



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

May 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

We are almost at the end of our fraternal year. We have accomplished much this year in the Mother Seton Council but with one month to go we still have work to do. Please keep up the hard work. Barring a last minute influx of 22 new members, we will not repeat as star council, but that does not mean we cannot be proud of what we have done and will do this fraternal year. We recently had 6 brothers attain their fourth degree, these were all brothers that joined during our star council year. It is a great privilege and honor to see brothers move from a first degree and continue on through the fourth. This is a great accomplishment and we are looking forward to start that cycle again next year, so keep your eye out for worthy catholic gentlemen to join the council.

As for the remainder of this year, we have elections coming up. We have announced the slate of officers for the next term. We are still looking for directors and co-directors to build strong committees. If you are interested, contact DGK Tim Kasprzyk.

We have had much success with our initial 40 Cans for Lent. We are nearly half-way to our goal of 1000 cans. This is great that it was a last minute initiative with little publicity or fanfare. If you have cans you would like to give to the Veterans Pantry (the Nativity Pantry is full from their own drive right now) please bring them to any of the upcoming business meetings.

The May Crowing is upcoming on Saturday, May 6th at 5:30pm. Color Corps are needed for this event. We have several conflicts with the VA picnic and first communions also that day so our need for Color Corps is more desperate than usual. So if you have regalia and can attend, let Color Corps Commander Neil Wade know ASAP.

And finally, I would like to say farewell to our most recent Past Grand Knight Herb Swoope. Herb has been with the council for over 5 years and with Assembly 1850 even longer. He has served Nativity's Knights well as Faithful Navigator, Comptroller, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee, and was Grand Knight for 2 years, 2014-15 when he led Mother Seton to its first Star Council Award in over a decade. Herb and his wife have decided to move back to Virginia. Thank you for all you have done for us Herb, you will be missed.

Please keep your eye on the website, Facebook and emails for updates of what else is going on for the rest of the fraternal year.

God Bless,

Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

Congratulations “Sir Knights”

On Saturday, April 29 a Fourth Degree Exemplification was held at Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota. 210 candidates attended the exemplification along with a large gathering of Sir Knights.



Of the new 4th Degrees, 6 were from Mother Seton Council. Congratulations to Louis Rodriguez, Vinnie Urso, Tim Shoby, Karlos I Del Aguila, Frank Orsillo and Stephen Curcio. Well done Sir Knights!

Miller Road Clean-up

Eleven Brothers gathered at 8:00am on Saturday, April 22 for the clean-up of Miller Road between Highway 60 and Lumsden Road. This was the largest turnout in a long time and made for quick work of the clean-up. Thanks to Neil Waid for organizing the event and all the Brothers who lent a helping hand.

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 John Tapp
Warden	Neil Waid
Inside Guards	Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez
Outside Guards	Rick Silver, Tim Shoby
Advocate	Howard Baum
1 st Year Trustee	Mike Goscinski
2 nd Year Trustee	Bill Queenan
3 rd Year Trustee	Dean Jacobson
Lecturer	Vinnie Urso - Appointed

4th Annual Golf Classic

Our biggest fund raiser of the year is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at Bloomindale Golfers Club. The contract has been signed and a deposit of \$250 has been paid.

Tim Kasprzyk will be the Tournament Director and will be directing and supporting the 3 chairpersons: Event Chairperson – Stephen Curcio, Marketing Chairperson – Vinnie



Urso, and Publicity Chairperson – Neil Waid. The committee chairs will be looking for volunteers to help them carry out their assigned duties. Any Brother and their family members can help with the tournament.

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 - The Event Committee is responsible for the overall organization and orderly flow of activities before, during and after the tournament.

Marketing Committee - 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 - 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 Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is upon us! This is a fun filled activity where we pass out free tootsie rolls and hope for donations in return. All proceeds go to the Lopez School for Exceptional Children. We raised over \$2000 last year. Can we top it this year???

So far the dates we have secured are: Publix at 939



West Brandon Boulevard (same mall as Burlington Coat Factory) on May 28 and July 9. On October 28, the drive will take place at the Publix in the Winthrop shopping center (corner of

Bloomington and Providence). Times for the event are from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

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

Veterans



There are veterans that are not as fortunate as some of us.

Their daily lives are filled with loneliness or a battle to survive. We find these veterans in the VA hospital or

nursing home, or worse yet, on the streets. Some families of veterans are also facing hardships.

We can help ease some of the veteran's burdens by making small donations of personal items and food items. These donations are accepted at every Council business meeting. Following are some suggestions for donations.

Personal items: deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, disposable razor, shampoo, soap, comb/brush, new socks, disposable diapers, baby wipes, baby powder, paper plates, cups, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels.

Food items: canned fruit, soups, broth, tuna, vegetables, meat/beef, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti/pasta, crackers/cookies, cereals (hot or cold), macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jams/jelly.

Donations can be left on the table near our storage closet. Thank you in advance from our Veterans.

Venerable Father McGivney

A New Order and Pastor

In April 1882, Father McGivney, with the permission of Bishop McMahon, wrote an informative letter about the Knights of Columbus to all the pastors of the Diocese of Hartford. In the letter, Father McGivney stated that the Order's primary objective was to dissuade Catholics from joining secret societies by providing them with Catholic societies that had better advantages at times of death or sickness. He urged each pastor to exert influence "in the formation of a council in your parish." Father McGivney personally installed the first officers of San Salvador Council 1 in New Haven, in May 1882.

By May 1883, Council 2 had been instituted in Meriden, Connecticut and Bishop McMahon, so impressed with the organization, became a member of Council 11 in 1884, and served as its council chaplain. By the end of 1885, there were 31 councils in Connecticut.

Father McGivney's dedication to the Order was evidenced in trips he made to all parts of Connecticut and in handwritten correspondence—little of which survives—about K of C business. Despite all this, he remained an energetic curate at St. Mary's and had constant concern for every parishioner's problems.



In November 1884, he was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn., a factory town 10 miles from his hometown. Heavily in debt, the parish served working-class parishioners with few resources beyond their faith. With prayerful acceptance, Father McGivney put his seven years at St. Mary's behind him and

traveled to Thomaston.

His New Haven parishioners, in a testimonial resolution which was elaborately superimposed on the drawing of a chalice and host, declared that despite burdens and afflictions, his courtesy, his kindness and the purity of his life had, "Secured the love and confidence of the people of St. Mary's, which will follow him in every future field of labor."

In six subsequent years at St. Thomas, Father McGivney wrestled with the church's debt and built the same close ties of devotion and charitable concern that he had developed in New Haven. He continued, as well, to serve as supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, personally involved in helping the Order to extend its membership into Rhode Island. Later, from 1901 to 1939, his younger brothers, Msgrs. Patrick and John J. McGivney, served the Order as supreme chaplains.

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

A Family Tradition

Selensky, a member of Rugby (N.D.) Council 4136, recounted how his own Knights of Columbus Insurance policy stemmed from his father's foresight.

"My dad had taken out a \$5,000 rider on me when I was little," Selensky said. "So that meant when I came of age [at 26], I could automatically convert it to my own policy."

Seated amid the happy hustle and bustle of his home one December evening, Selensky said he does not like to think about the possibility of losing his wife or any of their four children, ages 1 to 10.



"That would already be tough enough," he said, "but to have expenses we couldn't afford on top of it would make everything so much harder. [Life insurance] means there's just one less thing to worry about."

Selensky recalled growing up on a cattle and grain farm in Rugby, as the eighth of 12 children, noting that he would come home from school and milk cows. His wife, who is one of four children, also helped out on her family's farm in nearby Willow City. Hard work and long days prepared them for their busy lives today as a two-income family in

Bismarck. Their children attend St. Joseph School, with the youngest in the school's childcare program.

Every weekday morning, Selensky takes the kids with him over the bridge to school in Mandan, where he works as a software engineer. Tera is employed in town as a travel supervisor and also coaches her third-grade daughter's basketball team.

As little Dyson cheerfully bounced on his father's lap, Selensky explained how his family and his insurance coverage grew.

While he was dating Tera with an eye toward marriage, he began adding to his initial policy.

"The last thing I wanted to do was leave expenses for anyone if anything were to happen to me," he said.

The Selenskys added additional life insurance on themselves when they married in 2002 and have continued to do so as their family responsibilities have grown.

"I did not have life insurance on myself before we married," Tera explained. Looking around and smiling at her busy brood, she added, "But it makes sense to have it."

However, the desire to secure their family's future was only part of the reason that the Selenskys invested with the Knights of Columbus. It is the shared Catholic faith that has kept them as customers.

Years ago, Selensky said, he had talked with an agent from another company.

"A friend had suggested that I check them out, but it just didn't feel right," he recalled. "The values and principles of an organization are just as important as the services they offer. With the Knights, I know that their Catholic values are part of who they are."

Selensky became a Knight of Columbus himself in 2002, and he did so in a remarkable fashion.

Selensky's father, now in his 70s, had suggested that Donovan and his six brothers consider becoming Knights.

"My dad and uncles were all Knights," Selensky said. "So I talked about it with my brothers and we agreed, 'Hey, we should do that too.'"

Together, the seven sons, along with a few cousins, made their First Degree in Rugby.

"It was Selensky night," he said with a grin.

Please contact our field agent Joe DiSalvo to discuss any of your insurance needs.

Phone: 813-340-6614

Email: Joseph.DiSalvo@KofC.org

Church Director's Report

Few In Numbers Make a Difference - Have you ever gone to a Penitential Service here at Nativity? If so, you may have seen how confusing and frustrating this event can be - *"Where does the line for Father So-and-so begin? Which priests are bilingual, again? Is it more or less crowded in the Chapel?"*

- During the April Parish Council Meeting, Council Members gave positive feedback on how well organized the Lenten Penitential Service was. Visiting priests noticed, too.
- Behind the scenes, Brother Knights Anthony Astrab (Seminarist), Bill Navas and Ray Quiñones compiled "lessons learned" from the Advent Penitential Service, worked with the ladies from our Faith Formation Office, and made simple changes and improvements to help make the Lenten confessions go more smoothly.
- All Brother Knights can make a difference, by pitching in to help when and where you can.

Facilities/Long Range Planning - Surveys are being sent out to all ministries to get feedback on facility usage and begin planning for future needs.

- Members of the Parish Council and Pastoral Staff will have liaison assignments with the various ministry groups of Nativity.
- Feedback will be compiled and discussed during the Ministry Leaders Day, on August 12 from 9 AM to noon.
- Depending on the needs, this might be something we may want to consider donating towards.

Golf Cart Drivers for Mass - the gentleman who volunteered to drive the golf cart around the Parish parking lot and give rides to people who needed them is no longer able to so.

- The Parish needs someone who can backfill this duty as we have several people who need assistance getting from the lot to the Church and Chapel for Mass.
- If you have a golf cart that could be used for this, donating or loaning it would be very much appreciated (if you can't give rides with it yourself).
- About a year or so ago, someone asked why can't "they" build a ramp on the east side of the Church so that those with walkers or wheelchairs can get up the slope easier? "We" are the "they."

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Marie Blanchet

Emily Seay

Teresa Cruz

PGK Herb Swoope

Edwardo Crespo

Rich Shelly

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

May 1 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

May 6 – BBQ at VA Center 11:30am

May 17 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

May 28 – Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, 939 West Brandon Blvd. (Burlington Coat Factory plaza)

May 31 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

July 9 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, 939 West Brandon Blvd. (Burlington Coat Factory plaza)

September 23 – Annual Golf Tournament

October 28 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Winthrop shopping center (corner of Bloomingdale and Providence)