



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



June 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,



We are entering the final month of the fraternal year, and my final month of my term as Grand Knight. As you may have heard, I am building a house in Odessa and my family and I will be moving

there at the end of the month. After much prayerful deliberation and consideration, I came to the painful decision that it would not be fair to either my family or the council to attempt another term from such a distance.

Joining, becoming a member, an officer and finally a Grand Knight has been a wonderful and humbling experience. My time with the Knights and Mother Seton has allowed me to grow as a person, a father, a man and a Catholic. I treasure all the friendships and experiences that these last six years have brought me.

The Knights and Mother Seton have been there for me through many major events. I remember being on the phone with Marc Andersen as I was driving to the airport to fly home for my Father's funeral rescheduling my first degree. The Knights Color Corps were at my convalidation of my marriage. Matthew was born the night of our council meeting, one of only a few that I missed. I have spent countless hours on the phone, in meetings and events with all of you, and I treasure each and every minute of it.

Although we were unable to repeat as a Star Council this year and I look back with some regret over not having accomplishing as much as I envisioned when I took office back in July, I see the council as being on a strong, good path. Tim is a good strong leader and together we have assembled an excellent team for next year. My only regret is that I will not be there to be a part of it. I foresee great success next year and I look forward to following your accomplishments.

Please continue to work hard, support Nativity Church and School, the Brandon Community, Lopez Elementary, VAVS and every other organization we have supported. Be United in Charity, fraternity and patriotism. Continue to grow the Council by recruiting good Catholic gentlemen. Volunteer for events and bring new ones on board. Get involved with the Council using you time, talents and treasures. I see the Council on the cusp of greatness and next year should be the start of a great run.

Thank you for all the opportunities and support over the years and for your faith in me. Please give our next Grand Knight and his officers even more.

God Bless you!
Vivat Jesus!
Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

2017-2018 Officer Slate



The slate of officers for next year will be voted on at our Council Business meeting on Monday, June 5. If you have an interest, please submit your name or the name of

someone you feel should be on the slate. The proposed Slate of Officers are:

GK	Tim Kasprzyk
DGK	Stephen Curcio
Chancellor	Don Carpenter
Treasurer	Karlos I Del Aguila
Financial Secretary	Bob Ippoliti – Appointed
Recording Secretary	Bob Dunn
Chaplain	Father Tapp - Appointed
Warden	Neil Waid
Inside Guards	Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez
Outside Guards	Tim Shoby
Advocate	Howard Baum
1 st Year Trustee	Mike Goscinski
2 nd Year Trustee	Bill Queenan
3 rd Year Trustee	Jay McCabe
Lecturer	Vinnie Urso - Appointed

Installation of Officers July 8

The Installation of Council and Assembly officers will take place on Saturday, July 8. We will begin with a Corporate Communion at the 4:00pm Mass at Nativity Catholic Church. After the Mass, we will proceed to the Social Hall for the Installation of Officers.

After the installation, we will have a catered meal. We are still working on the details for the meal and will let you know as soon as possible concerning the cost. Please be sure to respond to any emails or Evite invitations when received so that we can get an accurate count for ordering.



4th Annual Golf Classic

Our biggest fund raiser of the year is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at Bloomindale Golfers Club. You can contact Tim Kasprzyk, Tournament Director, at 813-917-6825 with any questions you may have.

Thanks to everyone who signed onto a committee at our last Council meeting. We are still looking for volunteers, especially for the Marketing Committee. Any Brother or family member can help with the tournament as well as outside volunteers.



Below is a brief description of the committees to help you decide which committee you want to serve on. For detailed information on the committees, please contact the committee chairperson.

Event Committee

Chairperson – Stephen Curcio 845-519-7510
The Event Committee is responsible for the overall organization and orderly flow of activities before, during and after the tournament.

Marketing Committee

Chairperson – Vinnie Urso 813-679-3509
The Marketing Committee is responsible for acquiring donations to minimize the cost of the Tournament which improves the revenues. The Committee is also responsible for the various awards and the gathering and putting together of the Goody Bags.

Publicity Committee

Chairperson – Neil Waid 813-830-1317
The Publicity Committee is responsible for the overall publicity of the tournament. This committee is also responsible for updating all documents from the past tournament to make them relevant to the current tournament.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The first Tootsie Roll Drive was conducted on May 28 at the Publix at 939 West Brandon Boulevard. Thanks to all who showed up to kick off our annual drive.



Through the hard work of our Brothers, we were able to raise \$502.55. This is a good start but we have a ways to go. Let's make this our best Tootsie Roll Drive ever.

The next drive will be held on Sunday, July 9 at the Publix at 939 West Brandon Boulevard (same mall as Burlington Coat Factory) On October 28, the drive will take place at the Publix in the Winthrop shopping center (corner of Bloomingdale and Providence). Times for the events are from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

We need volunteers for every shift. Contact Neil Waid at (813) 830-1317 to sign up.

Vets Spring BBQ

On Saturday, May 6, Knights from Assemblies 1850 and 3418 sponsored the annual BBQ for our worthy vets at the Haley Cove Nursing Home. Over 30 wheelchairs attended. Hamburgers and hotdogs were on the menu as well as chips and sodas.



Knights helped with cooking and serving and talking with the vets in attendance. We make them part of our family for a time.

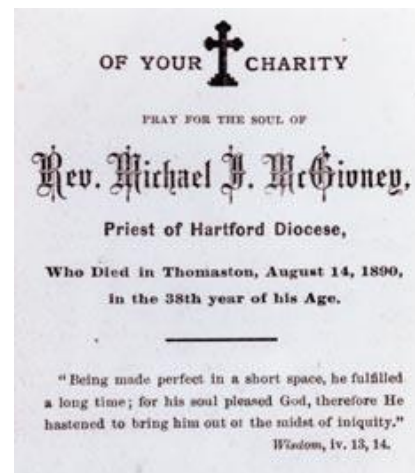
Some vets have been in the system for over 20 years and have not lost faith. We should take a lesson from them and match their patriotic spirit.

We have been running the BBQ for eight years. Every year this event brings a little more joy to our veterans. The price of freedom is not free. The price is being paid every day by our men and women in uniform and those we serve in our Veterans Hospitals.

The Knights of Columbus have been in service to these men and women since World War I and we will never forget their sacrifices and their patriotism. Bill Queenan, Rep. PFN.

Venerable Father McGivney

Death



Never robust in health, Father McGivney was suddenly stricken with a serious case of pneumonia in January 1890. It hung on. Various treatments for consumptive illness were tried, but his decline

continued. The young priest lost physical strength just as the Order he founded was moving toward new vitality, and died on August 14, two days past his 38th birthday.

Later that August, one of the largest funerals in the history of Waterbury, Conn., took place. The bishop of Hartford and more than 70 of Connecticut's Catholic priests were joined by many civic leaders and throngs of other attendees. It was reported that mourners rented every available carriage within miles for the great procession.

Father McGivney's funeral was an indication of the love and respect the people felt for this hard-working, holy parish priest. It also reflected the

deep personal appeal that immigrant Catholics immediately found in the Knights of Columbus.

Delegations were present from almost every one of the 57 Knights of Columbus councils that had been chartered in the Order's first eight years.

To mark their 100th anniversary in 1982, the Knights of Columbus brought the remains of

Father McGivney from Waterbury back to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he



founded the Order. There he now rests, in a setting in which daily Mass is offered for deceased Knights and prayers are said in his honor.

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

Our Commitment

The Knights of Columbus is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes.

The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest

in companies that deal in lines of business that involve: abortions and abortifacients, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

The Knights also gives generously to the Church through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Since 1981, RSVP has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations. The Knights supports the Vatican and the Holy Father as well, helping to restore the façade of St. Peter's Basilica which was completed in 1999 for the millennial Jubilee. The Knights also purchased satellite equipment to help broadcast the pope's messages and Masses throughout the world, in addition to giving an annual donation to Pope Francis' personal charity with proceeds from the K of C's Vicarius Christi fund.

Charitable

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest forces for good. In the past decade alone, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charitable causes, and has performed more than 700 million hours of volunteer service.

Knights have led major charitable initiatives including Coats for Kids, the Ultrasound Initiative, and Christians at Risk, and have also sponsored events and programs with organizations such as Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program – coupled with the hard work and dedication of brother Knights anywhere – helps power the Knights of Columbus' charitable giving.

"The insurance program is a powerful financial engine that supports much of the good works we do," said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Through the insurance program, we are blessed with the opportunity to give generously

and support numerous charitable and spiritual causes, building up society and the Church.”

“Of course, this is closely tied to our Catholic identity and the fact that charity is our first principle,” he continued. “We are called to be ‘our brother’s keeper,’ and to look after the physical and spiritual well-being of those around us. But the fact is that without the insurance program, much of what we do....would simply not be possible.”

Ethical

For three consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute, and is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.

The “World’s Most Ethical Company” evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business’ operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance, and its leadership, innovation, and reputation.

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:

Mr. & Mrs. George Giragosian

Vida Lovcee

Howard Baum

Richard Shoby

Jay McCabe

Jack McNamara

Tom Rusher

Linda Silver

Father Hendry

Tom Rusher’s Granddaughter

Emmaus Team Planning June Retreat

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 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: Chris McManus

Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Kasprzyk

Chancellor: Danny Diaz

Treasurer: Dean Jacobson

Financial Secretary: Bob Ippoliti

Recording Secretary: Bob Dunn

Chaplin: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: George Giragosian

Outside Guard: Richard Silver

Advocate: Howard Baum

1 year Trustee: Michael Goscinski

2 year Trustee: Bill Queenan

3 year Trustee: Open

Lecturer: Don Clark

Upcoming Events

June 5 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

June 21 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

June 28 – Officer’s Meeting 7:00pm

July 8 – Corporate Communion 4:00pm

July 8 – Council 6724 Officer Installation 5:00pm

July 9 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, 939 West

Brandon Blvd. (Burlington Coat Factory plaza)

July 10 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

September 23 – Annual Golf Classic

October 28 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Winthrop

shopping center (corner of Bloomingdale and

Providence)

Note: Dates in red indicate a meeting date that is not on a normally scheduled meeting day.