



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



March 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

This past Monday, February 25, a bill dubbed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was put to vote in the Senate. The bill would have required that doctors care for a newborn baby who survived an abortion the same way they care for other newborns. If doctors failed to give medical care to a living baby, they would face criminal penalties.

The bill failed to garnish the 60 votes required to overcome a filibuster. The opposition stated there was no need for the legislation and cast it as an attempt to limit women's abortion choices. So, I ask, what about the rights of a living, breathing, human being? The U.S. is one of only seven countries that permits abortions past 20 weeks and we now have states that allow an abortion up until birth and even infanticide after an abortion.

I will not present a list of the Senators who voted against the bill, you can do that on your own. Sadly, candidates that have thrown their hat into the ring for the 2020 Presidential run will be on the list of those who voted no.

I have seen polls where most Americans are not in favor of 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester abortions. Even with that fact, we allow a group of politicians to make decisions that go against our wishes.

Keep all of this in mind when it comes time to cast your vote or better yet, let these politicians know how you feel right now. Continue to pray for the

defenseless infants and the mothers who are considering an abortion. Also, pray for the doctors and abortion clinic staff that they might be enlightened and have a change of heart.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Kasprzyk

Grand Knight 6724

### Prayer to End Abortions

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself NEVER to be silent, NEVER to be passive, NEVER to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

### Newsletter Editor

Brothers, at the end of this fraternal year I am looking to hand off the publishing of our Council Newsletter to someone new. The newsletter is essential to keeping our brothers informed as to what is going on in our Council.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone to contribute to the Council who may not be able to make Council meetings due to work restraints or

participate fully in some of our activities. I am confident that there are Brothers who are more computer savvy than me and that can make this newsletter even more appealing.

I have a logical system for creating the newsletter and can coach anyone in its production. When your fellow Brothers provide the content and photos, it makes the job very easy.

Please consider this as an opportunity to contribute to your Council and your Brothers. On an average, I would calculate that it takes 4-6 hours to put the newsletter together depending on the contributions of your Brothers.

Feel free to call me at 813-917-6825 if it perks your interest.

YBIC  
Tim Kasprzyk

## Corporate Communion

We will gather for our Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 3 at the 12:30pm Spanish Mass. This will give us the opportunity to celebrate with our Brothers who attend this Mass. Let's have a great turnout.



## State Raffle Tickets

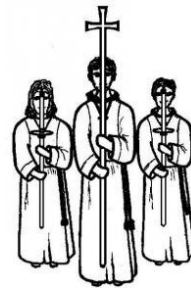
Florida State Council raffle tickets are available. Tickets donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$12.00 per book. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5,000. There are also five \$1,000 prizes.

For every book that is sold, our Council retains \$6.00. Last year we sold 143 books by only 24 Brother Knights for a total amount of \$1,716. Our Council earned \$858. We need to have more Brother Knights actively involved in gaining donations for the raffle.



Raffle books will be available at our Council Business Meetings. You may also contact our Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter if you are not able to attend a meeting. This raffle runs into May of 2019, so we have plenty of time to solicit donations.

## Altar Server Dinner



The Altar Server dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16 in the Nativity Church Social Hall at 6:00pm. This dinner is held annually to recognize our servers who contribute numerous hours throughout the year in service to our parish and their families that help make it possible.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with the food preparation and setting up the Social Hall. You are also invited to attend the dinner and show your support for our Altar Servers and Priests. Further details will be coming as we get closer to the event.

## Tootsie Roll Campaign

It's that time of year to put on the yellow aprons and smiles and collect donations for people with intellectual disabilities.



On Saturday, March 23, the second Tootsie Roll Campaign will take place at the Publix, 855 E Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon. You can sign-up in

2-hour shifts starting at 9:00am and ending at 5:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for every shift. Contact Neil Waid at (813) 830-1317 to sign up.

Our drive on Saturday, February 23 brought in \$236.86 and an anonymous check for \$500 for a grand total of \$736.86. We are off to a good start so let's keep the push going.

## **A Few Good Men to Serve the Ladies**

The Nativity Women's Guild is holding their Annual Tea, "Hats Off to Women," on Saturday, March 2 in the Social Hall. Our Council has supported this event over the past few years and the women are looking for 4 to 6 Knights to help serve.

Dress will be coat and tie (dark coat if possible). Report time is 11:00am.

Please RSVP to the Evite request or to SK Neil Waid at [neil.wade.50@gmail.com](mailto:neil.wade.50@gmail.com) or 813-830-1317. The Women's Guild has supported us in past events so let's return the favor.

## **Venerable Father McGivney**

**Father McGivney's vision remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today's church and society." - Pope John Paul II**

Is now the time for an American parish priest to be declared a Catholic saint?



In Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890), born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the modern era's ideal of the priesthood hit its zenith. The son of Irish immigrants, he was a man to whom "family values" represented more than mere rhetoric. And he

left a legacy of hope still celebrated around the world.

In the late 1800s, discrimination against American Catholics was widespread. Many Catholics struggled to find work and ended up in inferno-like mills. An injury or death of the wage earner would leave the family penniless. The grim threat of chronic homelessness and even starvation could fast become realities. Called to action in 1882 by his sympathy for these suffering people, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has helped to save countless families from the indignity of destitution. From its uncertain beginnings, when Father McGivney was the only person willing to work toward its success, it has grown to an international membership of more than 1.8 million members.

At heart, though, Father McGivney was never anything more than an American parish priest, and nothing less than that, either - beloved by children, trusted by young adults, and regarded as a "positive saint" by the elderly in his New Haven parish.

In this incredible work of academic research, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster re-create the life of Father McGivney, a fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man. Though he was only thirty-eight when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten. He remains a true "people's priest," a genuinely holy man - and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history. Moving and inspirational, Parish Priest chronicles the process of canonization that may well make Father McGivney the first American-born parish priest declared a saint by the Vatican.

## **Insurance Corner**

Brothers all,

New members are the life blood of our Order! New members give the council more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man and maybe just as importantly, it infuses the council with new and fresh ideas.



Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

**Lead with Faith**—becoming a better Catholic man, father, and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights. Right here in this council you have several programs that speak to that.

**Serve Others**—This is where our Council excels...we do so much to support the local community needs. Councils like this one also help support our larger initiatives for the Order nationwide...even worldwide. Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission...it's a long, long list!

**Defend Your Values**—From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.

**Protect Your Family**—This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products. Just last month I met with several of this council's members to update their Family Service Record and make sure the family is secure no matter what situation they face.

With so much good, why can membership be a challenge? Maybe it's our approach. I often assumed other men would want to join to help us, the council. But shouldn't we be inviting men to join to help them? Help them along in their faith journey...help them discover the joy of being of service to others...help them become a better Catholic man?

So, the next time you ask a Catholic man about joining the Knights, tell him about why you joined, what it's meant to you, how you're better for it and how you hope you've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of your membership in the Knights. Then ask him what he's looking

for...I think no matter what he says, we'll have a solution for it...right here in our council.

Vivat Jesus!

John D Ruckart

If we haven't met yet to update your family service record, please contact me at 813-855-5111 or by email at [john.ruckart@kofc.org](mailto:john.ruckart@kofc.org).

## Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jay McCabe – Cancer Treatment

Bob Dunn

Richard Hardesty

Dave Tupper

Nancy Kasprzyk – recovery

Carlos del Aguila, Sr. – health issues

Ed Sleyzak (past District Deputy)

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

Recorder: 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**

March 2 – Nativity Women’s Guild Annual Tea

March 3 – Corporate Communion, 12:30pm

Spanish Mass

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

March 16 – 2nd Degree, St. Stephen

March 16 – Altar Server Dinner, Nativity Social Hall,  
6:00pm

March 23 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, 855 E  
Bloomingdale Ave., Brandon

March 27 - Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00pm  
Adult Ed. Bldg.

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