can make a check out to our Council and give it to Don our mail it in.

Annual Charity Golf Classic



The Mother Seton Council Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Tim Kasprzyk is the Tournament Director;

Stephen Curcio is the Event Chairperson; Vinnie Urso is the Marketing Chairperson and Jonathan Lodrigues is the Publicity Chairperson. The three committee chairs will need the help of all of us to make the Golf Classic a success.

This is the time to start asking for donations from sponsors. Brother Vinnie will have a list of sponsors that contributed last year. Please let Vinnie know if you intend to solicit a sponsor again. We want to make sure that only one Council member approaches a sponsor for donations. Sponsor forms will be available at the meeting on July 2 and then on our website.

The Publicity Committee is overhauling some of our flyers and forms and generating some great ideas to attract golfers. We need everyone's help in this effort. If you know a golfer, invite them to play in our Golf Classic. Distribute registration material at work and be sure to encourage our sponsors to sign up a team.

Miller Road Clean-up

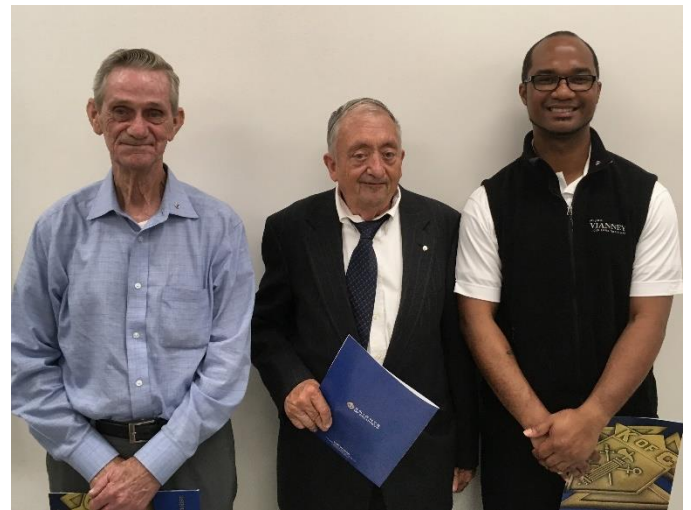
On Saturday, July 21 we will be holding our clean-up of Miller road at 8:00am. Our Council adopted the stretch of Miller Road between Lumsden and State Road 60.

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 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.

Welcome New Brothers!

On Saturday, June 16 three Catholic men became Knights of Columbus by attending and completing the 1st Degree Exemplification.



Please welcome our new Brothers to Mother Seton Council 6724: Dave Tupper, Stephen Langa and Wilton Glenn, Jr. Let's continue to support our new Brothers as they advance in the Knights of Columbus and involve them in our Council's charitable works.

Thanks to the degree team at St. Stephen Council for conducting the 1st Degree Exemplification.

Day of Spiritual Renewal

Many Knights have expressed the desire for the opportunity to grow together spiritually with Knights from councils beyond their own and for new ways to proclaim the Good News.

On Saturday, October 20th there will be a Day of Spiritual Renewal at Bethany Center. The theme is entitled "Becoming a Christ Bearer" and will delve into the life of our namesake Christopher Columbus and how he attempted to accomplish that goal in his personal life.

The location will be at the Bethany Center in Lutz. The center is renowned for its beautiful natural setting, amenities and delicious food.

The program will include breakfast and lunch; the doors open at 8AM with dismissal at 3PM. The donation for the program will be \$35 per person.

Our Council has already committed to attending. If you are interested in attending, please let our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Curcio know. Brother Stephen will be our Council's contact person for this event. We will need to give an approximate number of attendees by August 31.

Checks should be made out to Mother Seton Council with a notation that it is for this event. Our Council will then submit one check for the event.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers to our Vets at Haley VA Hospital

Many of you already know Father Gary Fukes, who often presides at Mass here at Nativity as well as Penitential services. He is the Staff Chaplain the Haley VA Hospital in Tampa.

Father Gary needs our help. He's short about four Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) to service the Eucharist to our Vets in the hospital - especially on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings from about 8:30 to 9 AM.

It usually takes between a half-hour to an hour to extend prayers or deliver Communion depending on the number of Catholics in the hospital (Haley Cove/Nursing Home, Main Hospital, or Spinal Cord Injury ward).

To serve at the VA, one must complete the Volunteer Services Office training.

Father Gary will also provide LEM-specific training, which he is willing to do 1 on 1.

Please let Ray Quinones know if you are interested in serving our Vets as a LEM (RBQuinones@aol.com or cell 813-690-1557). He will coordinate with those interested and Father Gary.

VAVS BBQ

On Saturday, June 23, Knights from Nativity and St. Stephens along with Scouts from BSA Troop 61 came together to host and support veterans at the Hailey Cove Nursing Home. Twenty-five vets in wheel chairs attended the lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas.



A total of \$306 dollars was spent to provide this all-American meal. The quality of the food was outstanding, and more than 40 volunteers signed in to serve our heroes.

These men need our attention. Many have only a few visitors in a years' time. Whoever said it is better to give than to receive hit the nail on the head.

After the BBQ, when all had retired, a feeling of quiet peace descended on the rooms, where minutes before had served as the gathering place for Knight and Vet alike. We can never fully return what is due to these men, who have put their lives on the line to provide our safety here at home.

Our next party will be on Saturday, December 1. This will be our Christmas event with pizza and presents. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Bill Queenan, KofC Rep. PFN

2nd Annual Rocktober Fest

The 2nd Annual Rocktober Fest Fundraiser for VAVS will take place on Saturday, September 29 from 7:00-10:00pm. This fundraiser is being sponsored by Bishop Charles McLaughlin Assembly 1850.

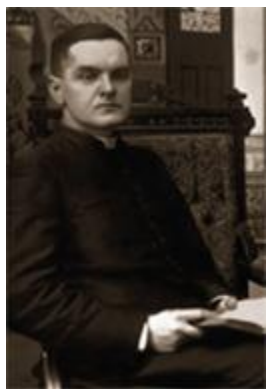


The meal will be a Traditional German Dinner for a cost of \$20 per person. The dinner will take place at the Chateau, 1903 East S.R. 60, Suite F, Valrico, Florida 33594.

Tickets will be available at our Council meeting on Monday, July 2. Contact Neil Waid if you are not able to make the meeting and would like to purchase tickets.

Venerable Father McGivney

Catholic sixth-graders from Father McGivney's hometown ask questions about his life and legacy



Though Father Michael J. McGivney left his mark on the world when he founded the Knights of Columbus, his presence is still indelibly felt in Waterbury, Conn., where he was born and raised. A bronze statue of Father McGivney adorns the park across from the railroad

station, and a city street bears his name.

At St. Mary's School, students and teachers pray for Father McGivney's canonization every day and at the Mass they attend as a school community each month. Mary LaBarbera's sixth-grade class at St. Mary's was understandably curious about Father McGivney's life and work. Students were asked to submit questions that could be answered here.

Question: Did Father McGivney want to become a priest when he was young, or did he want to be something else? – Alexis



Michael McGivney expressed an interest in the priesthood as early as age 12, though his father was opposed to the idea at first. Having grown up in a close-knit Catholic community, the most important people in Michael's life were his

parents and his parish priest. This does not mean Michael didn't hold any other jobs as a young man. Before entering the seminary, he worked at a spoon factory in Waterbury.

Question: Who were Father McGivney's parents? – Amy S.

Michael Joseph was the first of 12 children born to Patrick and Mary McGivney, but only seven of Michael's siblings survived infancy. Two of Michael's brothers, Patrick and John also became priests. Several of his sisters married and had children.

Question: Was Father McGivney affected by the Civil War? – Norbert

Michael McGivney was nine years old when the Civil War began in 1861. Waterbury was a major industrial center at the time, so young Michael likely saw the wartime industry that was taking place in the city. It is also a fair bet that some of the older boys in Michael's community left home to enlist in the military.

Question: What is being done in honor of Father McGivney today? – Amy T.

Knights of Columbus around the world have honored Father McGivney in their own way. Some have erected statues or memorials in his honor, while other have donated books or paintings of Father McGivney to local schools and libraries.

There is even a Catholic high school in Ontario, Canada, named after him.

The cause for Father McGivney's canonization was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997 and is under review by the Vatican. Until a decision is made, we must wait and pray that the Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the actions of the pope, will declare Father McGivney a saint. The account of a reported miracle that was sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will not be revealed until that time.

Nonetheless, the Father McGivney Guild regularly receives letters from people who have prayed to Father McGivney for help. These favors, which are reported in each issue of the *Guild Newsletter* and at FatherMcGivney.org, range from healings to guidance.

Question: How and when did Father McGivney start the Knights of Columbus? – Dominic

Father McGivney started the Knights in 1882, at age 29. While serving at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Father McGivney saw that the Catholic families of his parish needed both financial and spiritual support. He gathered 27 men from his parish and formed the Knights of Columbus to address these needs. Since many Catholic Irishmen were working in factories at the time, they were often prone to injuries or even death. Father McGivney envisioned being able to provide these families with financial assistance if this happened.

Insurance Corner



During our working lives, there are probably few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. We want to make sure that once we finally stop working, we don't have to stop living the way we want to.

Retirement income can be a tricky thing to calculate, especially with the changing landscape of federal and employer provided benefits. However, with careful planning and smart decision-making, you can remove much of the financial uncertainty from your retirement years and eliminate the headache-inducing guesswork. The Knights of Columbus can help you establish a plan.

With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed. It provides peace of mind that most of us hope to achieve.

The Knights of Columbus offers a variety of annuity plans that are available to you and your family. All our annuity plans can be customized so that you can select the best options to fit your retirement needs. Once a Knights of Columbus annuity has been established, the money continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options you elected.

In the United States, we offer traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, and non-qualified plans, which are available as both single premium and flexible premium annuities. In addition to these options, we also offer Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

The beauty of Knights of Columbus retirement annuities lies squarely in their simplicity and security; they are fixed in nature and provide long-term accumulation of wealth. Whether you are looking to start a retirement savings program or moving substantial funds into safer waters, the Knights of Columbus offers product options that can help you achieve all your retirement goals.

Our well-trained agents are here to help you determine which annuity product options are right

for you and your family. They can answer any questions you might have and provide you with specific rules and complete details for each option.

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:

Ellen Stanton

Father Tim Cumming

Barbara Babiarz

Wes Graham

Darren Sousa

Frank Orsillo

Bethany Crowe

Jay McCabe

SK Dick Hardesty

Bob Dunn

SK Ron Carlson – Resurrection Council

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

Recording Secretary: Andrew Balser

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

July 2 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.

July 14 – Corporate Communion 4:00pm Mass

July 14 – Officer Installation & Dinner, 5:00pm Social Hall

July 21 – Miller Road Clean-up

July 22 – Coffee & Donut Duty

July 25 - Officers & Directors Meeting, 7:00pm Adult Ed Bldg.

September 15 – Annual Charity Golf Classic, Bloomingdale Golfers Club

September 29 – 2nd Annual Rocktober Fest Fundraiser for VAVS