



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



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Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I hope and pray that all of you survived Hurricane Irma with no or very little damage. We were spared but others around the state and on the Caribbean Islands did not fare as well. Please keep the hurricane victims in your prayers. We will talk about how we can help at our meeting on Monday, October 2.

There is a lot happening in the upcoming months. Be sure to check the list of events at the end of this newsletter or on the calendar on our website. I am sure that you would not want to miss anything.

We had several changes in our Officer and Director positions. Bob Ippoliti has resigned as our Financial Secretary and Don Carpenter has agreed to take over that position. All paperwork for the transition was turned into Supreme and we are just waiting on the final approval from them. I want to thank Bob for his service to our Council and to Don for agreeing to take the position.

Replacing Don as Chancellor will be Ray Quiñones. This should be an easy transition for Ray since he has already taken on some projects for the Council. The Chancellor not only plays a role at our meetings but also assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight as needed. Thank you, Ray.

Vinnie Urso is stepping down as Membership Director due to work and school obligations. Danny Diaz has agreed to resume his previous position as Membership Director. I am looking forward to working with Danny to grow our membership by

the end of the year. Thank you, Vinnie, for your service and to Danny taking over.

Vivat Jesus!
Tim Kasprzyk
Grand Knight 6724

4th Annual Golf Classic

Our Annual Classic is done and put to bed. While we did not achieve the number of golfers we wanted, we still did well and everyone that participated had a good time.



We had packaged 7 auction items and had 19 quality raffle items. As the golfers entered the registration area, they saw a wall full of opportunities.



Bidding on the auction items exceeded expectations and the sale of raffle tickets was

robust. This helped to make up for the lack of expected golfers.

Our great registration team sold 25 Grand Knight packages at \$25 each. The registration team also promoted the auction and raffle items.

The hurricane probably impacted us in some way and we will be looking for ways to adjust and promote the tournament for next year. A lot of work goes into putting on and soliciting donations for this tournament but the financial benefits can be very good.

Thank you to our Hole Sponsors:

- Century 21 Beggins Enterprises – Par pkg.
- Craft Beer Cellar – Par pkg.
- Hohman Homes LLC – Birdie pkg.
- Kingsway Animal Clinic – Par pkg.
- Nativity Outreach - Birdie pkg.
- Raleigh & Associates – Par pkg.
- Lucy and Gene Watford – Par pkg.
- DLJ Enterprises, Inc. – Par pkg.

We also want to thank our vendors and businesses for their donations:

- ABC Fine Wine & Spirits
- Ace Golf
- All Pro Barbers
- Howard Baum – Tiger Woods Photograph
- Noel Blanchet - Stained Glass Golfers
- Bloomingdale Golfers Club
- BOCA Restaurant
- Chick-fil-A
- Craft Beer Cellar Brandon
- Jesse's Restaurant
- McDonalds
- Mission Barbeque
- New York Dinner
- Perez-Sandoval Gifts of Faith
- Pizza Hut
- Play It Again Sports
- Portillo's
- Regal Nails & Spa
- Shells

- Topsy Candle Company
- Topgolf
- WhiteHall Products

Thank you to all the Brothers that donated wine and liquor for the raffle baskets. It is greatly appreciated.

Be sure to thank our sponsors when you visit their establishment, especially if you are using a gift certificate that they have contributed. This will let them know that we appreciate their support.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers that showed up to help and especially to our Chairpersons of the committees: Stephen Curcio, Vinnie Urso and Neil Waid. We could not have done it without you.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2017 2:30-3:30pm

Highway 60 in front of Nativity

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nations.

You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

Bring your whole family!

Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!

Rain or shine!

Signs proclaim, "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption - the Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives & Heals,"

"Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Life - the first Inalienable Right," "Pray to End Abortion," "El Aborto Mata Ninos," "El aborto lastima a las Mujeres," and "Pregnant? Need Help? 1-800-712-HELP".

Donations are accepted to cover the costs of the local Life Chain. All proceeds after expenses are given to the area crisis pregnancy centers.

This is an excellent opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to show support for an end to abortion. Wear your Council shirt to demonstrate our presence.

Tootsie Roll Drive



On October 28, the Tootsie Roll Drive will take place at the Publix in

the Winthrop shopping center (corner of Bloomingdale and Providence). Times for the events are from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

We need volunteers for every shift. Contact Neil Waid at (813) 830-1317 to sign up.

Rocktoberfest

Bishop Charles B McLaughlin Assembly 1850 is having their largest fundraiser of the year, Rocktoberfest. Rocktoberfest is replacing the previous Sock Hop. The event will have a German theme with good German food.

Rocktoberfest will be held at The Chateau, 1903 East State Road 60, Suite #1, Valrico. It is in the plaza behind Applebee's. The big drawing for the grand prize, a 5 day/4-night cruise for 2, will also be done at the event. Money raised at the event and for the drawing will go towards VAVS.

To purchase tickets for Rocktoberfest or for the raffle, contact SK Neil Waid at 813-830-1317.

Venerable Father McGivney

What are relics and what is their place in Catholic doctrine?

The word itself comes from the Latin for "remains", or "reliquia". Nowadays, relics fall into three categories.

- First class: A part of the body of a saint, a blessed, or a candidate for sainthood. Father McGivney falls into the latter category, but unfortunately, there are no available first-class relics of Father McGivney.
- Second class: An item or piece of an item worn or used by a holy person during his or her lifetime. For example, a pair of sandals, rosary or pencil would be classified as second class relics. The Father McGivney Gallery at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven displays the cassock in which Father McGivney was buried. When his remains were moved from the family plot in Waterbury, Conn., to St. Mary's Church in 1982, the cassock was removed and restored, and his body was clothed in new vestments. A prayer card distributed by the Father McGivney Guild includes a small thread from Father McGivney's burial cassock.
- Third class: An item that has been touched to a first-class relic. Usually, a third-class relic is a bit of cloth.

How did veneration of relics get started?

Scripture scholars say there is no "cult of relics" — devotion shown to relics — in the Old Testament. Such items are mentioned in the New Testament but are not given too much attention (Acts 19:12).

Church historians say the writings about St. Polycarp (c. 69-155) show Christians in the city of Smyrna, in what is now Turkey, were the first to openly venerate the relics of a saint — their beloved Bishop Polycarp. On the anniversary of his death, members would gather at his grave and pray for his intercession.

This was a public and explicit form of devotion. The Christians in Smyrna let everyone know they had a particular attachment to the remains of their friend. And once they had done that, they needed to justify what they were doing.

The community stressed the "subordinate character" of the veneration of martyrs. These holy men and women weren't on a par with Christ. And the respect shown to their relics didn't match — shouldn't match, couldn't match — that shown to God. Rather, St. Polycarp was honored because this holy person had been a disciple and imitator of Christ.

In the middle of the third century, St. Cyprian of Carthage, a bishop, said venerating the instruments used to torture and kill the martyrs was an acceptable practice because their bodies had made those items holy. In the fourth century, St. Basil, a doctor of the Church, wrote in detail about the official ceremonies held on an anniversary.

Over the next few hundred years, venerating martyrs' relics grew as a liturgical practice, and theologians looked at what was happening and said it made sense. Tombs were opened and items were touched to the body or bones. Then these relics — called brandea — were distributed throughout the community. People kept brandea, the equivalent of today's third-class relics, in little cases hung around their necks.

What is Church teaching regarding relics?

The Second Vatican Council mentions relics in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: "The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church and their authentic relics and images held in veneration".

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis [teaching] must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life,

such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the Stations of the Cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc."

Insurance Corner

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CATHOLIC



The Knights of Columbus is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes.

The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest in companies that deal in lines of business that involve: abortions and abortifacients, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, contraception, for-profit health care that pays for any of the , and pornography.

The Knights also gives generously to the Church through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Since 1981, RSVP has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations. The Knights supports the Vatican and the Holy Father as well, helping to restore the façade of St. Peter's Basilica which was completed in 1999 for the millennial Jubilee. The Knights also purchased satellite equipment to help broadcast the pope's messages and Masses throughout the world, in addition to

giving an annual donation to Pope Francis' personal charity with proceeds from the K of C's Vicarius Christi fund.

Charitable



The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest forces for good. In the past decade alone, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charitable causes, and has performed more than 700 million hours of volunteer service.

Knights have led major charitable initiatives including Coats for Kids, the Ultrasound Initiative, and Christians at Risk, and have also sponsored events and programs with organizations such as Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program – coupled with the hard work and dedication of brother Knights anywhere – helps power the Knights of Columbus' charitable giving.

"The insurance program is a powerful financial engine that supports much of the good works we do," said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Through the insurance program, we are blessed with the opportunity to give generously and support numerous charitable and spiritual causes, building up society and the Church."

"Of course, this is closely tied to our Catholic identity and the fact that charity is our first principle," he continued. "We are called to be 'our brother's keeper,' and to look after the physical and spiritual well-being of those around us. But the fact is that without the insurance program, much of what we do.... would simply not be possible."

Ethical



For four consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, and is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.

The "World's Most Ethical Company" evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business' operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance, and its leadership, innovation, and reputation.

Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

PGK Herb Swoope

Rick Shoby

Howard Baum

Jay McCabe

Bill Queenan

Bishop Parks

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

Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Curcio

Chancellor: Ray Quiñones

Treasurer: Karlos del Aguila

Financial Secretary: Don Carpenter

Recording Secretary: Bob Dunn

Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez

Outside Guard: Tim Shoby, Steve Mirabole

Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Gene Watford

2-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

3-year Trustee: Jay McCabe

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

Upcoming Events

October 2 - Council Business Meeting

October 8 – Coffee and Donuts

October 12 – Columbus Day Dinner, 6:30pm at
Ruby Tuesday

October 14 – Rocktoberfest, Assembly 6:30pm

October 18 – Assembly 1850 Meeting

October 22 – Corporate Communion, 8:30am Mass

October 25 – Officers & Directors Meeting

October 26 – Trunk or Treat

October 28 - Tootsie Roll Drive, Publix, Winthrop
shopping center (corner of Bloomingdale and
Providence)

November 3 – Knights Memorial Mass, 6:00pm

November 15-19 – Novemberfest Wing Booth

December 2 – VAVS Christmas Party

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