



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



November 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Welcome to November. As always we have a busy month, but we have 3 major things this month. First is the election. November 8th is our country's election day and it is a very important election. Some have called this the most important election of our lifetime, and with the next President likely determining the balance of the Supreme Court for the next several decades by making between 1 and 4 appointments, it is essential that you cast your vote, no matter which way you lean so that your opinion is heard. If you need spiritual guidance regarding the vote, The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops may provide the resources you are looking for. Their website is <http://flaccb.org/>. Early voting is now until Sunday 10/6/2016. Go to <http://www.votehillsborough.org/About-Voting/Three-Ways-to-Vote/Early-Voting> for more info. Please vote!

Novemberfest is also this month. This is a huge Fundraiser for Nativity School. As always, the Knights are manning the Wing Booth. Novemberfest is November 16th-20th. Please contact Tom Rusher to volunteer to work the booth (he should be at the meeting Monday 11/7 for signups). <http://www.nativitycatholicchurch2016-org.radiuswebtools.com/novemberfest> Even if you don't sign up please show up and volunteer. There is always something to do! Besides manning the Wing Booth, our Color Corps is presenting the colors at the opening ceremony. If you are interested in participating, contact Color Corps Commander Herb Swoope. If you are around

please turn out on Wednesday 11/16, 4PM to see the presentation and ceremony!

40 days for Life is also winding up this month. We have had a lot of Pro-Life activities, including setting up the Cemetery of the Innocents at the corner of Bryan and 60 and representing Nativity 2 days at the Abortion Clinic praying for an end to this American holocaust. 40 Days of Life will culminate with the Foundations of Life Gala and Silent Auction November 19th 2016 6PM at Higgins Hall. The Mother Seton Council will once again sponsor a table at the Gala. Howard Baum (vbaum1@tampabay.rr.com) will be coordinating our table. It was a great turnout and great support from or membership to this very worthy cause. Hopefully this year we can have similar success.

Finally, after almost a year of planning and discussion, we are ready to move forward on the repair to the wall of the Adult Education building. This should occur sometime after Novemberfest. Brother Richard Lesandro stepped up and graciously donated \$2000, which should cover the project in full. It is great and generous Knights such as Richard that makes me so proud to be Grand Knight of Mother Seton. Thank you for your generosity Richard, the parish and the Knights thank you for your stewardship.

God Bless,
Chris McManus
Grand Knight 6724

New Knights

On Saturday, October 15, four Catholic men became Knights of Columbus and brothers in our Council.



Danny Diaz, Bob Ippoliti, Herb Swoope and 1st Degree Knights Mother Seton Council: Tim Sholby, Karlos Del Aquila, Louis Rodriquez and Don Cseh.

When you see them, please be sure to welcome Tim Sholby, Karlos Del Aquila, Louis Rodriquez and Don Cseh. We look forward to these new Brothers becoming actively involved in the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

Lopez Exceptional Student Education Center

A check for over \$2,000 was presented to the Lopez Exceptional Student Education Center on Wednesday, November 2. This money was raised by our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to all the Brothers who participated in the drive and made this donation possible.



The check was gratefully accepted by Denise Jagan on behalf of Amanda Keel, Administrator of the school. Neil Waid, Tim Kasprzyk and Tom Babiarcz were proud to present the check to the school on behalf of the Mother Seton Council.

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.

Venerable Father McGivney

Apostle to the Young

There was in Father McGivney some spark, some magnetism, which drew the young to him. He was at ease with little children and lost some of his natural reserve and formality with them. But it was to the young adults of his day that he was given a particular mission. Father McGivney was bonded to the young men and women of his flock in a mutual admiration and respect that endured even after his death in 1890. He was relatively young himself, only 25, when he began his first priestly assignment at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and so, he understood their aspirations as well as their struggles and temptations.



"Apostle" means "one who is sent." Father McGivney was sent by God to the young people of his time to lead them along a secure path to Christian adulthood. In an age experiencing the growing despair and violence of teenagers and young adults, it is imperative that we look to models such as Father McGivney to learn the art of drawing the youth of our society to a life of moral excellence and the nobility of Christian service of God and neighbor. No stranger to adversity, Father McGivney is an apostle to those who struggle to find meaning and purpose in life. He is a heavenly patron for young men and women of the third millennium.

Foundations of Life Gala

Save the date, Saturday, November 19, 2016 for



the Foundations of Life Gala & Silent Auction benefiting the Foundations of Life Pregnancy Centers. This is a wonderful evening filled with mission and client success stories, education, networking and an awesome Silent Auction. The Most Reverend Bishop Robert N. Lynch provides the opening remarks and guest speaker Thomas A. Glessner, J.D., President of the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), will share a very powerful perspective of our mission. Please note: The location has changed to the beautiful Higgins Hall, St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Mother Seton Council will commit to one table for ten guests. Individual tickets are \$65.00. Last year we were able to fill 2 tables from the Council (with over 75% paying for their own seat). Please let Howard Baum know if you are planning on attending and whether you can pay for your tickets

or offset some of the cost to the Council. Howard can be reached at 813-401-1717 or by email at vbaum1@tampabay.rr.com.

Columbus Day Dinner

On Monday, October 10 we celebrated Columbus' Birthday at La Septima in Brandon. We had 20+ Brothers and their families enjoy each other's company over a delicious and satisfying meal. We look forward to another fellowship outing at a local restaurant.

Novemberfest

The 47th Annual Novemberfest will be held on November 16-20. As in the past, Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council will be running the wing booth. This has always been a popular booth with Novemberfest patrons. As you can imagine, this booth requires a lot of helping hands so please plan on signing up to help out. Yes, it is work but it is also a lot of fun and benefits Nativity School. Contact Tom Rusher for more information and opportunities to serve.

Insurance Corner

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their

families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2016 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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

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Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Brother Knights who have no one to pray for them
For the Born and the Unborn

Paula Zemke

Emily Seay

Maryanne Clark

Jay McCabe

Kevin McNamara

Sarkis Giragosian

Sue Giragosian

Eduardo Crespo

Maryann Ippoliti

Bob Dunn

Jeff Dawson

Vincent Mallen

Deceased father of Danny Diaz

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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Upcoming Events

October 15 – 1st Degree Exemplification
November 7 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
November 16 – Assembly 1850 Meeting
November 19 – Foundations of Life Gala
November 16-20 – Novemberfest
November 26-27 – 4th Degree Exemplification,
Orlando
November 30 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
December 10 – VA Christmas Party
December 17 – Council Christmas Party

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