



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



May 2019

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Why are we Knights of Columbus? What makes us want to belong to a Catholic Fraternal organization? Why do we want to serve our Church and community?

A recent survey asked Americans "What is your religious tradition?" Of the responses, 23.1% responded no religion. This group is now known as "Nones" and have been on the increase since 1995. Those of "no religion" are statistically the same size as Catholics (23%) and Evangelicals (22.8%).

During a discussion of this phenomena, Cardinal Dolan of New York made a statement that I thought was very profound. Cardinal Dolan stated, "Belief doesn't persevere unless you belong to a group of people that share your most interior values." Think about that for a second.

We go to church to surround ourselves with people that have the same beliefs as us. We belong to the Knights of Columbus to surround ourselves with a group of men that hold the same values that we cherish. And we offer our services to our Church and community because of the values we hold dear to our hearts. The saying, "No man is an island" rings loud and clear.

Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

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

New 1st Degree Knights

Two of our Brothers successfully completed their 1st Degree on Saturday, April 27. Please congratulate these Knights when you see them and continue to pray for them as they continue their journey to Knighthood.



Our new 1st Degree Brothers are Christian Obando and Javier Gonzalez.

Parish Penitential Service

Nativity Catholic Church Penitential Service was held on Monday, April 8. Thanks to the following Brothers for keeping the Confession lines orderly and insuring privacy in the Church and Chapel: Tim Ashcraft, Chris Gladu, Wilton Glenn, Tim Kasprzyk, Jesse Martinez, Billy Navas, Ray Quiñones, Richard Spinelli, Mark Stafford and Vinnie Urso. Our Pastor, Father Tapp, appreciated the Knights helping with this service.

2019-2020 Officer Nominations

It's time to start thinking about Officer nominations for the next fraternal year. To hold an Officer position, you must be a 3rd Degree or plan on becoming a 3rd Degree shortly after appointment.

You can self-nominate or nominate another Brother by going to the Council website, signing

into the Members Only section and scroll down to Nominate Officers.

The proposed Officer slate will be completed at the May Council Business meeting and voted on at the June Council Business meeting.

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

The proposed budget for the upcoming year is on the Council website. To access it, select the Members Only tab on the left of the home page; log in to your account; and, scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the Council Budget button and the document should display.

Please review and provide any comments you may have to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter. Don's email is finsec6724@gmail.com. The budget will be finalized and voted on at the May Council Business meeting.

State Raffle Tickets

The sale of raffle tickets ends on May 6 which is also the date of our May Council Business meeting. All stubs and money need to be turned into our Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter at this meeting.



Miller Road Cleanup

A clean up on South Miller Road was conducted on Saturday, 27 April with 7 Knights of Mother Seton Council 6724 in attendance. The following Knights made short work of the task at hand: Neil Waid, Noel Blanchet, Chad Nichols, Jay McCabe, Bill O'Keefe, Ray Nardi, and David Kadiri. Thank You to all who donated a little time and made a big difference.

Venerable Father McGivney

Father McGivney's Intercession

When an individual becomes a candidate for sainthood, there is a natural tendency to begin to call upon that person for help. By seeking favors through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, the faithful acknowledge that he is among the friends of



God. Father McGivney's intercession is a confirmation of his status in eternity. Favors received through his intercession are signs of God's love manifested through the holiness of Father McGivney's life.

In the most remarkable cases, such favors are miraculous interventions: a spontaneous healing from a terminal illness, the restoration of a lost power or sense such as sight or hearing, or even the regeneration of a limb.

Reports of less dramatic favors come regularly to the Father McGivney Guild. These are signs of Father McGivney's powerful intercession before God and indications that his cause should go forward. God is indeed using him as an instrument of his mercy and love, as was the case when he was here on earth. Father McGivney continues his work of charity and intercession from his place in eternity. Here are some examples:

From a laid off family man who found a new job: "To me, Father McGivney is the patron of the working family ... and I am most grateful for his intercession."

From a cancer patient: "Nine days after the surgery, I was part of a parish trip to New Haven and St. Mary's Church. As we all gathered around Father McGivney's sarcophagus and the pastor led us in prayer, I felt a warmth come across my chest.

Later that month, my pathology report showed everything was clean."

Insurance Corner

I'd like to start by asking a question...What's your biggest asset? Some of you may say it's your home. Others who own a business may say that's their biggest asset. There may be some who have saved well and put aside a substantial amount of money for retirement in a fund like an IRA or a 401K.

But I would suggest that your earning power is your most valuable asset. Consider this: a 35-year-old who makes \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million dollars before retirement at age 65. That's quite a sum but consider this: with only a 3% increase in pay each year, that figure grows to nearly 2.5 million dollars before retirement! But...you say, that's all well and good, what are the chances I'm going to become disabled and unable to work? According to United States government statistics a staggering 1 in 4, yes, 25%, of 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching age 67. And according to the Social Security Administration, 95% of those disabilities happen outside the workplace...so worker's compensation will not pay.

Some companies generously give disability benefits to their employees. If you are one of those lucky ones...congratulations! Now the question is...how long are those benefits payable and how much of your income is covered and how much of that benefit is taxable? Seven of 10 Americans say they would feel a financial pinch in a month or less without their paycheck.

Fortunately, I can help sort out all these issues. The Knights of Columbus offers a flexible disability income insurance policy. It can be tailored to supplement what you currently have through work or it can stand alone to safeguard your paycheck and provide protection against catastrophe. I can help you design a plan with the right monthly benefit, the right benefit period and all the other variables that go into customizing a plan that is right for you and your family. And our policy pays benefits regardless of whether or not the disability is work related.

So, what if your last paycheck was your last paycheck?
Let's make sure that doesn't happen by scheduling a
time meet and review your specific situation. I know
the time will be well spent.

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
Bob Ippoliti & Mariann – healing
Tom Babiarz - healing
Nancy Kasprzyk – healing
Carlos del Aguila, Sr. – medical
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Liz Bass - healing
Marianne Clark – healing
Brian Mulholland – healing
Daniel Van Sciver's mother - 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.*

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

May 4 – VAVS Barbeque, 11:00am
May 5 – Coffee & Donut Duty
May 6 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm Adult Ed
Bldg.
May 18 – 2nd Degree, St. Stephen
May 29 - Officers and Directors Meeting, 7:00pm
Adult Ed. Bldg., 7:00pm
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



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