



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



June 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Well, this is the last message from me as your Grand Knight. I cannot believe that two years have gone by as serving as Grand Knight of Mother Seton Council 6724. I want to thank all the Officers and Directors that have supported me and the Council.

I want to thank all the Brothers for your support and guidance. I am honored and humbled to be able to have served as your Grand Knight. The following passage is from a book "The Rhythm of Life" by Matthew Kelly. I believe it sums up my tenure as your Grand Knight and why we are Brother Knights.

*"The people we surround ourselves with either raise or lower our standards. They either help us to become the-best-version-of-ourselves or encourage us to become lesser versions of ourselves. We become like our friends. No man becomes great on his own. No woman becomes great on her own. The people around them help to make them great."*

*"We all need people in our lives who raise our standards, remind us of our essential purpose, and challenge us to become the-best-version-of-ourselves."*

Brothers, you have made me a better man, a better Christian and a better Knight. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I pray that I can reach the level of dedication that you have to our Catholic Faith and the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

### 2019-2020 Officer Nominations

Below is the proposed Officer slate. Please let the Grand Knight or one of the Trustees know if you wish to be added to the slate. Voting on this Officer slate will take place at the June Council Business meeting.

Grand Knight: Stephen Curcio

Deputy Grand Knight: Neil Waid

Chancellor: Ray Quiñones

Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila

Recorder: Andrew Balser

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

### 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 celebrate. Further details to follow.

## 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.

## 115<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention



Grand Knight Tim Kasprzyk and Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Curcio attended the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Florida State Council as delegates for Mother Seton Council 6724. While there was a lot of sitting, listening to reports and procedural activities, there were

also opportunities to hear some inspirational speakers.

Mother Seton Council was recognized with a plaque for having contributed to the sponsorship of a State Team participating in the Special Olympics. Our Council was also recognized as one of the Top 10 Councils in Division 3 for donations to Vocations.

Our Worthy State Secretary, Scott A. O'Connor, was unanimously approved to fulfill the office of

State Deputy. Please keep Brother Scott in your prayers as he assumes his new position in leading our State Council.

## Council Shirts

Our Council polos are now in stock in a selection of sizes. The shirts go fast so be sure to let our Warden, 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](mailto:neil.waid.50@gmail.com).

## Award

On Monday, May 6, Brothers Ray Quiñones and David Kadiri went to help the Nativity Women's Guild before our Council Business meeting. They were surprised when a plaque was presented to our Council that read "Honorary Guild Award Presented To: The Knights of Columbus For Dedicated Service and Friendship, 2018-2019 Nativity Women's Guild."

Our Council has had a strong relationship with the Women's Guild and the Guild has also supported us. We humbly thank the Guild for this award.



Here is Brother David showing his appreciation by serving cake to the ladies.

## Vets BBQ

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, our annual BBQ for our veterans was held at the Haley Cove Nursing Home next to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital.

Twenty wheelchairs came down to enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill. Sodas and chips were also provided. Eighteen Knights were on hand to cook and serve our heroes. A total of \$299.00 was spent on all the food supplies.

This event, which brings Vets and Knights together, enriches the day to day lives of these men. So many have no regular visitors and they rely on these gatherings. These heroes are our own brothers, sisters, fathers and sons. In short, they are our family.

The price of our freedom is paid for by these few. The blank check they wrote for their lives, when they enlisted in our armed services, is right here in front of us.

This party was sponsored by Assembly 1850 and the Saint Stephens Assembly. These two Assemblies have worked well together in support of veterans over the years.

Our Christmas party has been approved for Saturday, December 7 and all are cordially invited to attend. The party will begin at 11:30am at the Cove. Bill Queenan VAVS Representative, PFN

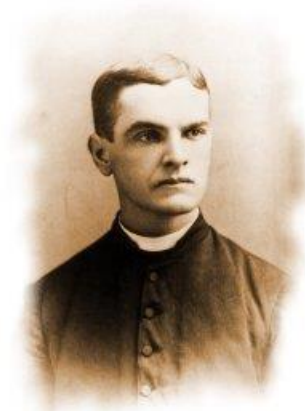
## Venerable Father McGivney

### Roots

Father Michael McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on August 12, 1852. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney, had arrived in the great 19th century wave of Irish immigration. Patrick McGivney became a molder in the heat and noxious fumes of a Waterbury brass mill. Mary McGivney gave birth to 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. Therefore, the first

child, Michael, with four living sisters and two brothers, learned early about sorrow and the harsh grip of poverty. Thanks to his parents' example, he also learned about the powers of love and faith, and family fortitude.

Michael went to the small district schools of Waterbury's working-class neighborhoods. A good student, he was admired by his school principal for "Excellent deportment and proficiency in his studies." Then, after the Civil War, when Connecticut's metals industry was booming, he left school at age 13 to go to work. His job in the spoon-making department of a brass factory provided a few more necessary dollars for family survival.



When Michael reached the age of 16 in 1868, he left the factory. With the priesthood clearly in mind, he traveled with his Waterbury pastor to Quebec, Canada. There he registered at the French-run College of St. Hyacinthe. He worked hard on subjects which would prepare him to

apply for seminary admission.

After two academic years at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, which was attached to Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., young McGivney moved to Montreal, where he attended seminary classes at the Jesuit-run St. Mary's College. He was there when his father died in June of 1873.

## Insurance Corner

NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY!! You've no doubt seen this kind of headline in the financial pages or you've seen pop-up ads on your computer, or you've heard some friend repeat what he's heard from his buddy's uncle.

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives

it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like an IRA or 401k. Or non-qualified, that is, funded with money you've already paid taxes on. In either case, the tax on the growth in your Knights of Columbus annuity each year is deferred...you pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money.

No doubt, an annuity is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why:

1. Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will!
2. Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of January 2019, rated A+ Superior by A. M. Best)
3. You are charged no administrative fees each year...100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.
4. Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any penalty.
5. Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
6. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outlive!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal

penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the KofC, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit.

Where do you keep your safe money?

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  
Marianne Clark – healing  
Brian Mulholland – healing  
Daniel Van Sciver's mother – healing  
Daniel Conway's mom – healing  
Julliet Adams - healing  
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.*

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Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

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Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

## **Upcoming Events**

June 3 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed Bldg.

June 26 - Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00pm Adult Ed. Bldg., 7:00pm

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

October 5 – Annual Charity Golf Classic



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