



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

November 2017

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As many of you know, our Brother SK Herb Swoope passed away on Sunday, October 22. Herb was the Grand Knight when I joined the Mother Seton Council and immediately Herb put me to work by placing me in a Director's position. Little did I know what that involvement would lead to.

I found Herb to be a real gentleman and an upstanding Knight. Herb will be missed but not forgotten.

On October 2, I lost my older brother, Daniel Kasprzyk after a long battle with Dementia and Parkinson's Disease. It was hard to watch his life deteriorate to the point that he was totally dependent on everyone to take care of him and meet his daily needs.

We knew the day would finally come when he would leave this earth. I did not know how I would handle all of it. We had a small service at the funeral home in Brandon at which Father Tapp officiated. Father Tapp found the right words to lift my spirit. Father talked about how there would be an abundance of everything in heaven and that we would not want for anything.

My brother was then transported to Buffalo, New York for his final resting place. Rev. Dr. Czesław M. Krysa presided at the Funeral Mass in the Church of St. Casimir. This was our parish church growing up and was just down the block from where we lived.

Reverend Krysa stated that we celebrate our birth and look at death as an end, but it is not because it is our birth into our next life that will last forever. When we left the church, the church bells were ringing as if it was a celebration.

It is hard to lose a loved one, but we should look at celebrating his or her life and know that they are being reborn into their eternal life. There will be an abundance of joy and love and they will no longer suffer from what ailed them on earth. I hope that I will be worthy to see my brother and family again in heaven.

Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

Knights Memorial Mass

Our Memorial Mass will be celebrated this coming Friday, November 3 at 6:00pm in the church. This is a time when we remember and pray for our Brother Knights that have left this world and have gone on to join our Lord and Savior.

Dress for this Mass can be a tuxedo, suit or coat and tie.

A reception after the Mass will be held in the St. Francis room in the Social Hall. Please respond to the Evite that was sent so that an accurate count can be made for those attending. If you prefer, you can reply to Ray Quiñones, event chairman, by email at RBQuinones@aol.com or by phone at 813-690-1557.

Herbert Anthony Swoope PGK

Herbert Anthony Swoope, age 65, passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Herb was born on August 11, 1952 in Camp Edward, Massachusetts to the late Herbert Woodrow Swoope and Anna Carmella (Orlando) Swoope.



He was very active with the Knights of Columbus, serving as Past Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight, Past Deputy Grand Knight and many other various positions within the organization. Herb was the former Fire Chief for both Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. He also was active with O.W.L. Volunteer Fire Department. Herb was the founder and co-director of the VAVS program with James A. Haley in Tampa, FL, a member of the SAL American Legion and Moose Lodge.

Predeceased by his father Herbert Woodrow Swoope. Survivors include his loving wife of 36 years, Judy Karen Swoope; mother: Anna C. Swoope; children: Todd Swoope, Joey Swoope, Theresa Moore and Katie Swoope; brother: David Swoope and wife Cindy; three sisters: Linda McGrail and husband Jerry, Nancy Capara and husband Joseph, Patty Muller and husband Bob, brothers-in-law: Vaden Covington, Richard Whiting, Larry Whiting and wife Jean, Harlan Whiting, Harry Whiting and wife Dorothy, and John Stadler and wife Annie; sisters-in-law: Gayle Jones and husband David; and Frances Stewart and husband Steve; four grandchildren: Trevor Moore, Heaven Broadstone, Angel Moore and Kay-Lee Rohane; 77 nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and great great nieces and nephews.

Council Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held for Mother Seton Council 6724 and Assembly 1850 on Saturday, December 2 starting a 6:00pm. The party will be held at the Yuengling Brewery, 11111 N 30th Street, Tampa Florida 33612. It will be a Potluck Dinner with drinks being provided.



Please respond when the invitation through Evite is sent. Be sure to scroll down the invitation to select an item of food to bring. The food item should feed 8 to 10 people. It will show you what is still needed. You can also contact

SK Tim Shoby at 407-800-9429 or 1bigpapi77@gmail.com to confirm your attendance and what food item you are bringing. Also, please bring a bottle of wine to donate for the raffle.

There will also be a White Elephant Gift Exchange for those of you wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped gift worth between \$15-25 to participate. We are looking forward to an evening of fraternity, family and brotherhood. See you at the party!

Crosses for Life



Early on a Saturday morning, a group of Brother Knights and family members gathered to erect the crosses to symbolize the number of lives lost to abortion. It is hoped that when people see this visual display, they will think about these poor

infants that never had a chance to enter this world and contribute to it.

Thank you to Steve Mirabole who led this event and all the folks that came out to help.

Knights in Service

On Friday, October 13 Brother Knights Frank Orsillo, Karlos Del Aguila, Neil Waid and I helped the Women's Guild set up for their Fall Fashion Tea event.



The photo is of those who supported the actual event on Saturday, October 14, serving the ladies. From left to right, Bill Navas, Vinnie Urso, Sue Hrabusa (Women's Guild President), Neil Waid, Dalila Quiñones (Women's Guild Second Vice President and Event Coordinator), Howard Baum, Frank Orsillo, Tim Shoby, and Ray Quiñones.

Proceeds of the event were for the benefit of Life Ministries.

Submitted by SK Ray Quiñones

Venerable Father McGivney

What Makes a Miracle?

Since Venerable Father Michael McGivney is at the stage of the canonization process in which a miracle is needed for him to be beatified, the Guild often receives questions about what exactly is needed for a miracle to be accepted. What standard does the Vatican use in declaring some events miraculous and others not?

A book could be written on the subject, but to put the issue in simple terms, what the Vatican is

looking for in most cases is a physical healing that cannot be explained by medical science. Let's look a little more closely at the whole process of "making a miracle."

The first thing to understand is that only God can perform a miracle, since a miracle is understood to be a suspension of the created natural order. When we say that Father McGivney needs a miracle for beatification, what we mean is that a proven miracle must be attributed to his intercession before God.

Identify

With that important fact understood, we are ready to walk through the process of how a proposed miracle is brought to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Step one is identifying a possible miracle for which people close to the situation prayed to a sainthood candidate — in this case, Father McGivney. The Congregation for Saints considers almost exclusively extraordinary physical healings and recoveries, since those incidents usually have verifiable facts such as medical tests and records, as well as objective and widely accepted measurements for diagnosing a serious condition and declaring a person healed. Examples of non-medical miracles that have been approved by the Vatican congregation include cases of survivors walking away unscathed from accidents that should have been fatal, such as falls from a church ceiling and mountain climbing mishaps. Certainly, there are other types of miracles that involve moral, psychological and spiritual phenomena, but physical healings are easier to investigate and prove in an objective, scientific manner.

Report

How would we identify a possible miracle through Father McGivney's intercession? Someone must report it. *We cannot stress this enough.* The only way for the Guild to learn about a possible miracle is for someone with knowledge of the case to report it to us. So, Knights, their families and anyone devoted to Father McGivney must be on the lookout for possible miraculous healings.

Pray

Next to consider is how a possible miracle would be attributed to Father McGivney's intercession. There must be positive evidence that people close to the event truly prayed **exclusively** to Father McGivney for the miracle. Again, therefore the Guild constantly urges prayer to Father McGivney, especially in cases of serious illness. When you know someone is facing a serious medical condition, start praying for a miraculous healing and ask family, friends and council members to do so too.

So, let's say we have an extraordinary physical healing of someone who prayed exclusively to Father McGivney (and Mary), as did all those close to him. We now have a strong case that is worth investigating.

Investigate

The initial investigation would be conducted by the vice postulator of the canonization cause in New Haven, who will interview people close to the case, including doctors. If there is a general sense that there is no apparent scientific or medical explanation for the healing and that Father McGivney was exclusively invoked, then the evidence will go to the cause's experienced postulator in Rome. If the postulator finds that the case is strong enough, he will send a request to the bishop of the diocese where the possible miracle occurred, asking him to form a tribunal to conduct an official inquiry into the case.

Tribunal

The diocesan tribunal is a formal ecclesiastical court, convened under the local bishop, that calls witnesses, gathers testimony, collects medical records and other supporting documents, and ultimately makes a judgment on whether to refer the case to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Once the case reaches the congregation in Rome, it is reviewed by experts in canon law, medicine and theology who meet in separate panels to examine and discuss the evidence and then vote whether to approve the case as a miraculous healing that involved the intercession of Father McGivney. The case would then go to a board of cardinals and finally to the Holy Father,

whose approval is needed for the acceptance of a miracle.

Join. Pray. Report.

The process is long and painstaking for good reasons. The Church does not want to declare as miraculous any event that may later be called into question. We hope and pray that a miracle will finally be attributed to the intercession of Venerable Michael McGivney. You can help the process with the simple formula: "Join. Pray. Report." Join the Guild. Pray the Prayer for Canonization daily. Report any extraordinary healings.

Together, we will move the cause forward.

Insurance Corner

Why We Offer Insurance



Before you think about how you and your family would use life insurance, how your council members can benefit from our insurance program, or what products and options you would need, there's a more basic question that needs to be answered: Why do the Knights of Columbus care about life insurance? The answer is simple: Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of our mission since the beginning.

Two Problems, One Solution

The drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

In the summer of 1873, as a young seminarian in Canada, he was forced to leave theological studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. “He was reeling,” it says in his biography *Parish Priest*. “He packed his belongings, knowing that he would never return to Sainte-Marie, and went home.”

“Money for tuition was no longer available,” the authors continue. “Even if the McGivney family could survive without Michael’s financial support, it was not clear that he could survive without help from them — or someone.” Michael could continue his studies only after receiving a scholarship from the then-Diocese of Hartford.

Less than a decade later, as an associate pastor at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Conn., Father McGivney was faced with an all-too-similar situation.

One of his parishioners, Edward Downes Jr., was forced to quit the seminary after his father died unexpectedly. He returned home to New Haven to support his mother and 12 siblings.

In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that their families could not properly care for and support them. Unless they were represented by a financially secure guardian in court, the teenage Downes boys would be removed from their family.

On Feb. 6, 1882 — the very same day as the first meeting for what would become the Knights of Columbus — Father McGivney appeared in court to stand as guardian for Edward’s brother Alfred. The court accepted, yet Father McGivney was frustrated by the recurring nightmare of financial hardship.

“Even though he was only a young man,” *Parish Priest* says of Father McGivney, “he was filled with a lifetime of anger and frustration at the sense of doom that settled over nearly every family that lost its wage earner. ... On the afternoon of February 6, he was more determined than ever that what had happened to the Downes family need not happen to anyone else.”

The Mission Begins – And Continues

In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with “entrepreneurial zeal” to found the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to “to unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness, to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members.”

He knew what life was like without that assistance. The initial system of “life insurance” designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As the organization grew council by council, state by state, and country by country, so too did the insurance program. The pass-the-hat system was transformed into one of the largest and most highly rated life insurance programs in North America.

The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$100 billion of life insurance in force, 40 consecutive A++ (Superior) ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best, 14 consecutive years of sales growth, and designation as a 2015 “World’s Most Ethical Company,” but all that is secondary.

What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney’s mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families. 2015 is not 1882. Times are different. Laws are different. Economies are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service.

That’s why we offer life insurance

It’s not for the \$8 billion in annual sales volume, or the \$100 billion in force, or the 2 million policies on the books. It’s not the amount that counts, but the impact of those dollars.

It’s the homes saved, the college tuitions provided, the Catholic funerals paid for and the families

shielded that create the legacy of protection that would make Father McGivney proud.

It's those things that are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

PGK Herb Swoope - for the repose of his soul

SK Joe Rynne - for the repose of his soul

Daniel Kasprzyk - for the repose of his soul

Rick Shoby

Jay McCabe

Edward Juworski

Diane Belcher

Linda Silver

Victims of the Las Vegas shooting

Victims of the hurricanes

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: Tim Kasprzyk

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Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

November 3 – Knights Memorial Mass, 6:00pm

November 6 - Council Business Meeting

November 15-19 – Novemberfest Wing Booth

November 15 – Assembly 1850 Meeting St.

Clements

November 18 – Foundations of Life Gala & Silent Auction

November 25 – 4th Degree in Orlando

November 29 – Officers & Directors Meeting

December 2 – VAVS Christmas Party

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December 3 – Awesome Advent

Note: Dates in red indicate a meeting date that is not on a normally scheduled meeting day.

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