



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



June 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

During the month of May, my wife and I had the opportunity to do some traveling. One of our stops was in Dublin, Ireland and just before the vote to repeal the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution which prohibits abortions unless a mother's life is in danger.

It was easy to see that this was a heated topic. There were signs everywhere you looked encouraging people to vote "Yes" to repeal the amendment or "No" to keep it.

If you have not heard the results, the result put the Yes vote at 66.4% with 33.6% voting No.

Pro-choice campaigners have hailed the Yes vote as a resounding roar for "dignity and decency". Anti-abortion campaigners described the decision as a "tragedy of historic proportions".

It saddens me that two-thirds of the population in the Republic of Ireland voted yes. What really scares me is that they feel this has something to do with "dignity and decency". What about the dignity of the multitude of unborn children that will be aborted by this decision?

Please join me in the following prayer for the helpless unborn:

Heavenly Father, in your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them see that child they carry is made in Your image – as well as theirs – made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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. All family members are invited to attend and take part in this special event. Further details will be forthcoming.

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.

Tootsie Roll Campaign



Through the efforts of Neil Waid and the Brothers that assisted him and an anonymous donor, we have raised over \$2,500. A check will be presented to the Lopez Exceptional Center in Seffner. We are hoping that the check presentation will take place at the Installation Dinner.

Annual Golf Classic



The planning has started for our Annual Golf Classic. The Golf Classic will be held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

As I faithfully expected, we have filled the two remaining Chairs for the Golf Classic. Tim Kasprzyk will be the Tournament Director; Stephen Curcio will be Event Chairperson; Vinnie Urso will be the Marketing Chairperson and Richard Spinelli will be the Publicity Chairperson. The three committee chairs will need the help of all of us to make the Golf Classic a success.

The hurricane last year had an impact on attendance. Even with a smaller than expected turnout, we were able to raise a decent amount of funds to support our charitable endeavors. A lot of the money raised was through the generous donations of our sponsors.

On Saturday, June 2, the first meeting for the Golf Classic will be held in Social Hall A from 8:30-10:00am prior to the funeral service for Ralph Veltre. We will be discussing lessons learned from the 2017 Golf Classic and considering new ideas. Please consider attending this meeting to offer any insights you may have.

Council Shirts

We have received a new order of Council polo shirts. The quantity is limited. If you need a shirt, please contact our Worthy Warden Neil Waid.

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.

Win a Trip to Dublin!

Recruit a new member and you just might win an all-expense paid trip for you and your wife to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August!



Only 10 Knights will be selected for this trip, but the more men you recruit, the higher the chance to win: If you recruit one member, you're

entered once — if you recruit 10 members, you're entered 10 times! The drawing will take place on July 1, 2018, and anyone who has proposed a new member this fraternal year is eligible. For information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit worldmeeting2018.ie.

Florida State Council Raffle

The raffle for 2018 has ended. As you can see below, we have earned \$858 by the effort of 24 of our Brothers. Our delegates to the State Convention have returned with new raffle books

for the 2019 drawing. I am confident that we can do better next year. At our Officers and Directors meeting, we decided to start issuing raffle books in October 2018.

Status as of May 30:

Books received by our Council	245
Books distributed	158
Books sold	143
Sold by 24 Brothers	
That's \$858 in our coffers.	

Venerable Father McGivney

Nurturing Vocations



Irish immigrant families of the mid-19th century wove a reverence for the priesthood and religious vocations into the fabric of daily life. They considered a priestly or religious vocation a great blessing. Therefore, Patrick and Mary McGivney were probably not surprised when their eldest son Michael announced his desire to become a priest.

Father McGivney encouraged priestly and religious vocations among his parishioners. Of the seven letters written by Father McGivney that have been preserved, three deal with candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

The McGivney home provided a seedbed for priestly vocations; Michael and his brothers Patrick and John were all ordained for the Diocese of Hartford. The McGivney brothers, in turn, formed a strong family unit that nurtured the early growth of the Knights of Columbus.

Today, in much the same way, the Knights of Columbus nurtures new vocations. Under the

Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), local units "adopt" seminarians and postulants, who are often either council members or the children of council members. Knights correspond and exchange visits with their seminarians and postulants. They also offer financial assistance, typically \$500, with \$100 being reimbursed by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. More than 2,700 local units of the Knights of Columbus support individuals studying for religious life, contributing more than \$2.8 million in support. In addition to these local contributions, state-level jurisdictions conduct scores of other programs fostering vocations.

Founding the Knights of Columbus was an expression of Father McGivney's vocation as an "Alter Christus," another Christ. He wanted to help Catholic men draw closer to Jesus and Mary. His fraternal Order was to be an instrument for spiritual growth in Christian faith and charity—and so it remains.

Insurance Corner

Founded by a Priest to Protect Catholic Families



The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.

It was there that our Venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his

parish together to create a solution to a recurring problem.

Many Catholics — most of whom were immigrants — were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources.

It was a cold reality that had confronted Father McGivney all too often — not only in the lives of his parishioners — but in his own. As a seminarian, he was forced to leave school and return home to aid his family when his father died unexpectedly.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed.

He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities.

So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a "pass-the-hat" insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion dollar, top-rated insurance program. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

Our charitable giving and fraternal service have continued to grow too. Nearly 2 million men in over a dozen countries across the globe are proud to call themselves Knights. Last year alone, these men and their families donated more than \$177 million to charity and performed more than 75 million hours of service.

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:

Ralph Veltre – for the repose of his soul

Jay McCabe

SK Dick Hardesty

Ed Hansen

WDD Ed Sleyzak

Edward Jaworski

Cindy Kutcher

Jackson Kelley

Paul Mastella & Family

Bob Dunn

Tom Connors

Victoria Najera

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: Tim Kasprzyk

Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Curcio

Chancellor: Ray Quiñones

Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila

Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter

Recording Secretary: Bob Dunn

Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez

Outside Guard: Tim Shoby, Steve Mirabole

Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Gene Watford

2-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

3-year Trustee: Jay McCabe

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

June 2 - Golf Tournament Meeting Social Hall A
8:30am-10:00am

June 2 – Ralph Veltre Funeral 10:30am

June 3 – Marriage of SK Vinnie Urso & Megan Clark,
10:30am Mass

June 4 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed
Bldg.

June 8-10 - Emmaus Retreat

June 10 – Blood Drive

June 27 –Officers & Directors Meeting, 7:00pm
Adult Ed Bldg.

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.