



Grand Knight's Report

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Mother Seton Council #6724

This month, we turn the subject of this column to St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph's life and example hold special meaning for every husband and father seeking to be true to his vocation; for every priest who wants to be a good pastor to his parish family; and for every deacon who wants to serve the Church in humble charity. Indeed, St. Joseph is a model for every Knight of Columbus who seeks to grow in the likeness of Christ and live the principles of the Order.

When Pope Francis greeted members of the Order's board of directors and their families this past October, he referred to St. Joseph as "an admirable model of those many virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." In doing so, the pope outlined the essential qualities that marked the life of St. Joseph — the same virtues that should be evident in our lives.

STRENGTH THAT LISTENS St. Joseph was certainly a man of "quiet strength." In fact, Scripture attributes no words to St. Joseph at all. But as the story of the Incarnation and birth of Jesus unfolds, Joseph remains a tower of stability.

After the Annunciation, when Mary discovered that she was with child through the Holy Spirit, Joseph experienced inner turmoil. As Blessed John Paul II observed, "[Joseph] did not know how to deal with Mary's 'astonishing' pregnancy" (Redemptoris Custos, 3). After an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream (as related in Mt 1:20-21), Joseph immediately obeyed the angel's command to take Mary into his home, demonstrating his faith and readiness to cooperate with the plan of God.

The story of how Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem to comply with the census of Caesar Augustus is well-known. Joseph searched for shelter for mother and child, and though only a stable could be found, he remained utterly attentive to the needs of Mary and the newborn Savior.

When an angel again instructed him in a dream, St. Joseph swiftly ushered Mary and the Child Jesus into Egypt to escape the bloody clutches of Herod (cf. Mt 2:13-14). Again, no words, just quiet strength.

In our noisy world where people constantly tout themselves, their opinions and their products, strength is often equated with getting people's attention, winning their approval and getting ahead, even to the point of conquering others.

But think about the really strong people you know. Often, they speak few words; they have no need to boast about their accomplishments because their convictions and their deeds speak for themselves. These are people who know how to face life's problems and tragedies with the strength that comes from faith in God. They are secure in an insecure world.

INTEGRITY AND FIDELITY A second virtue of St. Joseph is integrity. Integrity does not mean being stubborn or inflexible, but rather whole or complete. At one level, it has to do with soundness in mind and body. But it also has to do with consistently adhering to sound principles and becoming the person that God has intended you to be.

St. Joseph demonstrated each of these traits. Tradition tells us that he was a hard worker and a good provider for the Holy Family. Scripture depicts a man who was steadfast in his faith and resolute in purpose, even as he faced situations that he never could have imagined. Joseph was ultimately a man of integrity because of his unstinting cooperation with God's saving plan.

Integrity is often in short supply today, and it is easy to go along with the crowd. Lacking a sound faith in God and firm principles, many accept as true whatever the prevailing trend happens to be. As a result, right and wrong, truth and error become relative. Virtue is passé. Mere appearance is seen as more compelling than who a person really is. By contrast, integrity includes taking care of ourselves physically, psychologically and spiritually. It involves asking for the grace of a firm faith and the sound moral principles that light our path. This means having the virtue to withstand temptation, upholding human dignity and doing the right thing for the right reason, even when such decisions aren't popular. Finally, Pope Francis pointed to St. Joseph's fidelity. Joseph remained faithful to the end — to Mary, to Jesus and to the mystery of salvation that had been entrusted to him. He was faithful not only in the crucial events surrounding Jesus' birth, but also in the everyday demands of home and work in Nazareth. Fidelity is faith in action in all the events of daily life, big and small. For husbands, it means loving one's spouse and family to the end. For priests, it means staying true to the priesthood and all it requires. For everyone, it means service given without notice or reward.

When Venerable Michael McGivney founded the Knight of Columbus, he envisioned men of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity. In these days when we celebrate the Lord's Incarnation and birth, let us ask St. Joseph for the grace to grow in these virtues and for the wisdom to pass them along to a new generation of Knights.

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 5, 2014

LOCATION THE PAVILION CLUBHOUSE

The Pavilion Clubhouse is located at:

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We're starting a collective, constructive, and hopefully uplifting Bible verse exchange. It's a one-time thing and we hope you will participate. We have picked those we think would be faithful, and make it fun. Please send an encouraging Bible verse to the person whose name is in position 1 below (even if you don't know him or her). It should be a favorite verse that has lifted you when you were experiencing challenging times. Don't agonize over it – it is the one you reach for when you need it or the one that you always turn to:

1) edkoc@ymail.com

2) tjbabiarz@msn.com

After you've sent the verse to the person in position 1, and only that person, copy this letter into a new email, move my name to position 1 and put your name in position 2. Only my name and your name should show when you email. Send to 20 (or as many as you have) friends BCC (blind copy). If you cannot do this in five days, let us know so it will be fair to those participating. It's fun to see where they come from. Seldom does anyone drop out because we all need new ideas and inspiration. The turnaround is fast, as there are only 2 names on the list, and you only have



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 6724

KNIGHTS DONATE \$35,000

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6724 – Mother Seton (“Donor”), the Emmaus Foundation, Inc., d/b/a the Catholic Foundation, Diocese of St. Petersburg. (“Foundation”), a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, and Nativity Catholic School (“Beneficiary”), This Agreement concerns the purpose, conditions, recognition and administration of the Donor’s gift of \$35,000.

Purpose of the Gift

The Foundation agrees to use this gift to establish an endowed fund in the Foundation named the Knights of Columbus Endowed Scholarship Fund, which shall benefit Nativity Catholic School, an entity within the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This Fund will be used to provide a partial scholarship based on financial need. The student must maintain at least a ‘B’ average in order to receive the scholarship. In the event of a closure of Nativity Catholic School, then the Fund will be used to provide a partial scholarship to a member of Nativity Catholic Church to attend another Catholic school operating within the Diocese of St. Petersburg, who meets the same criteria above. In both cases, it will be based on the recommendation of a scholarship committee that will include, but not be limited to the pastor of the parish, the principal of the school and a representative from the Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council 6724.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the annual Basketball

Free Throw Championship on Sunday January 12th, 2014 at 1:30pm.

It will be held in the Sr. Ilean St. Jean Gymnasium located on the Nativity Church and School grounds. Pre-Registration will take place in the Church Hall after the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Mass.

We invite all boys and girls in the community between the ages of 10 – 14 to participate. All competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

Winners in each age bracket will have the opportunity to move on to District, Regional, and State Competitions. Registration forms will be available after Mass in the Social Hall and in the Youth Center.





Sacraments

Sacraments: The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments. (CCC 1113)

While we believe that human life is infused with the sacramental goodness of God, the Catholic Church has defined seven sacraments - instituted by and through the life of Jesus Christ. It is through the experience of the sacramental ritual that we are infused with God's grace. The Sacraments nourish and strengthen us as they express and build up our faith.

What is a sacrament?

This is an important question for Catholics, as our celebrations of sacraments are defining beliefs of our Catholic Faith. Sacraments, our understanding and the celebration of them, often set us apart from other Christian denominations.

Sacraments reveal to us the living God. In the person of Jesus the Christ, God fully revealed himself to us. Jesus, born of Mary the ever-Virgin, came into the world to show us the living God. Jesus is the primary sacrament of God. As Jesus prepared his followers, the Apostles, for his ascension, he instructed them to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the holy Spirit." (Mt28:19) The Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, transforming them, empowering them with the same power as Jesus, sending them out, to make Jesus known and present throughout the world, by their teaching and their actions.

Sacraments celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church carry on this Tradition of making Jesus known – through words and actions. We proclaim Jesus' saving action in our lives – his death, resurrection and ascension to New Life.

Sacraments through words proclaimed by priest and community, and the actions of pouring water, anointing with oil, blessing and breaking of bread, sharing of wine, laying on of hands, and exchanging vows makes Jesus' presence real and alive in our midst.

Sacraments bring to us new life, mercy and reconciliation, the power of a renewed spirit within us. Sacraments transform us by God's grace, His presence in our lives. Sacraments of initiation bring us into the life and family of God. Sacraments of healing, Jesus the Divine Physician, restores health to our souls and bodies. The sacraments are also moments of anointing and setting us apart for vocation in life – Sacraments of vocation set us on a path of holiness leading us to ways of transforming our families and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| JAN 3 2014 | ASSEMBLY 1850 MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING |
| JAN 5 2014 | DONUT SUNDAY (ALL HANDS ON DECK) |
| JAN 6 2014 | COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BULDING. |
| JAN 12 2014 | Free Throw Championship 1:30pm. |
| JAN 18 2014 | SECOND DEGREE AT ST. STEPHEN REPORT TIME 8:00 AM, DEGREE 9:00 AM |
| JAN 21 2014 | FIRST DEGREE AT NATIVITY. CANDIATES REPORT AT 6:30 PM, DEGREE STARTS AT 7:30PM |

First Degree Team Positions Available!!

Come Join the Degree Team!

Actors wanted! Positions available on the First Degree Team!

Like to Act? Can you remember lines? Are you a Thespian? Do you love the Knights and want to help our council grow?

The Mother Seton Council's First degree Team has a position for you! After losing several Degree Team members, we are looking for Knights to fill major and minor, speaking and non-speaking, and primary and backup roles.

Contact Herb Swoope (HSwoope@msn.com)

Please come out and do what you can!



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“Live On” or “Leave On” Money

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focus shifts to those “golden” retirement years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relax at home.

During my career as a field agent, I’ve had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to “dump” somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to “live on” or “leave on”?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family’s future, don’t leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who’s helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products backed by the strength and security of an insurance provider rated among the top in the industry.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You’ll only regret that you didn’t call sooner.

Take steps to protect your family and your financial future.

Fraternally,

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VAVS

On Saturday December 14th Assembly 1850 sponsored our annual Christmas party for our vets at the Haley Cove Nursing Home. Pizza and soft drinks were served to our brave heroes. More than fifty knights and their family members helped make this a day to remember. Santa showed up and distributed gifts to the men and women, who were enjoying the dancing of Brandon's own " junior zumba dancers". The Knights of the Fourth Degree of Assembly 1850 wish to heartily thank all the council members in our district for their profound generosity throughout the year in aid to the Haley Hospital and our veterans. Only through the dedicated and continuous support of our members can we help as volunteers at the hospital. **Bill Queenan Navigator, Assembly 1850 VAVS Rep.**



LOPEZ SCHOOL

Brandon Alternative School is located in Seffner, FL and is one of 298 schools in Hillsborough School District. It is a alt. school that serves 223 students in grades 6-12.

Alternative schools are public schools that offer nontraditional education for students whose needs cannot be met in a regular, special education, or vocational school. While alternative schools are distinct from regular, special education, and vocational schools in their teaching approach or classroom environment, they can provide similar services and/or curriculum for students. Alternative schools include schools for potential dropouts, residential treatment centers for substance abuse, schools for chronic truants, and schools for students with behavioral problems. See Brandon Alternative School's test results to learn more about school performance.

In 2011, Brandon Alternative School had 12 students for every full-time equivalent teacher. The Florida average is 15 students per full-time equivalent teacher.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE \$2,0072.00 TO HELP THE LOPEZ SCHOOL





A Timely Contribution to the New Evangelization

Having attended as an auditor the 2012 Synod on the New Evangelization, whose work touched on many of the themes raised in this Apostolic Exhortation, I wholeheartedly welcome our Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* as an important and timely contribution to the cause of the New Evangelization. Specifically, this exhortation shows us Pope Francis' missionary spirit. It highlights his belief that the Gospel message and loving outreach of the Church are for everyone, that the Church must go outside itself and welcome those on the margins with love and healing in the spirit of Christ himself. Finally, it shows clearly the importance of the Marian dimension to the New Evangelization - calling her, again, the "Star of the New Evangelization." If this document is embraced by the Church throughout the world, it could mark a key moment for a reinvigorated New Evangelization of our culture, which too often has forgotten the Good News of the Gospel, which is central to our faith.



Shining Armor Award

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the "Shining Armor Award" is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

The concept of the "Shining Armor Award" program is to get new members active in the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as early as possible and assist in maintaining that activity and also honor them as a valued member of your council.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must during their first year of membership:

Be involved in at least three council service programs

Attend at least three council business meetings

Receive their Second and Third degrees

Meet with their council's insurance representative

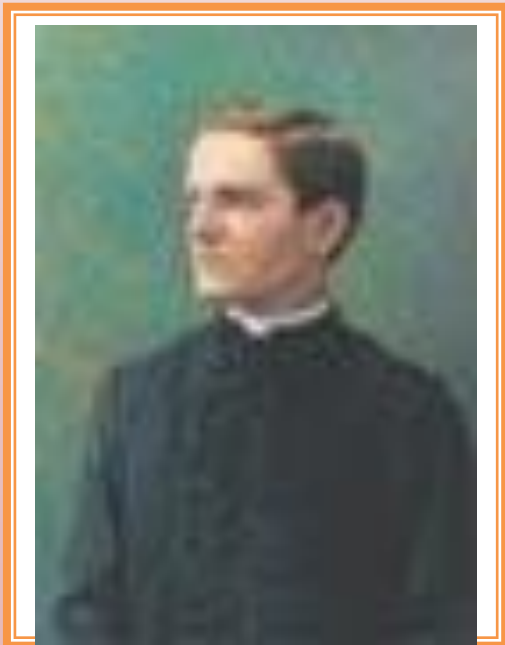
Recruit at least one new member

"Shining Armor" Lapel Pins will not only be an honor for those who earn them to wear them, but they will also serve as a promotion for the program to other new Knights



The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer For the Sick

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 sorrow with your gentle love, and grants 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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