



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



November 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Hard to believe it is already November. There are two main events this month in addition to our Memorial Mass and Novemberfest.

The first of these is the November elections. General election day is November 6, but early voting has already started. There is a lot at stake with this election, so I encourage you to get out and vote.

The second event is Thanksgiving. It is a time of year when families gather around the table to have a delicious meal and to bond, hopefully without cell phones or tablets. Let us keep in our prayers those that are not as fortunate as us, especially our homeless veterans. I wish you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving and offer you the following prayer.

#### Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to You and pray.  
We give You thanks for all You've done  
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.  
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see  
For joy and health, friends and family,  
For daily provision, Your mercy, and care  
These are the blessings You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise  
With a promise to follow You all our days.

Vivat Jesus!  
Tim Kasprzyk  
Grand Knight 6724

### Knights Memorial Mass

Our Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 9 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. Details to follow.

We rely on the addresses from the Supreme database for next of kin. If you are in contact with any survivors, please let Don Carpenter or Ray Quiñones know so we can invite them.

Please respond to the Evite and/or Email that will be 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](mailto:RBQuinones@aol.com) or by phone at 813-690-1557.

### Novemberfest

It is hard to believe that Novemberfest is just about here. Time to start frying up some wings.



Brother Jay McCabe is the Chairman of our Council booth this year and he is looking for able body Brothers to man the shifts during Novemberfest.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Council Business meetings or you can request a specific shift by contacting Brother Jay at [jaymccabe122@gmail.com](mailto:jaymccabe122@gmail.com). This event is a lot of fun and we are able to help Nativity Catholic School. This event also gives the men of our parish a chance to see Knights in action.

## Welcome New Brother!

On Tuesday, October 16 a good, Catholic man became a Knight of Columbus by attending and completing the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.

Please welcome our new Brother to Mother Seton Council 6724, Jerry Torre. Joining Brother Jerry is Danny Diaz, Membership Director, Howard Baum III, Sponsor and Don Carpenter, Financial Secretary.



Let's continue to support our new Brother as he advances in the Knights of Columbus and involve him in our Council's charitable works.

## State Raffle Tickets

Florida State Council raffle tickets are now available. Tickets donations are \$1.00 per ticket or \$12.00 per book. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5,000. There are also five \$1,000 prizes.

For every book that is sold, our Council retains \$6.00. Last year we sold 143 books by only 24 Brother Knights for a total amount of \$1,716. Our Council earned \$858. We need to have more



Brother Knights actively involved in gaining donations for the raffle.

Raffle books will be available at our Council Business Meetings. You may also contact our

Worthy Financial Secretary, Don Carpenter if you are not able to attend a meeting. This raffle runs into May of 2019, so we have plenty of time to solicit donations.

## Bikes, Cars & Crafts

On Saturday, October 13, Mother Seton Council 6724 was out in support of the Nativity Women's Guild. Knights were out and about directing traffic, answering questions and helping wherever needed.

Mother Seton Council purchased a vendor table and sold Christmas cards, State raffle tickets and wood items made by Don Clark. Our own Brother Knight Father Tapp stopped by for a photo opportunity and moral support.



The Knights of Columbus were proud to support the Nativity Women's Guild in their successful fund raiser.



# Venerable Father McGivney

## Man of Pastoral Action



Father McGivney was a very selfless shepherd, always attentive to his flock. Whether it was listening to a family's hopes and aspirations for education or job security or whether it was listening to stories of disappointment or betrayal in love, he

heard and advised them to the best of his ability. And those who came to him burdened with fear and guilt. He encouraged.

Just 10 months after his ordination, Father McGivney expressed the toll of such a heavy workload in a letter to a former seminary professor: "I have not had time for even one day's vacation since I left St. Mary's [Seminary] and was obliged to be at my post alone while Father Murphy was away. So, pardon me the delay."

His spirituality flowed from his priestly identity and the primary work of bringing Christ to his people in the sacraments. His example of being ever ready to listen, advise and console, stirred the idealism and generosity of his young parishioners to imitate his virtue in their own lives and in their proper vocation.

The uniqueness of Father McGivney's spirituality of pastoral action lies less in its piety, which was typical of the age and religious climate, and more in the fact that he fostered collaboration between priests and laymen in addressing the serious issues Catholics faced in the second half of the 19th century. This spirit of cooperation and a certain sense of equality must be considered a unique aspect of Father McGivney's pastoral action.

While always considered a man of exemplary virtue, Father McGivney was still always

approachable. He was loved by his people, particularly his young parishioners, whose souls he so carefully nurtured and formed. Add to the mix his other activities such as visiting the sick, instructing the children in catechism and the herculean task of founding the Knights of Columbus, and one can well understand why he had little stamina to fight off the tuberculosis which finally carried him off from this world.

All in all, McGivney accomplished an extraordinary amount in his short 38 years and was an admirable and hardworking pastor of souls.

## Insurance Corner

### Founded by a priest to protect Catholic families



The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.

It was there that our Venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his parish together to create a solution to a recurring problem.

Many Catholics — most of whom were immigrants — were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources.

It was a cold reality that had confronted Father McGivney all too often — not only in the lives of his parishioners — but in his own. As a seminarian, he was forced to leave school and return home to aid his family when his father died unexpectedly.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed.

He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities. So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a “pass-the-hat” insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion-dollar, top-rated insurance program.

Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

Our charitable giving and fraternal service have continued to grow too. Nearly 2 million men in over a dozen countries across the globe are proud to call themselves Knights. Last year alone, these men and their families donated more than \$185 million to charity and performed more than 75 million hours of service.

For any questions or any insurance needs you may have, contact our Field Agent, Jack Kelley at 727-504-1142 or by email at [jack.kelley@kofc.org](mailto:jack.kelley@kofc.org).

## Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

SK Bill Queenan – healing after surgery

SK Richard Hardesty – healing

Mother-in-law of SK Mark Cote - healing

SK Bob Dunn – knee surgery

Jay McCabe – for his liver and recovery, his mom

Andrew Bols

Lois Folk

Nancy Kasprzyk – upcoming surgery

Wilton Glenn – Amaris Umbarger, sister

Nancy Kasprzyk - Healing

Vincenzo Ferraro – healing after surgery

Claude Gladu – healing

Donald Lodrigues – recovery after surgery

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

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Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli

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3-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

## **Upcoming Events**

November 5 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm

Adult Ed Bldg.

November 9 – Memorial Mass

November 14-18 - Novemberfest

November 28 - Officers & Directors Meeting,

7:00pm Adult Ed Bldg.

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