



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



October 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

October will be a busy month for the Mother Seton Council. The entire Month is 40 days for Life. This is a month dedicated to our opposition to the abomination that is legalized abortion on demand. There are many events and activities associated with 40 Days for Life, many of which the Knights play a major role. Please keep your eye on your email, Facebook and the event calendar for updates on all these events and participate when you can.

On the Youth side, our annual Soccer Challenge will take place on October 13th and 15th. Volunteers are sought to help set up, score and breakdown. If you have children or grandchildren 9-14, please encourage them to attend.

Also for the Youth, the annual Trunk or Treat will occur in Nativity's parking lot on October 27th. The Knights will be decorating a car (most likely Herb's Saturn) and passing out our tootsie rolls. It is a fun time, and all are encouraged to attend and help out at the Knights' trunk, or if you are so moved, sign up your own vehicle and pass out candy. It is a lot of fun seeing all the parish kids in their costumes and having safe fun! And don't forget, if you have younger kids or grandkids, bring them out in costume for a good time!

Lastly, I have a few charitable notes. Brother Knight Jeff Dawson is in need of our assistance. Jeff desperately needs the stair lift in his house replaced. His stair lift is in need of major repairs and can no longer be fixed. The manufacturer went out of business and parts are no longer available.

Stair lifts are not covered by his insurance. A Go Fund Me account has been set up with the Goal of raising \$17,000 to replace the stair lift and help Jeff maintain his independence. He is an active member of both the Church and Council and if you can help, please do. This is a very worthy cause. This is his Go Fund Me Campaign:
<https://www.gofundme.com/2ppzt44>

I have also been contacted by the Life Ministry about a needy family. The Mom is a single Mom, with Dad in and out of the picture that does not provide any support. The family has 4 children with a fifth on the way. The fourth was a baby saved from abortion by our sidewalk councilors. The mom has lupus and that combined with the late stage of pregnancy has been having trouble working. They are seeking help from the Knights and community. Right now the most urgent need is size 6 diapers and rent money. Rent is \$675 a month. A few Knights have stepped up and paid last months. If you are moved to help with this, please email the Grand Knight and I will pass it along. As this is a month dedicated to Pro-Life, this is a very appropriate cause to help those that chose life!

Finally, we had a very successful recruitment drive at the Ministry Fair. We will be having their First Degrees soon. If you know any other Catholic Gentlemen interested in joining the order, please contact membership director Danny Diaz.

Keep watching your emails and Facebook for more information and have a Blessed Month.

God Bless,
Chris McManus, Grand Knight 6724

Nativity Ministry Fair/Membership Blitz



The Ministry Fair was held on Sunday, September 18 in the Social Hall after all Sunday masses. This was a perfect opportunity for the Knights of Columbus and our Council to explain to the men of our parish what we do and what the benefits are to them in becoming part of our brotherhood. Thanks to all who showed up and helped with the recruitment effort. Looks like we picked up new members and transfers.

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

Confessor of Souls

Research has revealed that Father McGivney always put his priestly work of celebrating the Mass and the sacraments, of ministering directly to his people, before everything else. His abundant charity flowed from his daily Mass, his personal prayer and frequent confession.



His concern to be a good confessor for his people was brought to light recently when Father Biagio Cretella, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., presented Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, vice postulator, with a special book that had been on his bookshelf for years. The book was St. Alphonsus Liguori's Guide for Confessors and it had

once belonged to Father McGivney! This discovery was exciting because St. Alphonsus Liguori is a Doctor of the Church, and by knowing that his renowned and helpful guide was used by Father McGivney gives us more insight into the prominence that McGivney placed on confession and its heavenly graces.



In 1875, two years before his ordination, McGivney inscribed his name on the inside front cover. After his death, the book passed into the hands of his younger brother Patrick, also a priest. Where had the book been for more than 100 years? We simply don't know. What we do know is that the book was a standard work that formed the piety of 18th and 19th century Catholic priests. The discovery of this book offers insight into the quality of his ministry as a confessor of souls.

St. Alphonsus taught the importance of frequent confession in developing an intimate relationship

with God. Like Father McGivney, St. Alphonsus, had a profound sense of the horror of sin and possibility of eternal damnation. The short life expectancy of the time created an atmosphere of urgency in preparing for death.

Father McGivney's priestly mission was primarily spiritual. Even his works of charity, particularly his monumental task of establishing the Knights of Columbus, had as their source and goal a life of eternal communion with God. Father McGivney was extremely focused on building a better world, and even though he did so mightily through his concern for the widow and orphan and the moral well-being of young Catholics, his primary concern was to prepare his people for the next world, heaven.

8th Annual Sock Hop




**Knights
of Columbus**
Bishop Charles McLaughlin
4th Degree Assembly 1850

**8th Annual
SOCK HOP**
Fundraiser for VAVS
Celebrating Columbus Day Weekend!
Saturday, Oct. 08, 2016

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For more info contact: Marc Andersen 813-966-4288

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.

Insurance Corner

Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group

life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive. While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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
James Carr's Wife
Daniel Kasprzyk
Paula Zemke
Emily Seay
Dorothy Boes
Linda Silver
Maryanne Clark
Mike Young
Jay McCabe
Kevin McNamara

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 2 – Life Chain 2:30-3:30pm
October 4 – Admissions Committee 6:30pm
October 4 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm
October 8 – Sock Hop, Assembly 1850
October 10 – Columbus Day Dinner
October 15 – 1st Degree Exemplification
October 15 – 40 Days for Life
October 19 – Assembly 1850 Meeting
October 23 – Corporate Mass 8:30am
October 26 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
November 19 – Foundations of Life Gala
November 16-20 – Novemberfest
November 26-27 – 4th Degree Exemplification,
Orlando
December 10 – VA Christmas Party
December 17 – Council Christmas Party

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